

**Nithsdale Voluntary Sector Forum
Notes of Meeting
Wednesday 2nd December 2009
St Georges Church Hall
Dumfries**

Present:	Sheila Campbell – Building Healthy Communities Ollie Galligan – British Red Cross Fiona Buckley – Welfare Rights Pam Stokes – University of Glasgow Claire Unwin - Deafvision Annemarie Budin – Aberlour/ Crannog Katrina Branney – Nithsdale CVS
In Attendance:	

AGENDA ITEM		ACTION
1.	Welcome & Apologies	
	<p>Katrina Branney welcomed everyone to the meeting and took role of Chair for the meeting and also note taker.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Marjorie Thom, Karen Lewis , Paul McGregor, Lesley Flood, Margaret Kidd McGroggan, Gordon Williamson – DGHP</p> <p>It was decided for all in attendance to introduce themselves and give a small amount of information about their organisation.</p>	
2.	Notes of previous meeting	
	As there were only 3 present at this meeting, the notes were looked at but not agreed. Will be agreed at next meeting.	
3.	Matters Arising	
	<p>Annemarie Budin – was present at previous meeting but this was not documented on notes of previous meeting. To be added.</p> <p>Representation on Regional Third Sector Forum meeting: members from Local VSF also attend the Regional meetings and will feedback to the local group at the meetings. Notice will be given to members of Regional meetings and minutes will be e-mailed to contacts. Ollie Galligan will be attending this meeting and will feedback to NVSF at the next meeting.</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>KB</p> <p>OG</p>
4.	Pam Stokes – Research Assistant O40 Project	
	<p>Pam is employed by the O40 project to carry out a piece of research on the availability of services that work to keeping older people living happily and healthier in their own homes –</p> <p>1st strand of research – review of volunteering in the region</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What services could volunteers run • How many volunteers are available • Difficulties in recruitment and retainment • This is funded by the Northern Periphery Programme <p>Pam came along to the meeting to inform those in attendance of this piece of research and to make connections with organisations that provide these services.</p> <p>Contact details of those who attend to be passed to Pam</p> <p>From the findings through the research a toolkit will be developed that will assist in meeting the needs of older people living in their own homes. It will also assist in the recognition of the skills and experiences older people have.</p> <p>Definition of older people in this research – Over 55</p>	KB
5.	Local Rural Partnership	
	<p>Next meeting of the Local Rural Partnership will be held at the North West Resource Centre, on Wednesday 20th January 2011.</p> <p>To attend these meetings or you are interested in becoming a member of one of the working groups contact: Roana Clark, Area Management Nithsdale, 03033333000 or e-mail roana.clark@dumgal.gov.uk</p>	
6.	Compact	
	<p>Welfare Rights convened a meeting with representatives from Dumfries and Galloway Council and their leaflets to advertise their service have now been distributed. No need to have signed the Compact.</p>	
7.	Fairer Scotland Fund	
	<p>Welfare Rights have made the decision not to tender for the Fuel Poverty Funding.</p> <p>Building Healthy Communities were awarded Fairer Scotland Fund funding from the Long term conditions tender.</p> <p>Time limits are still very short</p> <p>The Local Forum feels strongly that there should not be representatives on the steering groups from organisations who will be submitting tenders.</p> <p>Unsure if the work requested in the tenders do not meet the needs of the community. Where has the information been sourced from?</p> <p>There should be more awareness raising around tendering and the Fairer Scotland Fund process.</p>	

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	It would be useful to have copies of successful tendering models.	KB
8.	AOB	
	<p>Claire Unwin – Deafvision informed the group of the services provided by Deafvision and of the Deaf Awareness training that is available to organisations.</p> <p>Fore more information, see Deaf Visions website:www.deafvision.co.uk</p> <p>Meeting held in Minerva Hall – Dumfries and Galloway Council Financial cuts to services.</p> <p>Sheila Campbell will be attending this meeting and will feedback to the NVSF at the next meeting.</p>	SC
9.	Date of Next Meeting	
	<p>Wednesday 20th of January 2010 – 10.30am – 12midday at the hub, 24 – 26 Friars Vennel, Dumfries</p> <p>Refreshments will be made available</p> <p>Any items for the agenda or any apologies, please contact Katrina on 01387 269161</p>	