

**Nithsdale Voluntary Sector Forum  
Notes of Meeting  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
The hub, Friars Vennel  
Dumfries**

<b>Present:</b>	Fiona Buckley – Welfare Rights Claire Unwin – Deafvision Hazel Thomson - ADSSWS Katrina Branney – Nithsdale CVS
<b>In Attendance:</b>	

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	
	Katrina Branney welcomed everyone to the meeting and took role of Chair for the meeting and also note taker.  Apologies were received from Marjorie Thom, Karen Lewis , Paul McGregor, Lesley Flood, Margaret Kidd McGroggan, Gordon Williamson – DGHP, Ollie Galligan, Sheila Campbell.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Notes of previous meeting</b>	
	Only one person at current meeting was in attendance at the previous meeting. Notes to be agreed at next meeting in April.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	No matters arising	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Feedback – Council Cuts Meeting</b>	
	Those who attended found this meeting very useful but it did not appear the cuts would affect any of their services at the moment. However there will be an impact on other clients and services they work with.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Feedback – Regional Third Sector Forum</b>	
	Ollie Galligan forwarded information from the meeting. Although the Nithsdale Voluntary Sector Forum do not require representation at the regional 3SF it was agreed that those who attend for their own organisation would feedback any relevant information rather than wait for it to be forwarded to ensure we get the information from the regional 3SF.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Changes to Companies Act / Updates from OSCR</b>	
	Katrina informed the group that there was a constitution ‘MOT’ day at NCVS in February, specifically supporting groups with developing their	

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	<p>constitutions and amending them.</p> <p>The group agreed to pass this information onto their service users.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Feedback from Chief Executive – Big Lottery</b>	
	<p>All who attended found the information given was useful.</p> <p>Encouraged to enter organisations for Big Lottery Awards.</p> <p>Information has been sent to all organisations regarding these awards</p> <p>Will be kept up to date with new Lottery Portfolios</p>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	April 21 <sup>st</sup> at the hub 10.30am	