

Clackmannanshire

Third Sector Interface

18th February 2009

The contents of the letter from the Scottish Government and its impact on the third sector in Clackmannanshire will be reported to the next full meeting of Clackmannanshire's community planning partnership, Clackmannanshire Alliance, at the end of this month.

Clackmannanshire Alliance is fully informed of developments affecting the community/voluntary sector and its relevance to community planning. It values the role that its voluntary and community sector partners play in the community planning process and is actively involved in negotiations to establish the new Third Sector Interface in Clackmannanshire.

The Alliance, CVS Clackmannanshire (CVSC) and Volunteer Centre Clackmannanshire (VCC) held exploratory meetings at the end of 2008 to examine the work which needs to be done for the new arrangements and to consider who needs to be directly involved. Integrated into these discussions was the need for community capacity-building support and resources to facilitate the process, and the emergence during 2008 of the Third Sector Forum in Clackmannanshire.

Previous collaborations between the CVSC and the VCC, most pertinently "Working Together for a Better Clackmannanshire" have laid the foundations for this review of how community/voluntary sector infrastructure support organisations address and represent the interests of the sector. At the meeting of Clackmannanshire Alliance on the 23rd of January 2009, the partners agreed that the process by which the new interface is established is important for a sustainable outcome and they have set up a sub-group to take it forward.

The sub-group, to be chaired by the Chair of Clackmannanshire Alliance, will meet in February. It will include representation from CVSC, VCC, Clackmannanshire Council's Community Learning & Development section, the Joint Community Council Forum, the Tenants and Residents Federation and Forth Valley College. The Third Sector Forum and Senscot are also potential stakeholders and will be kept informed so that they can contribute as and when appropriate.

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