

## **New Third Sector Interface:- Stirling**

### **1. Current infrastructure bodies**

There is a local CVS, and a separate Volunteer Centre. There is no Social Enterprise infrastructure Body.

### **2. Discussions between CVS and Volunteer Centre**

Since the summer of 2008 there have been several meetings between the respective Boards of the two organisations to discuss the impact of localism on the funding of our two organisations, to look at options for change and carry out an option appraisal. Our next meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Both organisations are agreed that the status quo is not an option and are keen to come up with a solution that offers the most positive way ahead for the local Third Sector.

### **3. Community Planning Partnership**

The Community Planning Partnership (C.P.P.) has been involved in the process of change and has actively encouraged some new thinking.

Another example of the good partnership working which already exists, was the joint organisation by all three bodies on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009, of a conference for local Third Sector organisations to consider all aspects of the S.O.A. This conference was very well attended by Third Sector organisations, large and small. It was agreed that there is a need for a much stronger Third Sector voice in the area, and local organisations are keen to learn more about any new arrangements.

### **4. Timescales**

It is hoped that the basic outline of any new interface will be agreed by end March 2009.

### **5. Summary**

The C.P.P. is actively involved with the CVS and VC in Stirling C.P.P. area and is keen to ensure a strong voice for the Third Sector.

The CVS and VC have had several meetings; have agreed that the status quo is not an option, and will soon be at the stage of appraising the options for the way ahead. Once a model is chosen, this will be shared with the C.P.P.

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