

# Cross Party Working Group on Men's Violence Against Women & Children

25<sup>th</sup> April 2012

## 1. Present/Apologies:

### Present:

Keiran Watson, 18 & Under  
 Rachel Brubaker, Children 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Claudia Beamish, MSP  
 Christine McKelvie, MSP  
 Sandy Brindley, Rape Crisis Scotland  
 Lily Greenan, Scottish Women's Aid  
 Louise Johnson, Scottish Women's Aid  
 Anne Meikle, Stirling Council  
 Linda Delgado, STUC Women's Committee  
 Maureen Wylie, SW and VAW Network  
 Marsha Scott, West Lothian Council, Engender  
 Janet Fenton, WILPF UK  
 Jan Macleod, Women's Support Project  
 Jenny Kemp, Zero Tolerance

### Apologies:

Ann Hayne  
 Mhairi McGowan  
 Jeanette Myles  
 Francine Orr  
 Malcolm Chisholm, MSP  
 Lorna Gallacher, PCHP  
 May Chamberlain, Relationship Scotland  
 Lorna Kettles, SWC  
 Graham Goulden, VRU

## 2. Minutes of last AGM meeting:

### Action:

- 2.1 Apologies from Lily for late sending.
- 2.2 Presentations from meeting still to be circulated.
- 2.3 Lily asked for clarity on agreed action re Mhairi's paper-Jenny clarified group had agreed to ask the Justice Secretary to come to a future meeting. Christine McKelvie will invite him on behalf of the group. Agreed to let him know in advance items for discussion, which were agreed as: Victim and Witnesses Bill, Lord Carloway, issues from Mhairi's paper, lap dancing and criminalising demand, and update on plans for UK to sign up to the Council of Europe convention to end VAW
- 2.4 Further addition to minute – arrange visit to The Street in Lanarkshire.

CMcK to invite  
 Justice Sec. to  
 meeting

## 3. Welsh Assembly Govt's plans for VAW Bill – input from Lily:

### Action:

Lily attended a conference in Cardiff to talk about what is happening in Scotland, in the context of the Welsh Govts announcement that they will be introducing a VAW Bill. Criminal Justice is

