

# Cross-Party Group on Shared Parenting

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 1800 - 2000 online

Minute

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Present

Bob Doris MSP, Fulton Macgregor MSP

Rob Byrne, Ian Maxwell, SPS, John Forsyth, SPS, Megan Farr, CYPCS,  
Kenny Spence, Men in Childcare, Wendy Georgeson, SG, Adam Briggs, SG  
Sara McFarlane, Connect, June Loudon, Grandparents Apart, Maddy, Dads Rock,  
Eoin Keane

Speakers: Cathy Sexton, Fathers Network Scotland, Erin Cosans, Angus Ciuncil

## APOLOGIES

Jeremy Balfour MSP  
Kerry Knox, Families Outside  
Simon Stockwell, SG

## MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes approved without amendment

### INVOLVING DADS. Erin Cosans, Angus Council

Erin Cosan, Angus Council presented the findings of their recent survey across departments and agencies within Angus Council to discover how they make their services accessible and relevant to fathers and father figures; and how fathers perceive their engagement with those services.

### FATHERS NETWORK SCOTLAND, Cathy Sexton

Cathy Sexton, Director of Fathers Network Scotland, gave a presentation about recent developments in FNS work including Resources for Dads & Family; New Learning and Resource Hub for professionals; and Development of Training for Professionals.

## AOB

A date for the next meeting of the group would be found in June, before the summer recess.

Social Security Scotland has agreed to make a presentation to the group.