South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 08th May 2018 @ 13.00 - 14.00

Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ

Present: Andrew Kousourou (Chair), John Dykes (Vice-chair), Kevin McGoldrick (Secretary), Bobby Bell, Suban McGoldrick, Marie Carracher

Apologies: Zoe McPartlin, Gillian Howie,

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Chairman welcomed all at meeting	
2.	Apologies - Apologies were noted as above	
3.	Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting 28 th March 2017	
	Minutes of the meeting were approved by Bobby and seconded by John	
	Both minutes were signed as approved by the Chairman and Secretary	
4.	Matters Arising from minutes	
	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes	
5.	To Receive the Chairman's Report	
	REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2017	
	2017 was as usual quite a busy year for the Network with your committee members representing the network at various forums, consultations and events. We attended all meetings of the SDS User and Carers Framework. Away from these meetings we have also had private meetings with senior social work staff. Management Committee members have attended several training sessions on subjects, including account keeping, fund raising, workplace pensions and other informative sessions.	
	As I mentioned last year the Network became involved in the campaign to promote a living wage for our PA's and this has had success with members who were initially refused the increase because they were already on the new system now being given the additional funding to allow them to pay the living wage to their P.A.s.	
	Two years ago we upgraded our website and made it more user friendly and with some new features. Unfortunately with new innovations in website technology our current website hosts have already had to close down some of the functionality due to data not being totally secure and this is to be followed later in the year by a complete close down from the web provider. We are currently investigating a new provider and have decided that we will also look for a professional website builder – so it's a case of watch this space.	
	During 2017 we held a small number of our own 'Roadshows,' and in October we hosted a major event entitled "The Mystery of Self-Directed Support" with a high calibre of guest speakers. This event was very well attended and feedback from the event was excellent. The Roadshows will continue for the foreseeable future as there are still a lot of people out there who have little or no knowledge of SDS and how it affects their lives.	
	As you are probably aware funding is an ongoing major issue for the Network to allow us to continue in our work and we are absolutely delighted that our efforts to secure funding to keep our work going has been successful and has been recognised by the National Lottery Awards for All who have awarded the network	

	£10,000.00 to continue with our Self Directed Support Awareness Roadshows for the next 3 years.	
	Finally, I would like to thank all of the Management Committee for their support over the past year and trust that we can go from strength to strength.	
	Andrew Kousourou - Chairman SLSDSN	
6.	Treasurers Annual Financial Statement	
	The Chair distributed copies of the signed annual financial statement which was submitted to OSCR as per charity regulations	
	There were no other questions on the accounts and the Treasurer thanked all funders support to date and Accountants Plus for collating the Network's accounts	
7.	Approve The Independent Examiners Report	
	Andrew proposed approval of the Independent Examiners report and this was seconded by Bobby this was agreed by all present	
	Andrew proposed that we continue to use Accountants Plus as our Auditor which was amicably agreed this was seconded by Bobby	
8.	Election of Office Bearers	
	1) Vice-chair nominations were invited for the position of Vice-chair – John Dykes was nominated by Kevin, seconded by Bobby, there were no other nominations and Mr Dykes accepted the position and resumed as Vice-chair	
	2) Secretary nominations were invited for the position of Secretary – Kevin McGoldrick was nominated by John, seconded by Bobby there were no other nominations and Mr McGoldrick accepted the position and resumed as Secretary	
	3) Treasurer nominations were invited for the position of Treasurer – Bobby nominated Kevin McGoldrick, seconded by John, there were no other nominations and Mr McGoldrick accepted the position in the interim	
9.	Election of Management Committee Members	
	Marie Carracher was nominated by Kevin, seconded by John	
	There were no further nominations and the aforementioned was elected and resumed as Management Committee member	
10.	AOB	
	John suggested we create Amazon Charity cashback and You Tube channel	
	Out of Box approach to continue sourcing best practice for Self Directed Support	
	Associated members if not South Lanarkshire residents may increase members	
	Membership forms can downloaded from website and emailed to secretary	
11.	Date and Time of Next Annual General Meeting	
	Next A nnual G eneral M eeting will be in March 2019 at Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ	
12.	Close of Annual General Meeting	
	The meeting closed at 13.25	

Kevin	McGoldrick
	Secretary

Chairman Secretary