

South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 19th April 2016 @ 13.00 - 15.00

Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ

Present: Andrew Kousourou (Chair), John Dykes (Vice-chair), Scott Nicol (Treasurer), Kevin McGoldrick (Secretary), Zoe McPartlin, Bobby Bell, Suban McGoldrick, Iain Bingham, James Blair (SDSS) Gemma (SDSS) Peter Brawley (Take Ctrl) Agnus Hadden (Take Ctrl) Michelle Allen, Jen Campbell (Pamis) Helena Kelman (Lanarkshire Carers Centre)

Apologies: Gillian Howie, Marie Carracher

| ITEM | | ACTION |
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| 1. | Chairman welcomed all at meeting | |
| 2. | Apologies - Apologies were noted as above | |
| 3. | Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting 21 st April 2015 Minutes of the meeting were approved by Scott Nicol, seconded by John Dykes 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 2015 was a very busy year for the Network with your committee members representing the network at various forums, consultation meetings and events. We have also attended all meetings of the SDS User and Carers Framework with South Lanarkshire Council Social Services staff where ideas are exchanged on how the new form of Self-directed Support is progressing. 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 many other informative sessions. The Network has also become involved in the campaign to promote a living wage for our PA's and this appears to be having some success though there is still a lot of work to be done and we will keep arguing the case. During 2015 we continued to hold our own 'Roadshows,' where we met with different groups of people and tried to explain what SDS was and how it would affect them. As part of the Roadshow we conducted question and answer sessions which attendees found to be very interesting and enlightening. We held eight Roadshows at various locations throughout South Lanarkshire and had a total attendance of over 100 people including some NHS workers who are now involved in the self-directed support system. The Roadshows will continue for the foreseeable future as there are still a lot of people out there who have absolutely no knowledge of SDS and how it will affect their lives. We have even come across a few examples of people getting social care who are not even aware that Self-directed support applies to them as well. By expanding our own knowledge the development of the Network into a force to be reckoned with continues, and I would like to thank all of the Management Committee for their support, their willingness to work and their willingness to learn on behalf of the Network throughout the year – Andrew Kousourou Chairman | |
| 6. | Treasurers Annual Financial Statement | |

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| | <p>The Treasurer distributed copies of the signed annual financial statement which was submitted to OSCR as per charity regulations.</p> <p>There were no other questions on the accounts and the Treasurer finished by thanking all funders to date and Accountants Plus for collating the Network's accounts.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Approve The Auditor's Report</p> <p>Scott Nicol proposed approval of the Auditor's report and this was seconded by John Dykes This was agreed by the meeting.</p> <p>Scott Nicol proposed that we continue to use Accountants Plus as our Auditor on the basis we keep our options opened for an alternative accountant which was amicably agreed this was seconded by Bobby Bell</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>1) Vice chair nominations were invited for the position of Vice chair - John Dykes was nominated by Scott Nicol, seconded by Andrew Kousourou, there were no other nominations and Mr Dykes accepted the position and resumed as Vice chair.</p> <p>2) Secretary nominations were invited for the position of Secretary – Kevin McGoldrick was nominated by Scott Nicol, seconded by John Dykes there were no other nominations and Mr McGoldrick accepted the position.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>Election of Management Committee Members</p> <p>Zoe McPartlin was nominated by Andrew Kousourou, seconded by Scott Nicol.</p> <p>There were no further nominations and the aforementioned were elected as Management Committee members.</p> | |
| 10. | <p>AOB</p> <p>There was no other business</p> | |
| 11. | <p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Management Committee Meeting will be Tuesday 31st May 2016 at 13.00 at Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilslan Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ</p> | |
| 12. | <p>Close of Meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 13.30 followed by lunch and guest speakers from SDSS and Take Ctrl on "where are we now with SDSS" and open discussion on the definition of service users in Scotland.</p> | |

Kevin McGoldrick
Secretary

Chairman Secretary