

South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 21st April 2015 -13.00 to 14.00

Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ

Present: Andrew Kousourou (Chair), John Dykes (Vice-chair), Scott Nicol (Treasurer), Kevin McGoldrick (Secretary), Suban McGoldrick, Marie Carracher

Apologies: Gillian Howie, Bobby Bell, Gerard Glancy, Zoe McPartlin.

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Chairman welcomed all at meeting	
2.	Apologies - Apologies were noted as above	
3.	Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting 11 th March 2014 Minutes of the meeting were approved by Scott Nicol, seconded by Marie Carracher Minutes of Special General Meeting 23 rd September 2014 were approved by John and seconded by Scott 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 2014 was another 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 will affect everyone. Away from these meetings we have also had private meetings with senior social work staff. A major development over the year was that we were able to source funding and of course we do thank the organisations which saw fit to donate several thousands of pounds to allow us to develop our ongoing success in disseminating information about Self Direct Support. Possibly our biggest step forward over the past year has been our conversion to a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) a corporate body that can enter into contracts, employ staff, incur debts, own property, sue and be sued, it also provides a high degree of protection against personal liability for its charity trustees and provides reassurance for those entering into contracts with the Network. This was an important step towards the future success of the Network. During 2014 we started 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 five Roadshows at various locations throughout South Lanarkshire and had a total attendance of 84 people. We also picked up a few new members on the way. 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.	

	<p>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.</p> <p>Andrew Kousourou Chairman SLSDSN</p>	
6.	<p>Treasurers Annual Financial Statement</p> <p>The Treasurer distributed copies of the signed annual financial statement which was submitted to OSCR for our SCVO application along with summary 21.04.15</p> <p>There were no other questions on the accounts and the Treasurer finished by thanking 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 Kevin McGoldrick. 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.</p>	
8.	<p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>1) Chairman. Nominations were then invited for the position of Chairman. Andrew Kousourou was nominated by Scott Nicol, seconded by John Dykes, there were no other nominations and Mr Kousourou accepted the position and resumed in the Chair.</p> <p>2) Treasurer. Nominations were invited for the position of Treasurer. Scott Nicol was nominated by Kevin McGoldrick, seconded by Marie Carracher there were no other nominations and Mr Nicol accepted the position.</p>	
9.	<p>Election of Management Committee Members</p> <p>Marie Carracher was nominated by Andrew Kousourou, seconded by Scott Nicol.</p> <p>Bobbly Bell was nominated by Kevin McGoldrick, seconded by Andrew Kousourou.</p> <p>There were no further nominations and the aforementioned were elected as Management Committee members.</p>	
10.	<p>To Approve Amendments to the Constitution as follows</p> <p>AT PARA 4 – a) FULL MEMBERSHIP – INSERT THE WORDS “and to immediate family (parents, spouses, children or siblings) and guardians of people in receipt of SDS” at the end of the first paragraph</p> <p>AT PARA 4 – b) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - DELETE THE WORDS “ to immediate family (parents, spouses, children or siblings) and guardians of people in receipt of SDS”</p> <p>Both the above proposed by Andrew Kousourou and seconded by Scott Nicol</p> <p>AT PARA 8 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM) SUB PARA B) - TO SUBSTITUTE</p>	

	<p>THE WORD “auditor’s” WITH THE WORDS “independent examiner's” Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee</p> <p>This was proposed by Andrew Kousourou and seconded by Scott Nicol.</p> <p>All of the above amendments were amicably agreed at the meeting.</p>	
11.	<p>AOB</p> <p>There was no other business</p>	
12.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Management Committee Meeting will be Tuesday 26th May 2015 at 13.00 at Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ</p>	
13.	<p>Close of Meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 13.30</p>	

Kevin McGoldrick
Secretary

Chairman Secretary