

South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Thursday 28th March 2013

12.30 pm to 3 pm

Corporate Dining Room, Almada Street, Hamilton AGM Minutes

Present: John Dykes, Vice-chair (chair for this meeting), Kevin McGoldrick, Suban McGoldrick, Scott Nicol, Andrew Kousourou, Irene Kousourou, Cathie Smith, Terry McQuade, William Mullen, Margo Lewis

Apologies: Eleanor Finnan, Karen McWilliams, Joanna Swann, SPAEN, Isobel Allan

In Attendance: Andy Simm & Karen Frame, South Lanarkshire Council, Helen Clark, Speak Out Advocacy, Jess Wade SDSS, Diane Risbey SDSS Facilitator

Item		Action
1	Welcome Meeting commenced with John Dykes welcoming everyone to the meeting and giving a brief overview of the agenda	
2	Apologies Apologies were given by those listed above	
3	Minutes of Previous AGM Minutes were proposed by A. Kousourou and seconded by K. McGoldrick	
4	Chairpersons Report John Dykes started with saying that Eleanor Finnan would not be standing for re-election of Chair of the network. John went on to say that the withdrawal of the SPAEN service from South Lanarkshire was of some concern, as both SPAEN and SLC were blaming each other for this service being removed. An email from Pat McCormick was read out by T. McQuade. John spoke of clashes between members of the Network and asked that members listen to each other views and move on without any animosity. Debate about specific wording within the constitution was raised and members decided to look at this over the coming year, but at present Network must abide by current constitution.	Management Committee
5	Financial Report K. McGoldrick read out last year financial report. Financial report for year shows that the Network received a grant for start up costs of £250, we also received a donation of £85.94. At end of 2012 there was £172.88 within the Networks bank account. Proposed by S. Nichol seconded by W. Mullen.	

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6	<p>Election of Committee</p> <p>Andrew Kousourou was proposed as Chairman by Scott Nicol and seconded by Kevin McGoldrick, John Dykes put himself forward for the position of Chairman and was seconded by Cathie Smith. A.Kousourou was voted in as chairman by 6 votes to 3.</p> <p>John Dykes was elected as Vice-Chair with no opposition. Kevin McGoldrick was elected as Secretary with no opposition. Scott Nichol was elected as Treasurer with no opposition. Gerald Pocock and Jackie Orr remain as elected members. Cathie Smith and Terry McQuade were then elected to take the 2 remaining places within the Committee.</p> <p>Cathie Smith then decided to withdraw from the Management Committee</p> <p>C. Smith then alleged that as the Network is a user led group, we did not have a Majority 51% of Committee members who get Direct Payments for themself.</p> <p>T. McQuade was then asked to stand down to allow for a majority 51% needed.</p>	
7	<p>AOCB</p> <p>SDSS Membership renewal form to be completed.</p> <p>Grant application for funding needing to be completed by 12th April 2013 for Scottish Government.</p> <p>Diane Risbey gave a short talk regarding what she can offer the Network concerning the proposed development day and would wait till the newly elected Committee got together to work out what the Network required.</p>	<p>K McGoldrick</p> <p>K McGoldrick & A. Kousourou</p> <p>Management Committee</p>
8	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next business meeting of the network will take place on Tuesday 16 April 2013 at 12.30 pm in the Newberry Rooney Centre.</p>	

Chairman Secretary