

South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 28th March 2017 @ 13.00 - 15.00

Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ

Present: Andrew Kousourou (Chair), John Dykes (Vice-chair), Kevin McGoldrick (Secretary), Gillian Howie, Marie Carracher, Bobby Bell, Suban McGoldrick, Iain Bingham, Mark Johnston (Self Directed Support Scotland) Pat McCormack (Service Development Manager South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership)

Apologies: Zoe McPartlin

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Chairman welcomed all at meeting	
2.	Apologies - Apologies were noted as above	
3.	Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting 19 th April 2016 Minutes of the meeting were approved by Bobby and seconded by Gillian 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 2016 2016 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. A full day session that Kevin and I both attended was Digital Inclusion which was followed up by several modules done at home. This training has enabled both of us to be labelled as 'Digital Champions' and to be qualified to assist members of the Network to make the best use of digital technology covering everything from Social Media (Kevin's field of expertise) to Payroll and Banking (my expertise). So if any members want or feel they need some help with their digital experiences don't be afraid to ask. 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 most members being given additional funding to allow them to pay the living wage to their P.A.s. We can give ourselves a pat on the back for this as without our added weight to the campaign things may have been different. The living wage is due to rise again shortly and we will continue to argue our case. Last year we upgraded our website and made it more user friendly and with some new features. According to our web stats we are getting plenty of visitors to our website from all over the UK and also some from far flung parts of the world including the USA, Canada, Germany and India. Embedded in the website is a member's forum which, although a number of members have registered to join, there is a lack of input from members – so come on let's hear your stories and comments etc. - we've all got at least one thing we can pass on to other members. During 2016 we held a small number of our own 'Roadshows,' where we met with different groups of people tried to explain what SDS was and how it would affect them. As part of the Roadshows we conducted question and answer sessions	

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	<p>which attendees found to be very useful. 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 will affect their lives.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to thank all of the Management Committee for their support and in particular our former treasurer Scott Nicol, who unfortunately, due to pressure of work, has had to step down. Scott has been the network's treasurer for the past 4 years and has looked after our accounts immaculately and kept a good eye on the committee's spending to ensure we did not overspend what little money we have.</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 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 resigned as Treasurer. However maintained the accounts to year end for submission to auditor in order that the 2017 accounts can be presented our AGM.</p> <p>John proposed approval of the Auditor's report and this was seconded by Marie This was agreed by the meeting.</p> <p>Andrew proposed that we continue to use Accountants Plus as our Auditor which was amicably agreed this was seconded by Bobby.</p>	
8.	<p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>1) Chair nominations were invited for the position of Chair – Andrew Kousourou was nominated by John, seconded by Bobby, there were no other nominations and Mr Kousourou accepted the position and resumed as Chair.</p> <p>2) Treasurer nominations were invited for the position of Treasurer – Andrew Kousourou nominated Kevin, seconded by Marie, there were no other nominations and Mr McGoldrick accepted the position in the interim.</p>	
9.	<p>Election of Management Committee Members</p> <p>Bobby Bell was nominated by John, seconded by Ian.</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 in March 2018 at Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ</p>	
12.	<p>Close of Meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 13.20 followed by buffet lunch and Summary of Self Directed Support Landscape from Pat McCormack</p>	

Kevin McGoldrick
Secretary

Chairman Secretary