

**Self Directed Support Network South Lanarkshire  
Minutes of Management Committee  
Held on Tuesday 07<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ  
12.00 - 15.00**

**Present:** John (Chair) Kevin (Secretary) Bobby (Treasurer) Bill, Alan

**Apologies:** Marie, Gillian, Iain, Janice, Mark Han-Johnston

**Invited Guests:** None

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Chair opened meeting and welcomed all of the above.	
2.	Apologies were made on behalf of the above.	
3.	Minutes of the previous meeting.  November minutes were approved by Bill and Treasure.	
4.	Matters arising from minutes.  None.	
5.	Correspondence read and discussed.  Covey Befriending, Project Development Leader is running a small SDS pilot for young adults with Additional Support Needs emailed the network requesting a meeting to learn from those with experience in the area.  Self-Directed Support Network South Lanarkshire had productive meeting with Christina McKelvie Minister for Older people and Equalities for the Scottish Government to highlight ongoing Self Directed Support issues on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020.  During the months of May, March and November 2019 we emailed our local authority requesting the status of SDS Users and Carers meetings and whether the network could work in partnership with South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care. We received a reply on 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 confirming a further feedback session will be arranged for March 2020 which will be a stakeholder event around 20/30 people with round tables discussion.  Self Directed Support Scotland National Voice 2020 will take place on Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March from 09.30 until 17.00 at the state-of-the-art venue Technology and Innovation Centre (TIC) University of Strathclyde 99 George Street, Glasgow G1 1RD an ideal opportunity for you to catch up with fellow members and hear the latest on Self Directed Support.  Events are emailed; it would be nice to see new faces attending future events.	
6.	Matters arising from correspondence.  Letter South Lanarkshire Council for meeting request to discuss the following:  Personal Care, Franks Law, Charging Policy, Social Service and End of Life Care.	
7.	Financial statement and allocation of funds and update bank mandate.  January 2020 bank statement – No postal copy received to date.	

8.	New business plan.  Ongoing.	
9.	MECOPP Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project.  3 R's Rights, Responsibilities and Respect Project has now finished. Full report can be found on our Facebook timeline 26.12.2019	
10.	SDS collective update.  Nothing new to report.	
11.	Care Inspectorate review meeting.  Interesting to hear the outcome and findings from the survey "My Support, My Choice" early January 2020 that will help South Lanarkshire Council to become more involved with the community as a whole.	
12.	Court Judgement on residential care.  The amount you pay for care if you are over 65 is being capped. To be eligible, you first need to be assessed by your local authority as having very high needs.  Whether care is provided in your home or in a residential home, only the rate set by the local authority will count towards the cap.  Email sent to Mark at SDSS 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 with no reply to date.	
13.	Council policy for hospital discharge and continuation of packages.  Further investigation required.	
14.	Implementation of Frank's Law, definition of personal care.  Further investigation for South Lanarkshire Council however South Ayrshire Council has already scrapped Frank's Law in South Ayrshire only three months after legislation to extend free care to under-65's was passed – was the proportion of shared fund returned to Scottish Government to be divided and shared between the other 31 local authorities.	
15.	Integration of Social Services and Health, palliative care.  Further investigation required.	
16.	Statutory Sick for personal assistants.  Would South Lanarkshire Council cover or reimburse the cost from our Self Directed Support Budget to pay statutory sick pay (SSP) for up to 28 weeks for personal assistants who are too unwell and unable to work for a period of four days or more.  Currently, the SSP rate for employees who are eligible is £94.25 per week, for up to 28 weeks.	
17.	NHS Public reference forum.  Finally acknowledged that the new Monklands Hospital location is sitting on contaminated grounds from Gartcosh steelworks and that a 3 <sup>rd</sup> location is being discussed.	

18.	What's new at Self Directed Support Scotland (SDSS) Mark submitted his apologies.	
19.	AOCB – Discussion may take place Alan summarised his ongoing Self Directed Support journey and how communication becomes distant with appointed Social Worker when asking for breakdown of package costings.	
20.	DONM Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 at an earlier start time 12.00 – 15.00	
21.	Close of meeting Chair closed meeting at 15.00	

Kevin - Secretary

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