

South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Thursday 9 August 2012

1 pm – 3.30 pm

Training Suite, Newberry Rooney Centre, New Park Road, Hamilton

Present: Kevin McGoldrick, Treasurer (Chair for this meeting)
Eleanor Finnan, Chairperson
Gerald Pocock
Suban McGoldrick
Karen McWilliams
Scott Nicol
William Mullen

Apologies: Wilma Pocock
John Dykes, Vice-chairperson
Scott Nicol
Andrew Kousourou

In Attendance: Margaret Ann Prentice, SPAEN South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Service
Andy Simm, South Lanarkshire Council
Helen Clark, Speak Out Advocacy
Karen Frame, South Lanarkshire Council

Item:		Action
1	Welcome E Finnan asked if K McGoldrick would agree to chair today's meeting. K McGoldrick began by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Apologies were also submitted.	
2	Minutes of Meeting Minutes of the meeting were read and approved by Gerald Pocock and seconded by William Mullen.	
3	Charging Policy M A Prentice informed that she had forgotten to mention that during the talk by M McHugh on the Charging Policy that only £ 16 of rent paid direct to family within the household is taken into account when looking at the charge and this may be an issue that the Network may wish to address.	Members

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4	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (Cont)</p> <p>4.1 Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme – to be carried forward.</p> <p>4.2 Community Care/Child Care Assessment Timescales – K McGoldrick advised that he had contacted B Hutchinson’s office and arranged a follow-up meeting for Tuesday 25 September 2012 at 12.30 pm. K McGoldrick also informed that B Hutchinson, N Ait-Hocine and P McCormack would be in attendance to feedback and answer questions regarding issues raised.</p> <p>4.3 SDS Forum East Renfrewshire – contact still being pursued.</p> <p>4.4 OSCR Application – OSCR have asked for further information in respect to the objects of the constitution and how these apply to the charitable purposes of the Act. A Simm and K Frame to amend and submit to K McGoldrick to pass to OSCR.</p> <p>Following the last meeting A Simm checked the constitution following issues raised regarding membership of the committee and office bearers. A Simm advised that an amendment was required as office bearers stand down at each election although this is not made clear within the constitution. Membership agreed to this change being made.</p> <p>4.5 Website/Facebook – Current Facebook page presented for discussion. Members discussed at length the content and what is considered appropriate and inappropriate for upload to the Network’s page. Members agreed that content must be relevant to Self-Directed Support.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that content for both twitter/facebook requires regular monitoring and members were in agreement that membership requires to agree content although in some cases it may be necessary to upload information without prior agreement of members due to how quickly events were taking place.</p> <p>K McGoldrick advised that he had been looking into the development of a website on behalf of the Network and advised of using Mr Sight at a cost of £ 60 after the 1st year and £ 90 for the domain.</p> <p>A Simm advised that A Lyndsay at VASLAN had produced a website for the South Lanarkshire Access Panel and would be happy to work with the Network to help develop their own website. Members though would need to have discussions regarding content for the website.</p> <p>Members agreed that a meeting should be set up with A Lyndsay to discuss further with a possible sub-group being set up at a later date.</p> <p>Meantime it was agreed that as G Pocock had experience in I.T. that he and K McGoldrick would work on the dynamics of the Facebook/Website and Twitter.</p>	<p>J Dykes</p> <p>Board</p> <p>K Frame</p> <p>A Simm/ K Frame/ K McGoldrick</p> <p>K Frame</p> <p>A Simm/ K McGoldrick/ G Pocock</p> <p>G Pocock K McGoldrick</p>

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5	<p>Recruitment</p> <p>K McGoldrick advised that the first Carers Roadshow event had been held in Hamilton and that M A Prentice had helped with the facilitation. A few people had enquired about the work of the Network.</p> <p>Further events are planned for Carluke, East Kilbride and Rutherglen.</p> <p>K McGoldrick and M A Prentice will facilitate the Self-Directed Support workshop at the South Lanarkshire Advocacy Event on 31 August 2012 at the Miners Welfare in Blantyre. K McGoldrick and M A Prentice to feedback to next meeting.</p>	<p>K McGoldrick/ M A Prentice</p>
6	<p>Future of the Independent Living Fund Consultation</p> <p>K Frame advised the Network that the Department of Work and Pensions had now publicised their proposal to consult on the future of the Fund from July to October 2012.</p> <p>K McGoldrick informed the meeting that the toolkit to aid the network to consult had not been received.</p> <p>Membership agreed that as there was a large volume of individuals in receipt in the South Lanarkshire area that a special meeting required to be convened to hear the views of those affected and form a response on behalf of the Network.</p> <p>K Frame and M A Prentice will send a letter to individuals on their databases to advise of the meeting. Independent Living Fund will also be asked to send out letters and a press release will be produced. The meeting is to be arranged for Monday 17 September 2012 from 10.30 am to 1 pm in Council Offices. K Frame to arrange venue.</p> <p>Members agreed that the committee should meet before this date to agree content. Committee agreed to meet on Tuesday 11 September 2012 from 10.30 am to 12 noon in Committee Room 4, Council Offices, Almada, Street, Hamilton prior to normal meeting at Newberry Rooney Centre. Luncheon vouchers to be provided. K Frame and A Simm to arrange.</p>	<p>K Frame</p> <p>K Frame/ A Simm</p>
7	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>Times and Dates of Meetings – K Frame provided a form for members to complete giving their views on venue, times and dates of meetings. Members to complete and forward back to K Frame for discussion at next meeting.</p>	<p>Members/ K Frame</p>
8	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the network will be held on Tuesday 11 September 2012 at 1 pm to 3.30 pm in the Training Suite, Newberry Rooney Centre, New Park Road, Hamilton.</p>	