

South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Tuesday 11 September 2012

1 pm – 3.30 pm

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

Present: Kevin McGoldrick, Treasurer (Chair for this meeting)
Andrew Kousourou
Suban McGoldrick
Karen McWilliams
William Mullen
Cathy Pettigrew

Apologies: Wilma Pocock
Eleanor Finnan, Chairperson
Gerald Pocock
John Dykes, Vice-chairperson
Scott Nicol
Helen Clark, Speak Out Advocacy

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

Item:		Action
1	Welcome K McGoldrick welcomed everyone to today's meeting and apologies were submitted.	
2	Minutes of Meeting Minutes of the meeting were read and approved by William Mullen and seconded by Karen McWilliams.	
3	Charging Policy Meeting agreed that following further discussion regarding discharge of household income and future issues regarding Housing Benefit etc that a Welfare Rights Officer be invited to a future meeting. K Frame to arrange.	K Frame
4	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes 4.1 Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme – to be carried forward.	J Dykes

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4	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (Cont)</p> <p>4.2 Community Care/Child Care Assessment Timescales – E Finnan and K McGoldrick asked for feedback from previous meeting. Follow-up meeting arranged for Tuesday 25 September 2012 to discuss. K McGoldrick and C Pettigrew to attend. K McGoldrick and C Pettigrew to meet prior to meeting to discuss strategy.</p> <p>4.3 SDS Forum East Renfrewshire – contact still being pursued.</p> <p>4.4 OSCR Application – Constitution has been amended with the additional information that had been requested. Information has been sent to K McGoldrick for submission to OSCR.</p> <p>4.5 Website/Facebook – K McGoldrick advised that Facebook page now has 21 followers. Content includes information on the ILF event due to take place on Monday 17 September 2012.</p> <p>K McGoldrick fed back from recent meeting with A Lyndsay of VASLAN regarding the possibility of establishing a website for the Network. K McGoldrick informed that the cost would be between £ 300/£ 400. Membership would need to look at and agree content. Membership would also need to make sure that the website was available to all and that tools included access to Screen Reader etc. There would also need to be training for 2/3 members to maintain.</p> <p>Sub-group to be set up to look at. Sub-group to consist of K McGoldrick, G Pocock, A Kousourou and A Simm. K McGoldrick to arrange further meeting with A Lyndsay with members of sub-group in attendance.</p> <p>4.6 Recruitment</p> <p>Carers Roadshow event planned for Thursday 20 September 2012 in Carluke. K McGoldrick to attend with M A Prentice helping to facilitate.</p> <p>Advocacy Network Event on 31 August 2012 was well-attended. The Self-directed Support workshops were oversubscribed due in part to the publication of the event on the SLSDS network Facebook page as a drop-in day.</p> <p>A Simm advised that members need to remember that these events are planned in advance with a great deal of organisation and deadlines in place to enable proportionate workshops, catering etc to be arranged. Accurate information requires to be put on websites with discussions having taken place with organisers.</p> <p>Network members to take forward collectively issues raised by members regarding the assessment process etc following collation by the Advocacy Network.</p> <p>Further work requires to be explored regarding capacity building/membership.</p>	<p>Board</p> <p>K Frame</p> <p>K McGoldrick</p> <p>K McGoldrick</p> <p>Members</p>

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4	<p>Matters Arising From Previous Minutes (Cont)</p> <p>4.7 Future of the Independent Living Fund Consultation</p> <p>Pre-meeting took place this morning to discuss content, facilitation of workshops etc. Letters have also been sent out to individuals in receipt of Direct Payments, Independent Living Fund (Group 2 – local authority), Independent Living Fund (Group 1 – ILF), Independent Living Services and the support service’s database of users.</p> <p>Press Release also sent out to local media.</p> <p>4.8 Times and Dates of Meetings – information awaited from some members regarding outcome and notification of whether change required. K Frame to feedback at next meeting.</p>	<p>K Frame</p>
5	<p>Self-Directed Support Scotland (S.D.S.S.)</p> <p>Membership are members of SDSS and workers from SDSS have asked if they can work with the network and possibly attend future meetings. Network members agreed that it would be okay for SDSS to attend however there would need to be a specific purpose for their attendance.</p>	
6	<p>Business Plan</p> <p>Members agreed that October meeting be held to look at possible establishment of a business plan and funding application to Awards For All. Members to look at content of what would be required for the business plan including possible arrangement of development days/capacity building. Discussions with Funding Officer etc.</p>	<p>M A Prentice/ A Simm and Members</p>
7	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>Financial Report – K McGoldrick advised that £ 250 funding from local authority had been in the account at the outset. This has now reduced due to purchase and usage of mobile phone. A Simm asked if K McGoldrick could provide a financial report reconciled to the latest bank statement for the next meeting.</p> <p>N.H.S. Lothian Health Care Event – Tuesday 18 September 2012. M A Prentice and C Pettigrew to attend and feedback.</p> <p>Ability Fest – K McGoldrick advised that Self-Directed Support had a stand at this event. Membership agreed that it may be worthwhile exploring whether network could give some leaflets to the stand for this event. K McGoldrick to explore.</p>	<p>K McGoldrick</p> <p>M A Prentice C Pettigrew</p> <p>K McGoldrick</p>
8	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the network will be held on Thursday 11 October 2012 at 1 pm to 3.30 pm in the Training Suite, Newberry Rooney Centre, New Park Road, Hamilton.</p>	