

## South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Tuesday 11 October 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  
William Mullen  
Cathy Pettigrew and guest

**Apologies:** Wilma Pocock  
Eleanor Finnan, Chairperson  
Gerald Pocock  
John Dykes, Vice-chairperson  
Scott Nicol  
Karen McWilliams  
Karen Frame, South Lanarkshire Council

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

Item:		Action
1	<b>Welcome</b>  K McGoldrick welcomed everyone to today's meeting and apologies were submitted.	
2	<b>Minutes of Meeting</b>  Minutes of the meeting were read and approved by William Mullen and seconded by Cathy Pettigrew	
3	<b>Housing benefit</b>  Meeting previously 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. This is now confirmed to be the 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 2pm. And will be presented by David Harkins. The time will allow the network to deal with Network business first.	<b>K Frame</b>
4	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b>  4.1 Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme – to be carried forward.	<b>J Dykes</b>

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4	<p><b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (Cont)</b></p> <p>4.2 Community Care/Child Care Assessment Timescales – K McGoldrick asked for feedback from follow-up meeting arranged for Tuesday 25 September 2012 with B. Hutchinson and N. Ait-Hocine. Kevin gave a copy of questions asked at the 2 meetings out for circulation and confirmed that he didn't get straight answers to any of the questions as SLC were "still working on that."</p> <p>Kevin McGoldrick informed the meeting that the Network had been invited by Brenda Hutchinson to have representation at the Internal Work-stream Group- Appointment of representative to be carried forward</p> <p>4.3 SDS Forum East Renfrewshire – contact still being pursued.</p> <p>4.4 OSCR Application – Information had been sent to K McGoldrick for submission to OSCR. The matter arising from this application is that Kevin McGoldrick was detailed as the Secretary and has signed for such but can't hold two Office positions, namely Treasurer as well. Appointment of Secretary to be carried forward.</p> <p>4.5 Website/Facebook – K McGoldrick advised that Facebook page now has more followers. Concerns were raised that the content includes information on the ILF event due to take place on Monday 17 September 2012, when the people would need to go through the correct channels for registration.</p> <p>A sub-group was to be set up to look at. Sub-group to consist of K McGoldrick, G Pocock, A Kousourou and A Simm however only K McGoldrick from the Network was available to meet with A Lindsay. Kevin and Mr Lyndsay discussed options for website. Further updates will be made available. Members for this sub-group to be carried forward.</p> <p>The cost for the website will be approximately £50 for the domain name and £80 for the website. K McGoldrick to confirm this at next meeting.</p> <p>4.6 Recruitment</p> <p>Carers Roadshow event planned for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012 in East Kilbride. K McGoldrick to attend with M A Prentice helping to facilitate.</p> <p>Further work requires to be explored regarding capacity building/membership.</p>	<p><b>Board</b></p> <p><b>K Frame</b></p> <p><b>Board</b></p> <p><b>K McGoldrick, A Kousourou, G Pollock and A Simm</b></p> <p><b>M A Prentice/K McGoldrick</b></p> <p><b>Members</b></p>
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4	<p><b>Matters Arising From Previous Minutes (Cont)</b></p> <p>4.7 Future of the Independent Living Fund Consultation. Andy Simm gave out hand-outs of the feedback questionnaire from the event. Some of the comments indicated that there had been failings in organisation for the event to run smoothly. These were discussed for future reference and it was suggested that application needs to be made for funds for facilitation training.</p> <p>The responses from the event have been collated and sent to the relevant Scottish Executive Department on behalf of the Network</p> <p>4.8 Times and Dates of Meetings – information awaited from some members regarding outcome and notification of whether change required – to be carried forward</p>	K Frame
5	<p><b>Self-Directed Support Scotland (S.D.S.S.)</b></p> <p>A Kousourou queried the point in the minute where it had been agreed it would be okay for SDSS to attend future meetings though there needed to be a specific reason for their inclusion. Members agreed that this point was accurate.</p> <p>SDSS have informed the Network that their management committee reviewed their application and have now awarded them the category of Membership A.</p> <p>SDSS have also informed K McGoldrick of a community grant they have that it can be made available for their members to engage in external training. SDSS have offered the opportunity to SL SDS Network. A Simm advised they think about where they see the Network going and tailor the training to suit their needs. K. McGoldrick passed out information paper on the fund and will seek to gather more information as to how the network can gain access to the funds.</p>	K McGoldrick
6	<p><b>Business Plan</b></p> <p>Members agreed that the October meeting be held to look at possible development of a business plan and funding application to Awards For All. M A Prentice provided a sample of a completed application and also presented a blank application form and Guidelines. Discussions took place around other funding opportunities. A Simm informed the Network of the Funding Officers employed with SLC that could support them. The original plan for discussion and putting together the foundations of a business plan didn't fully take place because of time- carried forward to next meeting. Suggestions were made that the Members look at now becoming a Company Limited by Guarantee; A Simm accessed the OSCR website for more information.</p>	M A Prentice/ A Simm and Members
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7	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</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 and a DD of £5.22 per month. Kevin also detailed the expenditure in relation to the website as an approximate cost of £50 and £80- as detailed before under 4.5. A Simm asked if K McGoldrick could provide a financial report reconciled to the latest bank statement for the next meeting.</p> <p>Ability Fest – K McGoldrick attended on behalf of the network and shared a stand with Self-Directed Support Scotland. Kevin cut his stay short to attend today's meeting.</p> <p>Meeting proposal- Andrew Kousourou again proposed the Network have a separate meeting without advisors being present. This was not agreed at this time.</p> <p>Vacancy for Secretary- Andrew Kousourou expressed an interest in applying for this position; however detailed that he would not take minutes of meetings. Kevin McGoldrick also expressed an interest in the same position, but noted he was already an Office Bearer.</p> <p>Invitation to the SL CPP Annual Conference- the Network has been invited to South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership's Annual Conference on the 13/11/12. This all day event will highlight South Lanarkshire's Single Outcome Agreement and Improvement Plans. Responses for this event have be submitted by the 30<sup>th</sup> October. No volunteers were tendered to attend. M A Prentice informed the Network that she was attending and could bring relevant information back if requested.</p> <p>Members asked for information on the forthcoming work-based pensions scheme. M A Prentice gave an overview of the information available at the moment and the need for employers to be prepared. More information needed- carried forward to next meeting</p> <p>M A Prentice updated the Network on the Agency Working Regulations aware that current members may be affected. This was discussed in detail and at some length. Further information is available if necessary</p> <p>Member's enquiry about another member- members were asking about the well-being of another member J Dykes who has been poorly of late. MA Prentice to contact the afore mentioned person.</p> <p>SDSS Members Event and AGM Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living – 27 November 2012. K McGoldrick to provide detail.</p> <p>K McGoldrick informed that the network had been sent a letter from SDSS publicising the above event. K McGoldrick provided detail regarding costs etc.</p> <p>NHS Health Care Event – K McGoldrick passed round the agenda from the event for members to look at.</p>	<p><b>K McGoldrick</b></p> <p><b>K McGoldrick</b></p> <p><b>M A Prentice</b></p> <p><b>M A Prentice</b></p>

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<b>8</b>	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b>  The next meeting of the network will be held on Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 1 pm to 3.30 pm in the Training Suite, Newberry Rooney Centre, New Park Road, Hamilton.	