

South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Tuesday 12 April 2011

Newberry Rooney Centre, Newpark Road, Hamilton

Present: Eleanor Finnan
Cathy Pettigrew
Kevin McGoldrick
Suban McGoldrick
John Dykes
Helen Clark, Speak Out Advocacy
Andy Simm, Resource Worker, South Lanarkshire Council
Karen Frame, Direct Payments Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Council

Apologies: Mary Nelson
Wilma Pocock
Gerald Pocock
Anna Cairns
Marie Colley
Jackie Orr
Karen McWilliams
Margaret Ann Prentice, SDS Co-ordinator, Self-Directed Support Service
Joanna Swan, SDS Information and Advice Worker, Self-Directed Support Service

Item:		Action
1	Minutes of Meeting Minutes of the meeting were read and approved by C Pettigrew and seconded by E Finnan.	
2	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes Self-Directed Support Bill K Frame advised that response had been submitted to the Scottish Government. Copy of response provided. Disability Living Allowance Consultation E Finnan informed members that she had submitted her own response and advised that due to the volume of responses there would be a delay in the outcome. Election of Management Committee A Simm advised that the proposed chairperson A Lynn had passed away and that another nomination was required. Following discussion agreement was reached by members that E Finnan would become chairperson of the meetings. E Finnan was nominated by C Pettigrew and seconded by K McGoldrick. J Dykes was elected vice chairperson. J Dykes was nominated by E Finnan and seconded by C Pettigrew.	
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2	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (cont)</p> <p>South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Service still do not have broadband or e-mail access.</p> <p>Membership suggested various possibilities and benefits including Skype.</p> <p>South Lanarkshire Carers Network</p> <p>Margaret Ann Prentice to tie in with the Carers Network regarding taking part in the 4 roadshow events.</p> <p>East Renfrewshire Self-Directed Support Network</p> <p>K Frame advised that her contact in East Renfrewshire had asked that the networks meet after 30 March 2011. K Frame to contact E Renfrewshire regarding possible date.</p>	<p>M A Prentice</p> <p>K Frame</p>
3	<p>Signing of the Constitution</p> <p>E Finnan signed the constitution as chairperson of the Network. W Pocock to be asked to countersign to allow the constitution to be adopted and enable the Network to move forward.</p>	<p>A Simm</p>
4	<p>Bank Mandate Form</p> <p>K Frame picked up the Bank Mandate Form. A Simm to complete the form on behalf of the Network. E Finnan signed as the chairperson. Other committee members to complete.</p> <p>Bank to be contacted regarding setting up a meeting to discuss setting up of account and providing supporting documentation for verification.</p>	<p>A Simm</p>
5	<p>Grant Application Form</p> <p>A Simm provided copies of the grant application form for discussion. A Simm to complete on behalf of the Network. A Simm suggested members submit application for initial start-up grant to councillor committee for Hamilton, Blantyre and Larkhall and Clydesdale areas.</p>	<p>A Simm</p>
6	<p>Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVGS)</p> <p>Further discussion and presentation to be held at next meeting. A Simm and K Frame to draft letter to Disclosure Scotland regarding members concerns including umbrella organisation and regulatory bodies being given full vetting information in comparison to personal assistant employers.</p>	<p>K Frame A Simm</p>

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7	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>Public Holiday (Royal Wedding)</p> <p>J Dykes asked whether personal assistants should be given the day off. Advice had also been sought from Peninsula Insurance who advised that it should not be given as a public holiday.</p> <p>Members were of the opinion that the decision on whether the holiday should be granted should be taken at the employer's discretion. The decision also on whether to grant as a public holiday or annual leave would also be a decision for the employer. K Frame and A Simm advised that some local authorities had given employees the day off and others had not. In South Lanarkshire employers had decided that the holiday should be provided as an extra day's annual leave.</p>	
8	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Network will be held on Thursday 12 May 2011 at 1 pm in the Round Room of the Newberry Rooney Centre.</p>	