

## South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Tuesday 12 June 2012

1 pm – 3.30 pm

Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton

**Present:** Kevin McGoldrick, Treasurer (Chair for this meeting)  
Wilma Pocock  
Gerald Pocock  
Suban McGoldrick  
Gillian Howie  
Rachel Walker, Self-Directed Support Scotland  
Scott Nicol  
Andrew Kousourou  
William Mullen

**Apologies:** Eleanor Finnan, Chairperson  
John Dykes, Vice-chairperson

**In Attendance:** Margaret Ann Prentice, SPAEN South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Service  
Andy Simm, South Lanarkshire Council  
Helen Clark, Speak Out Advocacy  
Lesley McLaren, PAMIS  
Karen Frame, South Lanarkshire Council  
Marie McHugh, South Lanarkshire Council (Charging Policy – Item 2)

Item:		Action
1	<b>Welcome</b>  K McGoldrick welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were also submitted.	
2	<b>Minutes of Meeting</b>  Minutes of the meeting were read and approved by those in attendance at May meeting.	
3	<b>Charging Policy</b>  M McHugh informed that a review of the local authority's charging policy was undertaken in 2010/2011. The policy has been revised and takes account of the recommendations that have been made by COSLA.  A Financial Assessment Team has been set up and is responsible for carrying out financial assessments and looking at income maximisation, ability to pay etc. The team is relatively new and small in numbers and at this stage are currently undertaking new assessments. Direct Payments will be looked at within a later phase.	

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3	<p><b>Charging Policy (cont)</b></p> <p>M McHugh provided an update on the local authority's Charging Policy and provided members in attendance with a copy of the local authority's booklet – "Charging for non residential services".</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (Cont)</b></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 follow-up meeting has been arranged for September 2012.</p> <p>4.3 SDS Forum East Renfrewshire – contact still being pursued.</p> <p>4.4 OSCR Application – OSCR application has been amended and signed. Application and constitution to be submitted for charitable status.</p> <p>4.5 Website/Facebook – Facebook and Twitter information to be monitored. Members to agree content prior to upload.</p> <p>A Simm advised that A Lyndsay at VASLAN would be happy to work with the Network to help devise their own website. Members though would need to have discussions regarding content for the website.</p>	<p><b>J Dykes</b></p> <p><b>Board</b></p> <p><b>K Frame</b></p>
6	<p><b>Recruitment</b></p> <p>Recruitment carried forward for further discussion. Network currently represented at Carers Roadshow events – four events being held in total East meets West in North Lanarkshire and three local events in Hamilton, Carlisle, and East Kilbride. The network will also be represented at the Advocacy Event in August 2012. Information to be handed out at opening of information/social for caring for people with dementia in Stonehouse Jubilee Club.</p> <p>Adverts to be placed in local press. Letter again to be sent to individuals in receipt of Self-Directed Support.</p>	<p><b>Members</b></p> <p><b>A Simm</b> <b>K Frame</b></p>
7	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b></p> <p>Times and Dates of Meetings – discussion took place on whether day meeting takes place and time of meeting should be changed. K Frame to draft table and send to members for their views.</p> <p>Additional Funding/Business Plan – A Simm to arrange for funding officer to attend next meeting. Members to look at what would be required to formulate a business plan.</p> <p>Appointment of Secretary – position still vacant. Members to try and fill.</p>	<p><b>A Simm</b></p> <p><b>Members</b></p>

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7	<p><b>A.O.C.B. cont</b></p> <p>Self-Directed Support Scotland (SDSS)</p> <p>R Walker in attendance. Apology made to R Walker as invite should not have been extended without full agreement of network members.</p> <p>R Walker advised that she had found the meeting worthwhile and commented on the work that she had been carrying out with local authorities. Network hope to have R Walker along to a future meeting to discuss capacity building and hope to work with her on building their business plan.</p>	
8	<p><b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the network will be held on Thursday 9 August 2012 at 1 pm to 3.30 pm in the Training Suite, Newberry Rooney Centre, Newberry Park Road, Hamilton.</p>	