

**South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network
Minutes of Management Committee
Held on Tuesday 6th December 2016
Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ
13.00 - 15.00**

Present: Andrew Kousourou (Chair), John Dykes (Vice-chair), Kevin McGoldrick (Secretary), Bobby Bell

Apologies: Scott Nicol (Treasurer), Gillian Howie, Zoe McPartlin, Marie Carracher, Suban McGoldrick

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Chairman opened meeting and welcomed all of the above	
2.	Apologies were made on behalf of the above	
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting May minutes were approved by Chair and seconded by Vice-Chair The minutes were signed as approved by the Chairman and Secretary.	
4.	Matters Arising from minutes SDSS AGM on 17.11.2016 was very informative with discussions around SDS 2016 Implementation and Parent(s) becoming part time personal assistant in latest SDS video which will be available for all to view once subtitles have been added. Clydesdale Community Initiatives SDS information day on 22.11.2016 promoted holistic ways on how to use the SDS package from woodwork to landscaping.	
5.	Correspondence Read and Discussed The network have secured a meeting with Val de Souza , Chief Officer Health and Social Care Partnership on 1.01.2017 at 12 noon On 01.12.2016 Scottish Government launched Self Directed Support Strategy Implementation Plan 2016 – 2018 SDSS, Vaslan, Poverty Alliance and Scottish Parliament have been contacted regarding Personal Assistants qualifying for Living Wage of £8.45 per hour Carers Parliament was also a great opportunity to network with Scottish Government Implementation and Policy Officer(s) The network are proud to be named on the Autism Support spreadsheet (emailed) Events are emailed; it would be nice to see new faces attending future events.	
6.	Matters Arising from Correspondence None	
7.	Financial Statement and Allocation of Funds Due to business commitments our Treasurer has resigned. However he has agreed to maintain the accounts to year end for submission to auditor in order that the 2016 accounts can be presented at the next AGM. A new treasurer is required urgently.	
8.	Report from funding sub-group Co-op and SLC community fund are ongoing	

9.	Report from strategy sub-group Summary of SLC complaints and Freedom of Information (FOI) were discussed at SL Users & Carers Meeting 15.11.2016	
10.	Pension Personal Assistant Personal Assistants who qualify for Pension allowance has been included in new SDS assessment	
11.	New Members None	
12.	Roadshow Planning 2017 Alzheimer Scotland have confirmed times and dates for monthly Dementia café meeting that cover 4 areas within South Lanarkshire for network to arrange SDS information sessions. Partners in Play emailed network requesting to come along to our meeting to discuss the support they can provide for families with young children with disabilities up to the age of 25 Lindsay Fitzpatrick from http://thenightvisitors.co.uk has requested to meet Contact Hamilton Accies Community Trust – ref community links Contact various 3 rd party charity organisations SDSS are interested in having an SDS information day in SLC	
13.	SDS Members Survey SDSS SDS survey will be emailed to ourselves for circulation	
14.	Employers Liability Employers under Option.1 may not be aware that the annual compulsory insurance for personal assistants is an additional payment paid in April by the local authority	
15.	Freedom of Information Request Why is that the only way SLC will answer a question is through Freedom Of Information process	
16.	Cap on Care Package Freedom Of Information (FOI) confirms that there is no cap on care packages	
17.	Working with other Agencies and Organisations Ongoing	

18.	Working with SDS Networks throughout Scotland Being a member of SDSS we work in partnership with other SDS user-led networks throughout Scotland	
19.	Working with SDSS Representation from SDSS attends our meetings and events throughout the year	
20.	AOCB – Discussion may take place We will consider requesting Freedom Of Information for our members Passport Benefits for Legal Aid can help meet the costs of legal advice, family mediation and representation in a court or tribunal Vice Chair will contact the Stevenson family who were in the East Kilbride News regarding there SDS hurdles SLC have reviewed and agreed to increase the Personal Assistants payment rates in order to allow for the payment of the Scottish Living Wage of £8.25 per hour from 1 st October 2016 the difference £1.29 per hour will be backdated in due course.	
21.	DONM Tuesday 10 th January 2017 shortly after our meeting with Val de Souza at SLC HQ	
22.	Close of Meeting Chair closed the meeting at 15.00 thanking all for their attendance.	

Kevin McGoldrick
Secretary

Chairman Secretary