

## South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014

13.00 pm to 15.00 pm

**Social Workers Room, Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilson Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ**

**Present:** Andrew Kousourou (Chair), John Dykes (Vice-chair), Scott Nicol (Treasurer)  
Kevin McGoldrick (Secretary), Suban McGoldrick

**Apologies:** Morag MacKay, Cathy Smith, Terry McQuade, Helen Clark (Speak-Out)

**In Attendance:** Rachel Walker (Self Directed Support Scotland)

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Chairman welcomed all at meeting	
2.	Apologies - Apologies were noted as above	
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting  Minutes of the meeting were approved by Vice-chair, seconded by Chair  The minutes were signed as approved by the Chairman and Secretary	
4.	Matters Arising from minutes  None	
5.	Correspondence Read and Discussed  Our next training meeting with John Black will be 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 from 13.00 until 15.00  All events and invitations are emailed, it would be nice to see new faces attending future events	
6.	Matters Arising from Correspondence  Due to unforeseen diary commitments our meeting with Brenda Hutchinson has been changed to an early time 12.30 until 13.30 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2014  GCIL invitation to meet with the network and talk about the Stakeholder forum that is being set up as part of their contract with South Lanarkshire Council is to be rescheduled to February  Funding replies and letters of support were read out to everyone at meeting	
7.	Financial Statement  Treasurer verbally confirmed network's current bank balance from 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 bank statement (December statement had not arrived due to festive break)  Secretary will speak to local accountant to arrange audit of accounts	

8.	<p>Funding Sub-group</p> <p>Our next funding meeting will be 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 from 13.00 until 15.00 at GCIL</p> <p>DWP acknowledged our funding application on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014</p> <p>Our next funding application to complete will be express grants</p>	
9.	<p>Strategy Sub-group</p> <p>During our last training session with John Black, we discussed the pre-qualification questionnaire and identified the necessary policies that are recognised by all local authorities</p>	
10.	<p>Equal Pay for Personal Assistants</p> <p>Network committee members - Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary had a productive meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 with Councillor Allan Falconer Chair of Social Work committee and Pat McCormack Self Directed Support and Planning Manager for South Lanarkshire Council. "Why the difference in pay between South Lanarkshire Home Care worker and Personal Assistants of <b>19½ %</b>"</p> <p>Network is not happy will Personal Assistants 1% increase which was back dated to April 2013 and paid out in October 2013</p> <p>Network dismayed the that Councillor Eddie McAvoy, leader of South Lanarkshire Council refused to meet representatives from the network on this matter</p>	
11.	<p>AGM 2014</p> <p>Our AGM has been booked for Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at the South Lanarkshire, Lifestyles, Fairhill, Hamilton, ML3 8 HJ from 13.00 – 15.00</p>	
12.	<p>Proposed Constitution</p> <p>Draft constitution was discussed and amended with further review during February meeting before finally being agreed for AGM and submitting to SCIO</p>	
13.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Vice-chair would like to investigate the SDS process when being discharged from hospital on February agenda</p>	
14.	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Next meeting will be Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2014 @ 13.00 in the Youth Room Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ</p>	
15.	<p>Close of Meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 15.00</p>	

Kevin McGoldrick  
Secretary

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