

## South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network

Tuesday 08<sup>th</sup> October 2013

12.30 pm to 15.00 pm

**Training Suite, Newberry Rooney Centre, 100 New Park Road, Hamilton, ML3 0BN**

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

**Apologies:** 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 read and approved by Scott, seconded by Andrew. The minutes were signed as approved by the Chairman and Secretary.	
4.	Matters Arising from minutes  Pat McCormack finally replied to our Unison email on 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2013 and quotes” The Council and the Trade Unions are committed to working together to deliver high quality services for the people of South Lanarkshire. To achieve this they will continue to work together in all areas and at all levels. There is a commitment from both sides to work together in equal Partnership”	
5.	Correspondence Read and Discussed  Event – SDSS Members Event and AGM 22 <sup>nd</sup> October  Event – SLCN Carers Consultation 23 <sup>rd</sup> October  Event – Changing Lives and Changing Support - Finance IdeasXchange - <b>postponed 2014</b>  Request - Scottish Government ILF Consultation, closing date 1 <sup>st</sup> November  Event – In Control – directing your own support for employment 4 <sup>th</sup> November  Event – Values into Action invited Network to AGM and workshops 6 <sup>th</sup> November  Invitation – ICCAN Information Day 7 <sup>th</sup> November  Event - Access to Work project, Lothian Centre for Inclusive Living (LCiL) 14 <sup>th</sup> November  Event – Changing Lives and Changing Support - Get to grips with SDS 3 <sup>rd</sup> December  Request – Mr Carmichael is aware of our ethos and structure and would like to meet  Princes Royal Trust & South Lanarkshire Carers Network both printed network advert their newsletters  Network has 2 new members	

6	<p>Matters Arising from Correspondence</p> <p>Andrew read out a letter sent to Pat McCormack requiring the withdrawal of the services of the 'facilitator' provided by the Council so that we can be truly independent of Council influence. This action was approved by the committee.</p> <p>Scottish Spina Bifida Association has an interest in working in partnership</p> <p>Network has been approved development funding</p>	
7	<p>Financial Statement</p> <p>Treasurer verbally confirmed current balance from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 bank statement.</p>	
8	<p>ILF Consultation</p> <p>ILF Scottish Office is listening to the feedback that funds should not be controlled by the local authorities as they have difficulty in controlling current budgets.</p> <p>As time is of the essence, the network will request members to reply via email prior to ILF consultation submission</p>	
9	<p>Funding: creation of a funding sub-group</p> <p>Rachel discussed the various opportunities available from the SCVO Directory 2013 and the eligible criteria for applying for funding</p> <p>An open discussion was held on the network funding and strategy</p> <p>At the end of the discussion the following sub-groups were created:</p> <p>Funding – Morag and Kevin</p> <p>Strategy – Andrew, John &amp; Scott</p>	
10	<p>Equal Pay</p> <p>Andrew read an email that John had sent to Council leader Eddie McAvoy 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 regarding equal pay as South Lanarkshire Council has given their own in-house care workers a <b>19½ % pay rise</b>, while personal assistants have not received a pay rise since 2008</p> <p>Andrew, John and Kevin agreed to attend meeting with Mr McAvoy as and when arranged.</p>	
11	<p>Future Council Involvement</p> <p>We thanked and dismissed Karen Frame from future meetings. We will still invite Council Staff to attend meetings when it is to our communal benefit.</p>	
12	<p>Meeting Days and Time</p> <p>A suggestion that meeting dates in 2014 continue on a Tuesday with a new start time of 13.00 until 15.00 and at 6 weekly intervals were agreed.</p>	
13	<p>Distinction between Management Committee meetings &amp; Open members meetings</p> <p>It was agreed that Management Committee meetings should in principle be confined to Committee Members only but as our current constitution states that meetings are open to all members this will require to be amended in a rewrite of the Constitution currently being undertaken by the Chairman. Open meetings will be held when appropriate.</p>	

14	SDSS / Network Development Day Follow-up  Development day was a success and fuelled our passion to grow the network within South Lanarkshire	
15	AOCB  None	
16	Date and Time of Next Meeting Next meeting will be Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 12.30 pm in the Newberry Rooney Centre, 100 New Park Road, Hamilton, ML3 0BN.	
17	Close of Meeting  The meeting closed at 15.00	

Kevin McGoldrick  
Secretary

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