

**South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network
Minutes of Management Committee
Held on Tuesday 21st February 2017
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 December minutes were approved by Bobby and seconded by Vice-Chair The minutes were signed as approved by the Chairman and Secretary.	
4.	Matters Arising from minutes None	
5.	Correspondence Read and Discussed Audit Scotland is encouraging people who use SDS to share their experiences 28 th February - Improving Community Engagement in North Lanarkshire Session 1 10 th March - Inclusion Scotland and its partners launch Human Rights report 15 th March - Living Together and Life Change Trust are holding SDS event 21 st March - Improving Community Engagement in North Lanarkshire Session 2 22 nd March - The 'Home NOT Hospital' practice exchange event 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 Accounts audit complete and ready for AGM on 28 th March meanwhile in the interim the secretary with cover treasurer duties.	
8.	Report from funding sub-group Looking into awards for all and Co-Op 1% cashback	
9.	Report from strategy sub-group None	
10.	Pension Personal Assistant Where & how is pension contribution added to new SDS assessment – follow up	

	email to Val De Souza	
11.	New Members None	
12.	Roadshow Planning 2017 29 th March – SLCN - Carers Consultation Event at Alona Hotel 03 rd May – SLCN – Carers Knowledge on SDS at Blantyre Miners Welfare Society Hamilton Accies Community Trust – Community links Self Directed Support Scotland - SDS information day in South Lanarkshire	
13.	SDS Members Survey SDSS are in discussion with ourselves to fund research and circulate SDS survey	
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.	Update from user led SDS networks from across Scotland How did you grow your members	
16.	Update from Self Directed Support Scotland (SDSS) Roadshow and survey are both work in progress	
17.	AOCB – Discussion may take place Passport Benefits for Legal Aid can help meet the costs of legal advice, family mediation and representation in a court or tribunal As South Lanarkshire Council are a Scottish living wage accreditation employer Personal Assistants payment rates will increase from £8.25 per hour to £8.45 in April / May 2017	
21.	DONM AGM & general meeting on Tuesday 28 th March 2017 Next members open meeting Tuesday 9 th May 2017	
22.	Close of Meeting Chair closed the meeting at 15.00 thanking all for their attendance.	

Kevin McGoldrick
Secretary

Chairman Secretary