

**South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network
Minutes of Management Committee
Held on Tuesday 22nd August 2017
Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ
13.00 - 15.00**

Present: Andrew Kousourou (Chair), John Dykes (Vice-chair)
Kevin McGoldrick (Secretary / Interim Treasurer) Bobby Bell, Marie Carracher

Invited Guests: Mark Han-Johnston Self Directed Support Scotland (SDSS)

Apologies: Gillian Howie, Zoe McPartlin, 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 June minutes were approved by Vice Chair and 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 Prior to Audit Scotland report on Thursday 24 th August 2017 Carers Scotland asked us for a case study of who found it challenging either accessing Self Directed Support or making it work for them with interview Shelley Joffrey from BBC Family Fund are hosting an Information & Support event on Tuesday 29 th August 2017 at Hamilton Academicals Football Club from 09.30 to 14.00 Peter McGhee, VASLan new Development Office has requested and agreed to meet on Tuesday 5 th September 2017 to discuss promoting the network Events are emailed; it would be nice to see new faces attending future events.	
6.	Matters Arising from Correspondence - Nothing New to Report	
7.	Financial Statement and Allocation of Funds No Bank Statement available due to change over – will request copy from branch	
8.	Report from funding sub-group Unsuccessful with Cala Homes community grant and we are currently waiting on a decision for Awards for All application	
9.	Report from strategy sub-group – Nothing New to Report	
10.	Pension Personal Assistant The Pension Regulator lettered registered employers a reminder that the Employer minimum contribution first increase to 2% must be in place from 06th April 2018	

11.	New Members = 1 New Member	
12.	Roadshow Planning 2017 Contact Hamilton Accies Community Trust – Community links 3 rd October 2017 arrangements are now full steam ahead for our “Mystery of Self Directed Support Event” with Invited guests – Audit Scotland, Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorate, Ombudsman Independent Living Fund Scotland and Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project to discuss Self Directed Support and Health & Social Care Standards. We hope to have confirmed representation from SLC & NHS shortly	
13.	SDS Members Survey An open conversation tweaking a few questions for the Self Directed Support member’s survey – once draft is agreed, representation from network will arrange meeting with SLC to discuss assistance with circulation.	
14.	What’s New at Self Directed Support Scotland (SDSS) Following European Union (EU) ruling last year demanding care staff be paid minimum wage for overnight stays while caring for client’s staff must now be paid at least £60.00 instead of being paid between £25.00 and £35.00 for a sleepover shift. HMRC began delivering demands to social care organisations for up to six years’ worth of back payments regarding sleepover pay for care staff but after several leading care organisations said the payments could force them to close, the government said it would drop plans to levy penalties and suspend demands for back payments until October 2017 SDSS AGM will be in Fife between October and November 2017 Hamilton, South Lanarkshire was proposed for SDSS AGM 2018	
15.	AOCB – Discussion may take place Why has SLC not increased the Living Wage to £8.45 to employers using Self Directed Support Option.1 as monies have been paid by Scottish Government New or Old budgets the world is paid on an hourly rate even the Living Wage is £8.45 per hour to why have SLC waved the hourly rate for Self Directed Support Customers with an indicative budget?	
16.	DONM The Mystery of Self Directed Support Event will be on Tuesday 3 rd October 2017 from 12.30 (Management Committee) starting sharp at 1pm until 4pm	
17.	Close of Meeting Chair closed the meeting at 15.00 thanking all for their attendance.	

Kevin McGoldrick
Secretary

Chairman Secretary