

**South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network
Minutes of Management Committee
Held on Tuesday 27th September 2016
Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ
13.00 - 15.00**

Present: Andrew Kousourou (Chair), John Dykes (Vice-chair), Kevin McGoldrick (Secretary), Mark Johnston (Self Directed Support Scotland)

Apologies: Scott Nicol (Treasurer), Gillian Howie, Zoe McPartlin, Marie Carracher, Bobby Bell, 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 John highlighted that universal credit may have an impact on personal assistants depending on circumstances and income and that our Scottish Government should take contingency from a national basis.	
5.	Correspondence Read and Discussed Udston Hospital requested our own Self Directed Support information leaflets with a possible information roadshow as information received from SLC was limited Mark Lunny & Co. Solicitors introduced their services to the network as recently they have been assisting families with SDS and respite packages in NLC The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has put together five action points to increase disabled people's participation in politics contact your local MP and or councillor for more information Penumbra West Area, Self Directed Support Recovery Practitioner are in process of arranging an information roadshow Tuesday 8 th November Tristen Gillespie SDS for SLC will meet and greet network Tuesday 15 th November is the next SLC SDS Carer and Service User Group Meeting, venue to be confirmed in due course Thursday 17 th November 2016 SDSS AGM venue to be confirmed in due course Events are emailed; it would be nice to see new faces attending future events.	
6.	Matters Arising from Correspondence 13 th June 2016 we requested meeting with Brenda, Nadia & Pat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15th June 2016 we received email reply from Brenda's secretary Lynne confirming that Nadia and Pat will make direct contact with network • 27th September 2016 no contact from said has been made to date 	

7.	Financial Statement and Allocation of Funds Treasurer submitted apologies for meeting	
8.	Report from funding sub-group Funding applications are work in progress, Amazon's cashback and Morrisons may be of interest	
9.	Report from strategy sub-group Nothing to report	
10.	Pension Personal Assistant A few management committee members have started the pensions process using NEST unfortunately there has been no assistance, advice or additional fund top up for the employer to pay personal assistant(s) pension contribution which is the law National minimum wage is mandatory for our personal assistant(s) when we apply for pension Further investigation needed to confirm whether personal assistant(s) employers liability are covered by local authority on an annual basis and not just for start-up Bobby will bring information on what employers have to cover by law to the November meeting	
11.	New Members 4 new member completed online membership from website since our last meeting	
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	
13.	SDS Members Survey SDSS will circulate an SDS survey 28 th September 2016 collated from only 3 out of 32 local authorities within Scotland who anticipated	
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 Bobby will discuss at next meeting	
16.	Cap on Care Package Bobby will discuss at next meeting	
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 Audit Scotland Accounts Commission to answer why 1. inequality in neighbourhood local authorities 2. no equal pay in all 4 SDS options as per Scottish Government (Self Directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013	
21.	DONM Tuesday 8 th November 2016 at Lifestyles, Fairhill, ML3 8HJ	
22.	Close of Meeting Chair closed the meeting at 15.00 thanking all for their attendance.	

Kevin McGoldrick
Secretary

Chairman Secretary