

**South Lanarkshire Self-Directed Support Network**  
**Minutes of Management Committee**  
**Held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016**  
**Lifestyles Fairhill, Neilsland Road, Hamilton, ML3 8HJ**  
**13.00 - 15.00**

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

**Apologies:** Scott Nicol (Treasurer), Gillian Howie, Zoe McPartlin, Suban McGoldrick, Marie Carracher,

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  February 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  VASLan auto enrolment pension workshop was cancelled minutes to starting on 19 <sup>th</sup> April and has now been rescheduled to 7 <sup>th</sup> June with another possible workshop in August / September	
5.	Correspondence Read and Discussed  6 <sup>th</sup> June – Alzheimer Scotland have invited network to host an SDS information at the Dementia carers group at Strathcona House, Heatheryknowe, The Murray, East Kilbride, Glasgow, G75 0HA from 10.30am until 12.00 noon  17 <sup>th</sup> June - Hamilton Citizens Advice Bureau have invited the network to attend there AGM at St Mary's Episcopal Church, 4A Auchingramont Rd, Hamilton, South Lanarkshire ML3 6JT with lunch at 1.00pm followed by AGM at 2.00pm  26 <sup>th</sup> July – is the next SLC SDS Carer and Service User Group Meeting, venue to be confirmed nearer the time, verbal time from 11.00am until 1.00pm  24 <sup>th</sup> August - South Lanarkshire Carers Network have invited network to host an information stall at the SLCN Information Fayre in St Brides Centre, Douglas from 10:30am until 2:00pm  Scottish Government recognises carers as partners in care and the Self-directed Support Act will support <b>carers</b> in their caring role  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 were verbally confirmed via email £1,620.72 as of 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	
8.	Report from funding sub-group  Funding applications are work in progress	

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 August meeting	
11.	SDS Members Survey  Bobby circuited a revised SDS survey for network members to create a picture of how SDS is rolling out within South Lanarkshire and is it working for you?  Management committee will carry out survey on each other and feedback <b>at meeting prior to contacting members</b>  Enquire into disclosure of personal information policy statement  Approved version will be uploaded to <a href="http://www.selfdirectnetwork.org.uk">http://www.selfdirectnetwork.org.uk</a>	
12.	Roadshow Planning 2016  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 have emailed the 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 <a href="http://thenightvisitors.co.uk">http://thenightvisitors.co.uk</a> has requested to meet  Contact Hamilton Accies Community Trust – ref community links  Contact various 3 <sup>rd</sup> party charity organisations	
13.	New Members  1 new member completed online membership from website	
14.	Mark – Self Directed Support Scotland  James the policy officer for SDSS has moved to Independent Living Scotland  Mark will clarify the definition of “user led” as there is a revised SDS survey in progress which will include feedback from 3 local authorities unfortunately SLC did not anticipate in SDS survey	

	Communication and marketing training for SDSS members are available to book in Dundee and Ardrossan with possibility continuing in other areas in the future	
15.	<p>AOCB – discussion may take place</p> <p>John highlighted that universal credit may have an impact on personal assistants depending on circumstances and income</p> <p>Under the SDS umbrella as to who may be eligible the question “do you identify yourself as a disabled person” on our members applications has been agreed to be removed</p> <p>What is the local authorities procedure for Palliative care</p> <p>Request meeting with heads of service at SLC to discuss possible involvement in the planning of our combined event with SDSS</p> <p>Network to enquire about applying for Scottish Living Wage Accreditation</p>	
16.	<p>DONM</p> <p>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at Lifestyles, Fairhill, ML3 8HJ</p>	
17.	<p>Close of Meeting</p> <p>Chair closed the meeting at 14.30 thanking all for their attendance.</p>	

Kevin McGoldrick  
Secretary

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