

# 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes - draft

Thursday 12th November 2020 10am

Conducted at Norton Park Edinburgh, by virtual link

**Chair:** Florence Garabedian, LCiL

**Treasurer:** Angela Mullen, GCiL

**Secretary:** Donald Macleod, SDSS

**Minutes:** Jeremy Adderley, SDSS

## ***Voting Representatives in Attendance:***

Agnes Hadden, TakeCtrl South Lanarkshire; Alasdair Sladen, Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living; Angela Mullen, Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living; Barbara Maguire, Dundee Carers Centre; Bryony Lang, North Lanarkshire Disability Forum; Eileen Cairnie, Dundee Carers Centre; Elspeth Critchley, SDS Forum Scottish Borders Etienne d'Aboville, GCIL; Ged Thompson, DICE; Helen Cook, Take Ctrl South Lanarkshire; Iain McGregor, LCiL; Jackie maceira, Clydeshopmobility; Jane Moncrieff, Centre for Inclusive Living Perth and Kinross; Joanne McGee, Take Control East Dunbartonshire; Julia Walker, Disabled Persons Housing & SDS (Self Directed Support) Options Fife Service; Laura Finnan Cowan, North Lanarkshire Disability Forum; Laura Jamieson, North Lanarkshire Disability Forum; Lilian Smith, Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living; Linda Singer, Grampian Opportunities; Lyn Pornaro, Lothian Centre for Inclusive Living; Melanie Todd, Centre for Inclusive Living Perth and Kinross Morag Duncan, Dundee Carers Centre; Pandora Summerfield, Disabled Persons Housing & SDS (Self Directed Support) Options Fife Service; Ron Senior, SDS ideas/Clyde Shopmobility; Sharon McLeod, Ayrshire Independent Living Network AILN; Veronica Dunn, SDS Forum East Renfrewshire; William Whitelaw, SDS Ideas West Dunbartonshire

## ***Also in Attendance:***

Becs Barker, Community Contacts, Carr Gomm; Billy Morrison, PKAVS, Carers Hub; Brenda Garrard, PAMIS; Dionne McCabe, Civil Rights First; Gail Carstairs, ENABLE Scotland; Heather Fraill, Support Choices (Perth & Kinross); Jane Haswell, Shetland Community Connections; Jen Barrett, Carr Gomm Community Contacts; Les Watson, WEA; Lianne Sinclair, Advocacy Orkney Rhoda Macdonald, Advocacy Western Isles; Sarah Chapman, Community Contacts (Argyle and Bute); Tammy Easton, VOCAL; Michael Pillans, SDSS; Mark Han-Johnston, SDSS

A. **Welcome and apologies:** Florence Garabedian

- a. Welcome: meeting commenced late, technical issues 10:20am
- b. Apologies: none received and noted SDSNSL unable to connect due to technical issues getting link following late registration

B. **Previous minutes**

- a. To approve the previous minutes: approved (proposed: Becs Barker, Seconded: Melanie Todd)
- b. To consider any matters arising: No matters arising

C. **Chair's report:** Florence Garabedian

- Welcome new staff: Donald Macleod, CE; Michael Pillans, Communications and Policy Manager
- Membership has stabilised over the past year at 50. New members are: Age Concern, Civil Rights First, love@careltd, Scottish Recovery Consortium
- Organisational focus on our funding strategy and income diversification, exploring potential partnership working and supporting our membership with local authority engagement
- Membership charging now implemented successfully
- PA Handbook refresh producing online resource taking account of local variation. Work has commenced with advisory group. Complete by end of financial year.
- Management committee has agreed strategic plan, revised to include research recommendations, now submitted to Scottish Government
- Today's event positions SDSS and the membership in a key strategic position to influence Adult Social Care Reform, with the input from Derek Feeley, the attention the My Support, My Choice research has had and the strengthening relationship with local authorities through Social Work Scotland
- Thanks to staff, particularly to outgoing Manager Jess Wade, and Communication and Events Officer Anna Carr
- Questions: no questions

D. **Treasurer's report:** Angela Mullen

- Fundraising strategy: continued focus on SDS implementation with Scottish Government
- Financial Stability: no unexpected or unmanageable costs, mitigation for expected 20% reduction in SG income, CoViD-19 shifted operational priorities
- Funds (reserves): funds less designated for project completion leaves reserve that exceeds policy target of 3 months and is adequate for ongoing obligations or orderly windup

- Going concern: It is the opinion of the Committee that the Charity has sufficient resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and therefore the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.
  - Questions: no questions
- a. Approve Independent Inspection of Accounts by Alan Grieg for 20/21 – Proposed FG, Seconded AM

**E. Election of Management Committee members**

No nominations received

**F. Any other competent business**

- a. Nothing tabled

**G. Close**

- a. FG closes reminding members that copies of the Report and Financial Statements are available to those who wished to review the year in more detail.

Close AGM 10:40

Minutes signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Adderley', written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy Adderley

Operations Manager

Self Directed Support Scotland

2019-20 Annual Review and

Accounts available here: <https://www.sdsscotland.org.uk/about-sdss/>