

Days Out With Dad Committee Meeting

Tuesday 26th March 2013

Present: David, Jamie, Mark, Martin, Paul, Rob

Apologies: Huw

1. Review of, and Proposal to approve minutes from last meeting

Jamie has reviewed the Child Protection Policy and just needs to circulate. Jamie and David have also done a Child Protection course on safeguarding, as had Martin.

Action – JR to check with Council what their requirements are regarding child protection, including liability, training and frequency of training

Action – HR still to check through Health & Safety policy

David has now added a message about 'Involve a Dad' as an email signature to all emails

After trialling several days for committee meetings, a decision was made to stick to the last Tuesday of each month and hold meetings at the Axe & Cleaver

Minutes were approved.

2. Update from Treasurer

The bank account currently has £2316 and Mark has about £155 to pay into the bank. Mark had also received about £250 from the Council for recent events. However, Mark said the 2012 accounts are still waiting for the auditor to audit

Action – 2012 Accounts need to be approved once they have been audited

3. Survey Monkey Questionnaire

David produced a list of 10 questions with his reasoning behind each question. Martin suggested the reasoning be incorporated into the questions so people could see why they were being asked. David said the current email distribution list was about 125 people.

Action – MB to type up the questions into Survey Monkey and then notify DM

4. DOWD Leaflet

David had approached ABC Printing about the cost of printing the leaflets. Costs were £434 for 10,000 and £695 for 20,000. Plastic leaflet holders ranged from £1.50 to £1.25 depending on how many ordered. Paul also suggested a couple of amendments to the wording and the date and venue of meetings needed to be updated.

Action – PB to draft a small passage on Equal Opportunities that can be added to the leaflet then forward to MB to make final amendments

Action – DM to contact Council to find out approximate numbers of Primary school children in South Herefordshire area and enquire about possible funding for print costs

5. Rainforest Roadshow Feedback

Thanks to Rob for organising the event. The event was well attended and it was good to see some more new faces and some Dads that had not been for a while. Rob also got some more Photo Consent Forms signed.

Action - RS to email Rainforest Man to thank him as well as the caretakers at Ashfield Park School

Action – RS to write a press release for the Ross Gazette

6. Equal Opportunities

Paul had reviewed the Councils suggested Equal Opportunities Policy and said it needed updating. It was pointed out that accessibility should be considered when organising events. This includes access to venues and the activities themselves. This may mean considering an alternative activity in the same area e.g. a low level walk or flat bike route in addition to a mountain walk or off-road bike route. Rob suggested monitoring events to see who comes to what event. A bit should also be added to

the leaflet regarding Equal Opportunities. It was also suggested incorporating a question into the Survey Monkey Questionnaire to see if any children/dads have any specific needs. The key thing is to be aware!

Action - PB to update Equal Opportunities Policy

Action – MB to add a question about needs to Survey Monkey Questionnaire

7. Future Events

Rob had finally heard back from the Bell Ringers at Much Marcle and they were happy to do an event with us. However there would have to be something else happening as not everyone could go up the bell towers at the same time. Rob suggested enquiring about the Memorial Hall opposite the church and perhaps having an 'English Summer Afternoon' event with Morris Dancing and a game of cricket. The nearby Weston's Cider tour would be expensive and involve transport between the 2 venues. Huw had also volunteered to organise a cycling event. There was also the possibility of using the St Weonards Activity Centre although nothing had been arranged.

The following events were proposed:

April – Cycling event in the Forest of Dean

Action – MB to contact HR about organising this

May – JR to organise a walk – possibly Sugar Loaf

June – No event as yet

Action – RS to email new dads who attended Rainforest Roadshow to see if they have ideas or can volunteer to organise an event

July – DM to organise a Family Camp at Wigmore – Possibly with some archery as part of the weekend

Action - MB would also enquire about a possible ice skating event in Cardiff which was very popular a couple of years ago

Action - Rob would follow up the 'English Summer Afternoon' event for late September.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 30th April – 8.30pm and the Axe & Cleaver Pub