

Days Out With Dad Committee Meeting

Tuesday 25th June 2013

Present: David, Mark, Huw, Martin, Tim (SureStart Leominster), Jordan

Apologies: Paul

1. Welcome

2 new Dads were welcomed to the meeting. Tim who runs a Dads Group through SureStart Leominster came along to find out a little more about DOWD and how it operated. Jordan is a dad from Ross who saw an advert and said there were a few dads in the Ross area that would be interested in DOWD

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

DOWD Accounts are now up on the website
Minutes were approved.

3. Leaflet

Martin had forwarded a final draft to David. David said he would see if the Council can part fund the printing costs. The leaflet was a bit late for the new parents evening but it was thought it might be better if the leaflets were distributed in September when the autumn programme is in place as the next event is the weekend camp, which could be a little daunting for a first possible event.

Action – DM to contact the Council about part funding leaflet printing costs

4. Health & Safety Policy

Huw had reviewed the H&S policy and made some amendments. The policy was approved and just needs to be signed.

Action – HR to sign, then scan policy and forward to DM

5. Equal Ops Policy Review

Paul was unable to attend the meeting so the Equal Ops Policy review will be looked at the next meeting

Action – MB to add the Equal Ops Policy Review to the next meeting

6. Summer Camping

The Summer Camping weekend was now up on the website.

Action – DM to enquire about the possibility of some archery and put together a programme for the weekend

Action – DM to get a quote for a BBQ

7. Funding – Update & Future Considerations

DOWD had received £269 from the Council for previous events as part of the 'Involve a Dad' match-funding, however DM commented that the Council had gone a bit silent recently. The bank account has £2346 which is enough to keep everything going for a year. David said that it would be possible to make another Lottery Application if we needed to.

8. Future Events

A date had been set for an activity weekend with BODS at St Weonards which needs to be put on the website. A lot of activities are available on a pay per activity basis. It was suggested that people are polled when they sign up as to what they want to do. There is a range of activities to suit both young and older children.

Action – DM to liaise with SH about the event and get it up on the website

Llama trekking in the Golden Valley. The idea had originally been put forward by Gary K, possibly for Sept/Oct but was quite expensive and would need the Council to part fund the event. DM was currently waiting for a quote.

Action – DM to liaise with GK

Huw also said he would explore a canoe option, possibly at the canoe centre near Orcop Hill

Action – HR to find out costings and possible dates

9. Further Advertising

Jordan suggested DOWD have a Facebook page to increase further adverting of the group and future events. It would also be a way of increasing 'Google Hits'. There was some concern about how anyone could add a message to the page which could be an issue if the comment was negative.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 23rd July – 8.30pm and the Axe & Cleaver Pub