

Blandford Scout Group Meeting - Monday 23rd November 2015

Attendees: Dave Smith (chair), Alison Jervis (treasurer), Felicity Hopkins (secretary), Shelley Gamble (bookings), Sam Elliott (Beaver Leader), Chis Minchella, Sharon Jones, Alexis Tanner

Apologies: Gary Rice (Group Scout Leader), James Holbrook, Sandra Wellstead, Paul Eaton

Chairmans Report

As far as the Hut is concerned all is going forward to date. Fire extinguishers checked, two have been replaced and certificate has been granted. All Fire Doors now replaced and the main door rebuilt, painting is still urgently needed. A big Thank You must go out to all that turned out for the Armistice Parade, it was a great turn out and well appreciated by all concerned.

We had a bad incident with Hut whilst being hired out. The new window in the Disabled Toilet was broken from the outside. It has now been replaced and the bill sent to the hirers. Due to the incident and the noise of that night I was requested to visit The Vicarage that is behind the grounds to see Mr & Mrs Triffitt. It was pointed out how bad the noise and shouting was that evening and Mrs Triffitt came round to the Hut to see what was happening and request they tone it down. This was at around 11pm. They have asked to be informed of any non-scouting activities so that they know whether it should be going on. They have also requested whether a time limit could be out of Fireworks and Music. For the time being, I have told them what is going on in the Hut and given them my phone numbers to use if there is another problem. I believe the good will of the neighbors is of the utmost importance and feel we should lay down some rules around these issues.

Minutes of The Last Meeting

All approved and signed

Treasurers Report

Accounts have been audited. There are 2 dormant bank accounts. £9,260 in a/c currently.

Group Scout Leaders Report

DBS paperwork to be completed.

Beaver Leader Report

There is a new colony starting in January. 2 mums will be helping Sam on Tuesdays evenings. 14 out of 19 Beavers attended the Armistice Parade. Need to know the name of the 2nd Beaver Colony. New Colony to commence Friday nights 5:15-6:30pm

Cub Report

No cub report submitted

Scout Report

Taking part in various activities, like Air Rifle Shooting at Stallbridge, Climbing at QE Leisure Centre and Lazerquest. 28 Scouts in total, subs almost up to date.

DBS

All sorted by Sam.

Program for Hut Maintenance

Alexis Tanner still trying to get husband to speak with Howdens, if not, she will do it herself. Dave raised the question, should the kitchen be 'stainless steel'? He knows of a place near Bournemouth Airport that sells off Second Hand commercial kitchens. Has no idea of cost but wanted to raise to see gather opinions. Dave thinks there is a strong argument for Stainless Steel due to hygiene and everything is then on show. It was agreed Kitchen is up for discussion around Feb/March time. Need to price everything up. Dave advised he has a van. Need to think about when to do kitchen re: bookings! There is a problem relating to a beam under the floor which needs to be looked at. Also new flooring. Alexis advised Howdens could possibly help with this.

Railway still painting inside. Paint is best kept in 1st Stores. There is now a workbench, brushes, thinners etc. Sam Ryall and friends may do some painting.

Fund Raising

Group met up and are meeting again this coming Monday 30/11/15. They have a pitch at the Yuletide Festival. Suggestions were as follows;

Beavers to do - jars for a raffle/tombola

Cubs to do - pick a lolly?

Scouts to do - splat the rat?

£1 for 3 tickets. Sam has got raffle tickets. Need 3 floats of suggested £50 each. Would also like Battery Operated Fairy Lights and Scouting Banners. Sam has looked into these and can get 2 for £90 and believes these can be used for lots of things. Beavers have a rota to man the stall. Set up and close down needed and car registration needs to be given in advance.

Any ideas re: Tuckshop speak to Shelley. A new sweet shop has opened in town down Tabernacle Walk plus there is the chocolate factory.

Shelley asked is anyone had a gazebo for use at Yuletide Festival, Chris Minchella advised she has one and they could use it.

Any Other Business

Quartermaster

Shane McDonald showed an initial interest in this role, but feedback received suggested things may have changed. Dave advises there are 2 more potential people who want to be involved.

Fireworks

It was agreed by all committee members that Fireworks would be permitted to internal hirers only with a curfew of 10pm. This was agreed as we have a good relationship with neighbors and want to keep it this way.

Music

It was agreed by all committee members present that Music should be finished by 11pm and e premises vacated by 12pm

Telling Residents

Dave found a glass fronted notice board so his intentions are to rebuild, make waterproof, put up and place schedule of forthcoming events for neighbors to see. All agreed to give this a try.

Larger Tables

Shelley asked "Can we have these out?" Dave agreed. Might need to look at swapping stores around. Shift chairs from inside to stores and move tables in. Shelley advised this would be very useful for bookings. 3 stacks of 10 suitable for most events. This would prevent Shelley being called out.

Parking

Issue with parking and blocking people in. Sam advised she could get some signs done at work. Dave to make some A4 signs and laminate them for the time being.

Keys

Needs to be a log of who has keys and no record exists. Also, many have keys out there and are no longer needed. 1 key per unit and use key safe. Keycode last changed March 2015, so it was agreed to change the code on March 2016 to 6130. County would need to be informed of key ode change. Dave advised he has put new phone numbers on list outside in case people turn up and can't get in.

Next Meeting

Monday 25th January 2016. Felicity advised she can no longer make Monday meetings due to other commitments. Committee to look at half term dates for future meetings.