

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee – 23 March 2009

Present

Alan Lewis	Brian Donaldson	Robbie Livingstone	Sandra Baldock
David Smythe	Brian McCreary	Jim Ogg	Ian Blance
Caird Millar	Maureen Patton	Anthony Judge	Neill Blance
Kate Blanche	Lisa Hoey	Judy Livingstone	Jim Morrison
Rory Macgregor	Dave Bennet	Gina Boyle	
Nicola Macgregor	David Wilkie	Shaw Murrie	

Apologies

Mary Ann Coburn	Lorna Brown
Robert Hoey	Catherine Scott

Meeting was opened by Chairman Rory Macgregor and thanks were given for those in attendance.

Everyone was given a copy of the Agenda for meeting and checklist for Gala.

1.Gala	A show of hands was asked for and everyone present was in favour of organising a Gala, the proposed date of Sunday 14 th June was discussed and agreed upon. Matters regarding the dance were discussed and the general consensus was to have the dance either the Friday or Saturday before the gala or the Saturday after the gala. Discussion carried forward to the matter of a possible purchase hire of marquee. Due to the lack of funds and shortness of time it was agreed that this should be looked into in more detail and would not be an option for the 2009 Gala.
2. Action Groups	Chairman set out his proposed idea of how the Parks Committee should work and his suggestion of action groups for Business, Community, Entertainments, Gardens, School and Sports met with a good response. It was made clear that each of these Action Groups would be headed up by a coordinator and thus volunteers to head/take part in the aforementioned action groups were asked for. We will follow up on this in the coming months as the gala takes precedence at this time.
Business	David Wilkie gave a short briefing on Scottish Business in the community Tayside and explained that the organisation gave free business advice to Charities and community organisations. David has agreed to work with us to formulise a business plan for the Parks Committee, and apply for any grants/funding which may be available and to copy any correspondence to the parks committee.

Community	Discussions were made re the lack of Youth Club or facilities for youths in Methven. It was suggested, if possible, that youth groups should be invited to join the parks committee, and have an input into the gala and any other events which may be organised. Sandra Baldock informed the group that last year a meeting was held in relation to this and a youth worker from Crieff attended to try and organise something. It was noted that approx 65 persons attended that meeting and that there was a desire of something to happen, unfortunately there has been no further progress and Sandra agreed to try and find out if anything was happening regarding this. Rory Macgregor is actively canvassing local community organisations to coordinate their activities with ours.
Entertainments	Kate volunteered to look into options for the dance and it is proposed to be in the Community Centre this year. Alan Lewis to look into booking of the Face painters, Railway and Dogs.
Gardens	David Wilkie to look into any possible grants/funding for hanging baskets, floral displays. Discussions moved to trying to make more use of the den. Alan Lewis spoke of projects which had previously been completed with the assistance of the Forestry Commission and the fact that 2 benches were still to be placed. It was suggested that further rubbish bins and dog fouling bins were placed at the top side of the den and in the main park to ease the problem of litter.
Schools	Dave Bennet of the PTA spoke and emphasised the fact that the school were keen to get involved with the gala and any projects for the den.
Sports	Tennis and Football club to be contacted and discussions to be made regarding their use of park facilities. It was suggested a calendar of events be drawn up to enable a clear picture and to avoid any future problems – Roy Hoey to arrange this.
3. Recycling area	David Smythe gave a short update regarding the proposed Recycling area at the park, a meeting was held on the 18 March 2009 with PKC and Councillor Lumsden. The idea was met with mixed reviews and it was decided that this should be discussed at greater length at another meeting. There is no rush to decide anything although PKC are very keen to have a recycling facility in Methven. Dunning has similar site to that which is proposed and they too are independent and a copy of their agreement with council to be obtained and looked at.
4. AOB	It was suggested that everyone think of ideas for the Gala and write them down in preparation for the next meeting and say whether/how they would be willing to organise that idea. The next meeting was agreed to take place in 2 weeks time at 7.30pm in The Methven Arms, this meeting will be to solely make firm arrangements for the Gala.
5. Next Meeting	Monday 6th April, 7.30pm, Methven Arms This meeting will be to solely make firm arrangements for the Gala.