

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee – 13 July 2009

Present

Roy Hoey Jim Ogg Ian Blance
David Smythe David Wilkie Dave Bennet
Neill Blance Maureen Patton Kate Blanche

Apologies

Rory Macgregor Nicola Macgregor Elaine Boyd Brian Falconer
Gina Boyle Alan Lewis Caird Millar Shaw Murrie
Lisa Hoey Catherine Scott Margaret Graham Alan Smith
Brian Donaldson Sandra Baldock Brian McCreary Philip Paterson

Meeting was opened by Secretary Roy Hoey and thanks were given for those in attendance.

Everyone was given a copy of the Agenda for meeting.

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| 1. Funding Update | David Wilkie mentioned we had missed out on the £250 grant from the Environmental agency but that he would diary for us to apply in March 2010 so that this grant could be 'ring-fenced' for us. Park charges still to be finalised by Rory McGregor. Energy bills – It was agreed that two possible ways to charge for this. Ideally a card system would be preferred, however, if this was not possible the energy charge should be included within the park charge and renamed a facility charge. This could be accomplished by apportioning the yearly electric bill between the MPC and the facility users (tennis club, 3 football clubs). This could be reviewed annually to take energy rising costs into consideration. |
| 2. Den | The den cleanup went well. Thank you to all who participated. Unfortunately we were rained off on Sunday. The higher area of the den still needs to be done. Den boundaries – A question was raised as to the boundaries. Need to consult a map of the area. Rory possibly has a map of the den. It was agreed that a notice needs to be done about the dog pooh. This has become a problem. Picnic benches – Roy to chase this up. Bat boxes – Must be made of untreated wood and draught proof. Ian Blance to construct these. Probably a dozen boxes will be made. Plaque – Roy to chase up historic Scotland about getting a plaque in the den mentioning the battle of Methven. A nature notice can be put alongside this. |

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| <p>3. Duck race</p> | <p>Awaiting update on children’s activities from Kate Blanche. Our post mistress has bought a Mummy duck to help sell ducks. Activities on day – Sausage, burger bar Pony Ride was suggested by Roy Hoey. The glebe is a wide open area perfect for this. Possible wheel barrow race. Due to the lack of rain that we have had this summer and the low burn, it was suggested that the duck race for 2010 should be held in the spring months.</p> |
| <p>4. AOB</p> | <p>Floor hire 14/8/09 – Gordon Halley, Crieff. Help required in putting down on 11/8/09 and lifting on 17/8/09. Youth meeting – Progressive meeting with social worker. Looking to start up a youth club. Due to the distance involved, no-one can spare time to deliver and collect the pole fight equipment. Ian states that this should fit unto a roof rack. A returnable deposit should be made on any hire of this.</p> |
| <p>5. Next Meeting</p> | <p>Monday 27th July, 7.30pm, Methven Arms This meeting will finalise activities for the duck race.</p> |