

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee - 18 May 2009

Present

Andrew Dunlop	David Wilkie	David Bennett	Gina Boyle
C McKay	Caird Millar	Rory Macgregor	Brian Donaldson
Roy Hoey	Jim Ogg	Sandra Baldock	Elaine Boyd
Iain Blance	Maureen Patton	Brian McCleary	Kate Blanche

Apologies

Catherine Scott	Neill Blance	Margaret Graham	Lisa Hoey
Alan Lewis	David Smythe		

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

Everyone was given a copy of the Agenda for the meeting.

1. Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roy went over previous minutes
2. Funding update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update. Awaiting reply to forms issued to the council and other funding bodies.
3. Gala - Stalls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRI & Methven Church guild – Gina did not get the form. She (and Sheena Johnson) has confirmed that the WRI and church will have a stall selling home-baking. Primary School – Sandra Baldock confirms that Sarah Anderson is to have a school stall. Bowling Club – not interested. Karate – Nikki to find out on Thursday. Cadets – Rory confirmed that Cadets cannot make it.
4. Gala - Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rory met David Paul (Active Schools Coordinator) about the Mini Highland Games and David has given us the use of the equipment needed. He has also provided insight into how it should be run. David cannot make it on the day but will speak with a colleague who may help with setting it up. Pram Race – This has now been changed to a wheelbarrow race and will be coordinated by Iain Blance. Football - 4 teams signed up for competition – The winners will gain the Methven Post Office Shield and each a mini shield. The runners up will get medals. Roy has approached the primary school to hopefully get use of their nets. Primary School – sadly the school does not feel it can contribute at this time. BBQ - Jane Falconer, Alan Lewis, Neill Blance & David Smythe – Food to be supplied by Lindsay's the butchers. Gazebo's, tents etc – To be checked week before the Gala to make sure they are still useable. Rory to contact a team prior to that day. Prizes – about 25% of companies have responded with decent prizes ranging from a £5 voucher to a golfing for four and shooting. Doctor - no response yet. Police - no response yet. Group to get together to discuss site plan for day Flyers – to be distributed by Scouts around the village on 3rd June Posters – To be put up before the flyers. Area's suggested – Pubs, council buildings, doctors, local business's, local newspapers. Neill and Rory to make up roadside posters. Pillow Fight – Require Mats to cushion the fall. Sandra to see if someone within the youth will help with this event. Car park – Jim & Shaw will be the initial volunteers with a rota set up for other volunteers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ducks for a future duck race will be sold at the Gala. • A strict timetable needs to be set out before the next meeting. • The Kids & Adults Dance has been booked for Saturday 20th June. The DJ will only cost £50 and local business's to be approached regarding supplying stovies. Other entertainment is being considered for the dance such as a donkey derby and raffle.
5. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Paul is also a good contact for Youth work and has suggested a meeting in Methven for interested parties. Rory to confirm dates. • Recycling – Rory has arranged a meeting with Wilma Lumsden 21st May. • Den - Constitution for Den has not scanned properly and needs some work on it to make it legible. Rory & Roy will do this. • Den – Rory, Roy, David Wilkie and Alan Stewart (Tayside Police Wildlife Liaison Officer) took a walk through the Den so Alan could better understand what was available. A few ideas were mooted about what can be done for the community and Alan committed to getting some information for us. One interesting idea was a 'bat survey'. • Dance Floor – Jim Ogg to make another floor 40' x 24' cost to be finalised. Roy & Rory to draw up a letter than can be issued to possible interested parties in terms of a marketing ploy. The floors can also be advertised in the local newspapers. • Roy has approached the Perthshire Country rangers in connection with managing the 'Den'. Awaiting The Ranger for Methven Area to make contact. • Curtain sided trailer – Caird Millar to ask Mr Steel if we can borrow a trailer for the Perth 106FM roadshow.
6. Date of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 1st June 2009 at 7.30pm - Methven Arms Hotel

Message from the Chairman:

You will note from the minutes of this and previous meetings which I have had the privilege to chair that the attendances have dropped considerably from our first meeting. While I completely understand that we cannot always attend, this concerns me greatly as I depend very much on your support, advice and goodwill. We all have a stake in the committee, and it cannot simply be a small group that runs everything. Please continue where possible, to support the Parks Committee, and if you cannot attend and/or have something to contribute let us know beforehand so this may be added into the agenda. I am very positive about what we as a group can achieve in the village and you should know that your continued support is much appreciated. Thank you.