

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee - 21st August 2012

1) PRESENT Brian Donaldson, Joanne Donaldson, Ian Blance, John Whyte, Sarah Fergusson, Alan Lewis, Shaw Murie, Brian McLeary
APOLOGIES Maureen Patton, Debbie Frame, Neil Blance, Rory MacGregor, Nikki MacGregor, Morag Latto, Tommy Latto, Bob Chisholm

The meeting was opened by Brian Donaldson our Chairman and very sincere thanks were given to those in attendance.

2) Previous Minutes were proposed by Joanne Donaldson and seconded by Sarah Fergusson

3) Duck Race - JD confirmed that there are posters in Methven Post Office and Chemist and she will also ask the local Jet Garage and Burnbrae Garage to display them.

SF - to put details of duck race on Facebook (done 210812)

AL - confirmed that he will check the approximate numbers of ducks and liasse with JD re numbers

Ducks are for sale at 1.00 per duck.

The event will commence at 12.30 at the Glebe and the duck race will commence at 2.30.

Honeys Ice Cream, Bouncy Castle, Pony Rides (providing Nugget is well), Face Painting (JD will speak to Debbie Frame to check her availability to face paint), Hook a duck, BBQ and Tea and Coffees will be available.

SM will arrange bouncy castle and advise JD

JD will arrange advertisement in the Perthshire Advertiser

JD will arrange for leaflets to be dropped in school bags at Methven Primary School

IF ANYONE HAS TIME, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DO SOME HOME BAKING TO SELL AT THE RACE

SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2012 the Parks Committee will leaflet drop in Methven, please meet at the Goth Car Park at 1pm.

4) Den and Playing Fields - BD and IB attempted to clean off the graffiti at the skate park. It has made a slight difference and looks better.

SM will speak with Stan Knight regarding heaters for the showers in the pavillion, for costs, advice etc

BD advised the committee that another football team from Letham have started to use the park and suggested that a calender of games/training dates were drawn up, this was agreed with by everyone.

BD stated he would speak to Tommy Latto about the cost of training/games for football teams and compare what other parks charge to what we charge.

BD advised that himself and AL had a meeting with Scottish and Southern regarding Culdeesland Road and they have confirmed that themselves and the council have agreed to remove the wooden poles and re tarmac Culdeesland Road, timescale unknown.

BD stated that Scottish and Southern have replaced the steps at the den. Asked the committee for suggestions about what other things we could utilise Scottish and Southern for, ideas mentioned were bridge painting, bench painting.

THE NEXT DEN TIDY UP HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR 2nd SEPTEMBER 2012

5) AOB -

BD stated that the plans for the Beer Festival are going well and was pleased to announce that

Strathbran Distillery have got 2 beers for us

SF- suggested we look at holding car boot sales at the park, outwith football season, she confirmed she has spoken to Perthshire Advertiser who confirmed they will do adverts FOC for us. She also confirmed with PKC that no licence would be required for us to run such an event.

BM confirmed that Methven Post Office have removed the notice board, they have confirmed that they will replace it

SM - discussed with the committee the possibility of us purchasing units of the forthcoming book written by local author Jim Morrison, however the committee felt this was not feasible at this time.

SF and AE - discussed with the committee the forthcoming plans and applications for funding regarding the park. It was agreed that we would have 2 plans moving forward and attempt to get further consultation with the village. SF to speak to PKC re timescales (I have since spoken to them and they cant get figures in time for application with the lottery it would be January 2013 which is a month after the closing date of the application. I have spoken to the National Lottery and emailed them to confirm this and I am awaiting a decision whether they will accept the funding application without approximate figures, I will update you in due course)

SF - suggested that there is a lack of understanding in the village about what the committee does and suggested we put on the back of the duck race flyers what we have done this year and what we hope to achieve and ask once again for help, this was agreed eventually.

Sf - suggested we have a seperate bank account for donations/funding etc for the park renovation to seperate it from the day to day running accounts

SF- advised the committee that we have the backing from the local councillor Alan Livingstone who has advised he will help word letters to local companies asking for donations. It was agreed that we would not target our usual generous donators ie Bell Tree, Lawsons and Chati and SF asked BF to provide her with details of who usually donates to ensure we do not send letters to them.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING TBC