

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee

27th November 2012



Present

Brian Donaldson
Shaw Murie
Alan Lewis
Sarah Ferguson

Tommy Latto
Rory Macgregor
Ian Blance

Morag Latto
John Whyte
Brian McCleary

Jim Bain
Alan Elder
Margaret Graham

Apologies

Debbie Frame

Nikki Macgregor

Rob Chisholm

Joanne Donaldson

The meeting was opened by Chairman Alan Lewis and very sincere thanks were given for those in attendance. This was a poor attendance and it is very much hoped our members can fill the seats at subsequent meetings.

1. Previous Minutes	<i>Previous minutes were proposed by Rory Macgregor and seconded by Brian McCleary</i>	<i>Action by</i>
2. Finance/Funding	<p>The Beerfest accounts would be reported toward the end of the meeting.</p> <p>Sarah Ferguson gave a status report on the funding process for our playing fields upgrade project. Our first Lottery application has been submitted and if successful a second, more in depth, will be submitted after consultations have been completed.</p> <p>Sarah mentioned there is a Voluntary Action Fund that we could dig into which would be helpful in terms of training members for H&S, cooking and other jobs required by us.</p> <p>Sarah also mentioned that the Council can provide a 'contingency fund' to cover such things as a shortfall in expected earnings from our Gala. Alan Lewis thanked Sarah asked her to follow up on all counts and report back to the Chair.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>SF</p>
3. Den	<p>Alan Lewis reported that the SSE work will commence Friday 30th November and may continue over the weekend. This will impact on the public use of the Den, but it is work required and HS&E rules must be followed.</p> <p>A number of members brought up the subject of improvements to the Den and the Glebe. It was agreed to take this offline and report back after consulting appropriate stakeholders/experts.</p>	<p>AL</p> <p>AL</p>
4. Playing Fields	<p>Alan Lewis reported some repairs and maintenance on childrens playing equipment. Members expressed thanks to the Council for this work.</p> <p>Brian Donaldson reported on a conversation with our Councillor, Alan Livingstone, regarding the 'hole' at the main gate to our park. Alan is rather</p>	<p>RM</p>

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	angry and frustrated with the lack of progress and feedback from various agencies involved, but will continue to push forward. The Secretary will follow up and report back.	
5. Beer Festival	<p>It was noted that the Beerfest this year was a great success notwithstanding the lower numbers attending. It is obvious that there are very many more real ale 'fans' attending and that we have much more interest in the event from outside our village.</p> <p>John Whyte reported on the accounts and that we have made a tidy profit which will go back into our community to continue the good work of the MPC. A vote of thanks to all who supported and helped out on the day.</p> <p>The Secretary will write a formal letter of thanks to the media stressing our sincere thanks to sponsors and supporters, and to indicate the date for our next Beerfest which is now confirmed as 23rd November 2013.</p>	RM & BD
6. AOB	<p>The craft fair held on Saturday 20th October proved to be a great success and raised £150.00 for the MPC. Thank you to all.</p> <p>Christmas Lights/Carol Singing (Fri 14 Dec @6:30pm):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tree will be delivered on 9th December at 1pm. Help will be needed to set this up. Please contact the Secretary if you are available. • Secretary to contact The Bell Tree Inn to arrange mulled wine. • Secretary to contact Church and Members regarding sandwiches and soup. • Secretary to arrange advertising. <p>MPC to donate £50.00 to the Old Folks Dinner fund.</p> <p>Alan Elder suggested the adoption of a 50/50 Club to raise much needed funds. This was agreed and Alan will report back to the Chair on proposals.</p> <p>The Secretary requested a copy of the Survey results from Alan Elder.</p> <p>Rory Macgregor has agreed to carry on in a temporary position as Secretary. If we have any members, or anyone in our community, willing to take this position on, please contact Rory as soon as possible. This will be greatly appreciated.</p>	<p>NM</p> <p>RM</p> <p>NM</p> <p>AE</p> <p>AE</p>

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 15th January 2013 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre back annex.