

# Minutes of Methven Parks Committee

19<sup>th</sup> Sep 2012



## Present

Joanne Donaldson  
Shaw Murie  
Alan Lewis

Brian Donaldson  
Rory Macgregor  
Rob Chisholm

Tommy Latto  
John Whyte

Morag Latto  
Alan Elder

## Apologies

Hamish Young  
Debbie Frame  
Maureen Patton

Sarah Fergusson  
David Smyth

Nikki Macgregor  
Yvonne Mitchell

Dave Bennett  
Sandra Baldock

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

<b>2. Previous Minutes</b>	<i>Previous minutes were proposed by Alan Lewis and seconded by John Whyte</i>	<b>Action by</b>
<b>3. Den</b>	<p>MPC have expressed great thanks to our friends at Scottish and Southern Energy for their hard work in reinstalling steps in the Den. We will post photos on our website and Facebook page for all to see and admire.</p> <p>We hope to firm up the burn edges with new stones during the monthly Den cleanup on <b>Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>. BD and AL will source stone for this. AL will contact a tree surgeon to advise on appropriate non-indigenous species of tree to be cut away. We hope to get another team from SSE to assist with this task.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>AL</p>
<b>4. Playing Fields</b>	<p>BD advised that the Culdeesland Road resurfacing (at the park entrance) will go ahead October 12 onward.</p> <p>Our funding team are working very hard on the new playing field project and making good headway, and a village wide survey will be taken on what is wanted in the new set up. Costs for drawings and plans will be offset from the funds currently available, currently held by Perth &amp; Kinross Council.</p> <p>There was some discussion on the proposed layout of new football pitches, and it was agreed that TL and AE will meet up to survey and agree sizes.</p>	
<b>5. Duck Day</b>	<p>JD expressed thanks to all who assisted and made the day such a great success. The Duck Day event made a profit of £556.00 which will go straight back into village facilities.</p> <p>Thanks to David Smythe and Ian Blance for preparing of the field again. This is an annual task and we are most grateful for their help.</p> <p>There was some disquiet over the lack of support at the Duck Day from long</p>	

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	<p>standing village members, however it was agreed by all that this is simply the Methven way.</p> <p>Big thanks to Almondbank Church for once again donating the Bouncy Castle to our event. We are always very grateful for this support.</p>	
<b>6. Beer Festival</b>	<p>The organisers will now get going with the hard work of putting this valuable event together. The economic situation may dictate a drop in our financial sponsorship this year, but it is hoped that our friends in the local businesses, together with individuals who have sponsored us previously, will continue to do so. RM will canvass opinion and seek support.</p> <p>RM and BD reported on a meeting with Tayside CAMRA members which proved successful, and it is hoped we will gain increasing support from Tayside CAMRA. We will be setting up several strands of advertising and reporting to local newspapers and publications which we hope will put our message of community support out to a wider audience.</p> <p>RM reported on breweries who have expressed an interest in supporting the Beerfest this year who include Inveralmond, Carnoustie, Strathbraan, Valhalla and Thistly Cross.</p>	RM & BD
<b>7. AOB</b>	<p>A craft fair will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October to support the Community Centre and the MPC. Help required and please contact AL if available.</p> <p>Ludi How has once again very kindly donated £50.00 to the MPC. We are most grateful.</p> <p>ML asked about availability of the large tables held out at the farm. These can be made available on request.</p> <p><b>BD, once again, informed all present that the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary positions will become vacant at our AGM in October. He asked that our community please consider their availability, and that of any friends and colleagues in the village.</b></p> <p><b>Without an exec committee we cannot continue.</b></p>	AL

**Date of Next Meeting (AGM) – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 at 7:00pm in the Community Centre back annex.**