

Minute of Methven Parks Committee

AGM Tuesday 23rd October 2012

Present

Brian Donaldson, Joanne Donaldson, Shaw Murrie, Alan Elder, Rob Chisholm, Alan Lewis, Morag Latto, Tommy Latto, Jim Bain, Ian Blance, A Livingstone, Ludi Howe, Margaret Graham, Sarah Fergusson, John Whyte, Maureen Patton, Nikki Macgregor.

Apologies

Hamish Young, Debbie Frame, Rory Macgregor, Sandra Baldock, Neill Blance, Yvonne Mitchell, David Smyth, Dave Bennett.

1. Previous Minutes

Previous AGM minutes were issued at the meeting - proposed by John Whyte, seconded by Jim Bain.

2. Chairperson's/Secretary's Report

Beer Festival – good turnout again this year able to source ales/ciders direct this year so will be cheaper.

Carol Singing – another good night – not so good a turnout – grateful thanks to Belltree for providing Mulled Wine. Hopefully more festive weather this year and possibly look at a midweek date for the school to get involved.

Gala – JD complimented on all her hard work on the Gala especially the lead up. Think we are getting it right – ring more compact, seems fuller with stalls, purchase of gazebos/marquees make set up a lot easier and weather held up. Some complaints about the entrance fee but nothing to worry about. Attempted Gala Dance – not a success – everyone washed out after long day. Grand Raffle a great success. Happy for Saturday Gala than a Sunday at least everyone gets a day to recover. More picnic tables still to be placed in park.

Floor Hires – 2 good hires this year – a lot of work as both bookings close together – Get word out about availability of Floor hire.

Duck Race – another successful year - great excitement as water quite low for ducks. Many new faces – but not as many regular participants.

Den tidy up in July/August – lots of ongoing work to be carried out. SSE have completed various work like laying slabs for their work in the Community days with additional work scheduled for a Friday in November when the Den will be closed to the Public (advise with posters on day as will not get much notice) to allow felling of non-native trees - trying to encourage more wildlife (red squirrels, otter and pinemartin have been seen) – School also released salmon they had hatched in class – hopefully they will return next year. SSE going to paint Pavilion in April. When SSE come back next year will organize newspaper article/photograph – show we really appreciate their help.

GSBrown money – SF and group are doing lots of work trying to arrange funding, proposed alterations to park – all ongoing. Telegraph pole has been sorted – awaiting Council to get road done – hopefully soon.

3. Den Co-ordinators Report

Monthly Saturday clear ups working out not too bad again same 3 or 4 people turn up. Should we consider changing day? More cutting getting done with flail(?) seems more under control. Car Park

tidier – no rubbish being dumped. Need to build side of burn up before path lost – see if Robbie Livingstone can bring his mini-digger down and pull out stone from burn. DS has plenty of stones at farm just a case of bring down to Den. Again problem with Dog's dirt in den – Dog Warden does not seem to be following up – may be time for more posters – IB thought problem not so bad in Park but MP stated pitch has to be cleared before boys play football.

4. Treasurer' Report

Copy of Accounts for year ending 31st August 2012 were issued at meeting

- 50% grant given from PKC for upgrade of electricity in Pavilion .
- Great increase in gala income – good day and raffle helped.
- Beer festival earned more this year too!

Pavilion – standing charges for electric are costing about £1 per day – looking at ways of changing this – JB suggested trying SSE whether they would have standing charges. Calor gas not feasible. New Committee to take forward.

5. Nomination of new committee

Chairperson – Alan Lewis - proposed by JD, seconded by SM

Vice Chairperson – Shaw Murrie - proposed by IB, seconded by AL.

Treasurer - Nikki Macgregor - proposed by AL, seconded by JW.

Secretary –

Fundraising Secretary – Sarah Fergusson – proposed by NMc, seconded by BD.

Den Co-ordinator - Ian Blance - proposed by SM, seconded by everyone.

Social Secretary – (JD to speak to DF).

Sports Field Co-ordinator - Tommy Latto - proposed by JB, seconded by SF.

All agreed that while those present could not take on a specific role we would all help the New Committee as much as possible until a new Secretary and Social Secretary are appointed.

6. AOCB

Donation received from Metal Detector Group who meet at Cloag Farm – an amazing £643 was handed over. Decided to split money between Fundraising Group (a new account to be opened to make it easier to keep track of money) and payment for the band at the Beer Festival.

SF stated the Fundraising applications for Lottery funding are to be submitted within next 4 weeks and need contact details for Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, if these not available all work has been unnecessary.

AL stressed we needed Villagers behind us. MG suggested a social get together to try and encourage more people to come along to meetings – article in church magazine, community news in PA possibilities.

Ensure email list updated and that meetings are advertised in shop windows/school etc.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Provisional date TBC - Tuesday 27 November at 7.30pm