

## Minutes of Methven Parks Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012

### Present

Joanne Donaldson  
Ian Blance  
Rory Macgregor

Nikki Macgregor  
John Whyte  
David Smythe

Rob Chisholm  
Alan Elder

Brian Donaldson  
Sarah Fergusson

### Apologies

Hamish Young  
Maureen Patton

Dave Bennett  
Alan Lewis

Morag Latto

Tom Latto

The meeting was opened by Brian Donaldson our Chairman, and very sincere thanks were given on an especially nasty evening for those in attendance.

<p><b>2. Previous Minutes</b></p>	<p><i>Previous minutes were proposed by Rory Macgregor and seconded by Rob Chisholm. Thanks to Sarah for the previous meeting minute taking.</i></p>
<p><b>3. Den &amp; Playing Fields</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June is our next monthly Den maintenance day. We will meet up at 9:30am as usual. Members are urged to pass on the information and ask a friend to help out.</li> <li>• Ian mentioned that a bung from the Tennis Club toilets was coming loose. This needs to be fixed. Ian will contact the Tennis Club.</li> <li>• Ian will contact Perth Electricals to quote for installation of two electric showers in the pavilion.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Gala</b></p>	<p>Very sincere thanks from all to Joanne for the Gala organisation, and to everyone who assisted in any way before, during and after. It was agreed that this was one of the best for many years with so many fine events, stalls and attractions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nikki gave a breakdown of the finances from our Gala which proved to be very healthy. Of course there are a number of factors that have contributed to this, however it is still a great result for our community. We discussed the possibility of using some of the profit for play equipment, however it was agreed that Sarah will request information from P&amp;K Council before proceeding.</li> <li>• Rob and Alan mentioned they had to field a number of complaints about the cost of the Gala car parking, but we all agreed that the charge was sensible depending on the number of occupants.</li> <li>• There were a few complaints to Joanne regarding stall holders and event groups only getting two tickets, however it is a small entrance charge and we all agreed that this should continue.</li> <li>• A great success was the Strathearn Pipe Band, who incidentally have said they would have been happy to have played longer sets. It was great to see members of our community taking a part in the pipe band. We agreed that the Gala team should ask the pipe band back next year. Another success was the new main event ring set up which kept things confined to a smaller but more visible and managed area. One area of concern was placing the Bouncy Castle so close to the bar area. This will be moved away next year.</li> <li>• Rob asked if we can consider more junior teams for the football next Gala. This was agreed.</li> </ul>



## Minutes of Methven Parks Committee – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We had a short discussion surrounding the Gala Dance. Sadly, once again a small minority of our community created mindless trouble causing what should have been a fine end to a good day to be closed early. It was agreed that any future MPC organised evening events will be managed in a different way, and the dance moved to a different day. Details will be looked into by the working committee.</li></ul> <p><b>The date for the 2013 Methven Gala has been set for 8<sup>th</sup> June.</b></p>
5. Duck Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Date set for <u>9<sup>th</sup> September</u>.</li><li>Flyers will be given out for school bags.</li><li>We will discuss arrangements at the August meeting (tba).</li></ul>
6. Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sarah gave a brief outline of a very good and informative meeting with P&amp;K Council regarding the GS Brown funding arrangements. All agreed that we should seek 'match funding' on this gift. Thanks to Sarah for this hard work.</li><li>Brian confirmed that the annual request for maintenance grant has been applied for.</li></ul>
7AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dance Floor bookings for 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July. Details will be sent out with these minutes.</li><li>Rob mentioned a possible contract for our dance flooring. We agreed he should follow up and report back to Brian.</li><li>John informed the meeting that Jim Cooper had kindly donated a fridge freezer to the MPC. A formal letter of thanks will go out to Jim for this kind gift.</li><li>The 1306 Methven Beer Festival Date has been confirmed as 17<sup>th</sup> November – the Hall is now booked and On The Wagon are playing again. Rory and Brian will begin organisation in July.</li></ul>

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012**