



Methven Parks Committee  
caring for our village green spaces

# Minutes of Methven Parks Committee

## 25th April 2013

**Without increased community support, Methven Parks Committee cannot survive. Winding up this valuable community group would be sad and would mean that the village facilities would not be owned and managed by the village, and like so many other green areas could be sold for development. MPC needs your help, support and your presence.**

### Present

Jim Bain	Ian Blance	Bob Chisholm	Brian Donaldson
Alan Elder	Debbie Frame	Morag Latto	Tom Latto
Alan Lewis	Brian McCleary	Shaw Murie	Brian Tainsh
John Whyte			

### Apologies

Sandra Baldock	Dave Bennett	Neill Blance	Joanne Donaldson
Sarah Ferguson	Nikki Macgregor	Rory Macgregor	

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

<b>1. Previous Minutes</b>	Previous minutes of 21 <sup>st</sup> March proposed by Brian Donaldson and seconded by Bob Chisholm.	<b>Action</b>
<b>2. Finance/Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outstanding bill of £16 for S. Murie.</li> <li>Morag &amp; Tom Latto receiving numerous calls from Gas Board regarding gas bills. John Whyte to contact gas board to rectify this as there are no outstanding bills.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Den</b>	Alan Lewis has spoken to Robbie Livingstone who will come with a digger either Saturday 18th May. Brian Donaldson to arrange collection of tar planings.	BD/AL
<b>4. Playing Fields</b>	Fund raising committee have met re plans for the park. A maximum of 19 car parking spaces will be marked out as either Mother & Toddler or Disabled in line with council health & safety requirements. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding using entrance at skate/cycle track as an overspill car park as this would be cheaper than extending the existing car park. Alan Lewis to check ownership of Bowling Club car park. Shaw Murie suggested potential of using old Curling Club as car park.	RM/AL



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5. Events	<p>GALA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nathan Probeta has very kindly offered to organise teams and supervise teen/adult 5-a-side football competition. Nathan will also sponsor the event by supplying a winner's trophy.</li><li>• Bob Chisholm will arrange games for the junior 5-a-side competition and will buy a trophy on the MPCs behalf.</li><li>• It was agreed that games need to be sited away from cars this year! The pitch is to be marked out and mini goals sourced from somewhere.</li></ul>	DF/AL
6. AOB		

**Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7:30pm  
in the Community Centre back annex.**

**Methven Playing Fields and Den woodland walk are owned by the people of Methven.**

Methven is special as many playing fields throughout Scotland are Council owned. Some have disappeared. A Registered Charity as a King George V Playing Field, the Park and Den woodland walk are run by a **volunteer committee of management from Methven: The Parks Committee.**

Methven Parks Committee has raised funds for major projects like the cycle path, updated play equipment, the Skate Park and improvements in the Den including picnic areas. Other big projects include ongoing work such as upgrade to the pavilion, upgrade to the main car park and entrance, picnic tables and static BBQ stands, together with other work in the Den to save the wild nature of the place. The Committee pays for the park keeper who visits the Park and Den every day tidying up litter amongst other jobs. The Den has had new trees and flowers planted and the paths have been improved. To help raise funds, we run three big events for the village every year which are the Gala, the Duck Race and of course our Methven 1306 Beer Festival.

This is a volunteer community group whose sole existence is the betterment of our community assets. We are deeply grateful to the businesses and individuals who support these works. Please join us and make a difference.

**All funds raised go back into Methven community projects.**