



Methven Parks Committee  
caring for our village green spaces

# Minutes of Methven Parks Committee

## 28<sup>th</sup> August 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

Shaw Murie  
Bob Chisholm

Rory Macgregor  
Alan Lewis

Sarah Ferguson  
Jane Lewis

Nikki Macgregor  
Heda Stuart

### Apologies

Joanne Donaldson  
John Whyte  
Morag Latto

Brian Donaldson  
Brian McCleary  
David Smythe

Jim Bain  
John Whyte  
Ian Blance

Alan Elder  
Maureen Patton  
Tom Latto

**The meeting was opened by Chairman Alan Lewis and very sincere thanks were given for those in attendance.**

<p><b>1. Previous Minutes</b></p>	<p>Previous minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> May proposed by Sarah Ferguson and seconded by Bob Chisholm.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u> The Chairman asked the Secretary to ensure a letter of complaint is sent to the Methven Amateur Football Team regarding some rather inappropriate behaviour of some members after a match recently. This was witnessed by some neighbours who raised this complaint with the committee.</p>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p>RM</p>
<p><b>2. Finance/Funding</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Treasurer Nikki, gave a brief report on a very successful Duck Race. Our committee has made a superb profit £713.10p which will be spent on management of the Den and the playing fields. The Chairman thanked all involved very sincerely and requested this be minuted. It was really nice to see so many families, and the children were a great example to their parents. It was noted that 299 of the 300 ducks were sold, with 140 of these sold in the Post Office. We are once again grateful and indebted to our friends in the Post Office for their support.</li> <li>• The Chairman at this point proposed that we give £300 from the profits to the project. Some discussion was held as to the correct process and it was agreed that no monies would be transferred from profits gained from events, unless agreed beforehand at committee.</li> <li>• It was agreed that £200 from an old, redundant bank account should be transferred into the project account. This account will be closed down by the Treasurer with a new Project account being opened.</li> <li>• The Secretary suggested 50% of any profits made from our Methven 1306 Beerfest go to the project. Agreed.</li> </ul>	



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3. Den	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chairman thanked Ian Blance for the fine repair work carried out on the vandalised (new) picnic bench.</li> <li>The Chairman thanked all volunteers who assisted in preparations for the Duck race on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August.</li> </ul>	
4. Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chairman then gave a short report on his meetings recently between MPC, PKC and the Lottery Funding team. We are now at Stage 2 of the Big Lottery funding application and some hard work will go into the application which must be submitted before 11<sup>th</sup> October.</li> <li>The committee are very grateful to the Perth &amp; Kinross communities team, and in especial Jacqueline Walsh for their valuable support and assistance. The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Sarah for all her very hard work to date as well.</li> </ul>	
5. Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that serious work should now start on our next big event, the Methven 1306 Beerfest. Rory Macgregor and Brian Donaldson to begin the process next week.</li> <li>We agreed that two new events be considered – a Halloween event and an Easter event. Heda Stuart kindly agreed to begin the process of developing ideas for the Easter event as Halloween is just around the corner.</li> </ul>	RM/BD  HS/AL/RM
6. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Because of the increase in dog mess around the village, MPC have agreed to raise awareness again. We now have two banners which are being displayed around the village. We have noted the many good comments regarding these banners, and we are grateful to Methven Primary School for allowing us to display one banner outside their premises.</li> </ul>	

**Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.**

**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 in fact disappeared. A Registered Charity as a King George V Playing Field, Methven village Playing Fields and Den woodland walk are run by a **volunteer committee of management from Methven: Methven 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**