



Methven Parks Committee  
caring for our village green spaces

# Minutes of Methven Parks Committee

## 5<sup>th</sup> December 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 Murrie  
Alan Elder  
John Whyte

Rory Macgregor  
Alan Lewis

Brian Donaldson  
Ian Blance

Brian McCleary  
David Smythe

### Apologies

Joanne Donaldson  
Sandra Boldock  
Morag Latto  
Grace Williams

Graham Young  
Nikki Macgregor  
Tom Latto

Jim Bain  
Debbie Frame  
Sarah Greshon

Bob Chisholm  
Maureen Patton  
Anne-marie Hutton

1. Welcome	The meeting was opened by Chairman Alan Lewis and very sincere thanks were given for those in attendance.	
2. Finance/Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A report was submitted by the Treasurer in her absence and read out by the Chairman. It was agreed that the Beer Festival was a great success and a vote of thanks was given to all who took part and supported this valuable community event.</li> <li>This is the first year that the Beer Festival made a profit <u>without</u> direct assistance from donations as follows:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2013 £93.00</li> <li>2012 -£170.00</li> <li>2011 -£480.00</li> </ul> </li> <li>It was agreed by majority that the Beer Festival will submit £500.00 from profits made to the King George V Jubilee Playing Fields Renovation Project.</li> </ul>	
3. Den	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ian Blance reported that the ford is in need of repair. Shaw Murrie will source brick/stone for this purpose and Ian will source tar chips for paths. Work to commence when weather permits.</li> <li>Drainage required around the lower picnic bench.</li> <li>SSE have indicated April as a start date for work on clearing more non-indigenous trees.</li> <li>Rory reported that we have a serious dog poo problem in the Den/Glebe area. He will take this up with the dog wardens to see if there is anything we can do to reduce the mess. BrianD suggested involvement from MPC in a campaign over some weekends, and BrianM suggested dog poo bag dispensers strategically placed. Rory will investigate.</li> </ul>	<p>IB/SM BD</p> <p>AL</p> <p>RM</p>



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<b>4. Playing Fields</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AlanL reported that the Big Lottery had stated that they will not be in a position to report on our application for funding until March 2014. This is not a problem for us.</li> <li>• AlanL stated that the Perth &amp; Kinross Council funding application is nearly complete. If successful, this will give us the shortfall required for our renovation project. Rory to write to local Councillors requesting their support.</li> <li>• Rory reported that children had requested lighting at the skate park during winter. AlanL will take up with Perth &amp; Kinross Council to investigate possible avenues.</li> <li>• David Smythe will look into removal of broken trees over the playing fields area.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craft Fair 7<sup>th</sup> December               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Circa 20 stalls</li> <li>○ Tables will be sourced and delivered to hall</li> <li>○ Rota for Tea/Coffee/soup to be set up</li> <li>○ <b>Work party required for 7pm Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at Community Centre to set up hall</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Xmas Tree and Lights 13<sup>th</sup> December               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tree kindly donated</li> <li>○ Carol sheets available</li> <li>○ <b>Work party required for 10am Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Community Centre to set up tree and lights</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	AL/IB AL/RM  BS HY
<b>6. AOB</b>	There being no further business the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.	SM

**Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 23rd January 2014 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.**

**Methven Playing Fields and Den woodland walk are privately 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 Jubilee Playing Field 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. A major project for 2014 will renovate the playing fields to install new play equipment to include all ages, to link up the paths and to upgrade the car park. The Committee pays for the park keeper who visits the playing fields and Den every day tidying up litter, amongst other jobs, and these areas are being continuously improved by volunteer work parties for the benefit of our community. 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**