



Methven Parks Committee
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Minutes of Methven Parks Committee

15th January 2013

Present

Bob Chisholm
Shaw Murie
Alan Lewis

Tommy Latto
Rory Macgregor
Ian Blance

David Smythe
Alan Elder
Sarah Ferguson

Jim Bain
Margaret Graham

Apologies

Debbie Frame
John Whyte

Nikki Macgregor
Morag Latto

Brian Donaldson

Joanne Donaldson

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

1. Previous Minutes	Previous minutes were proposed by Ian Blance and seconded by Sarah Ferguson	<i>Action by</i>
2. Finance/Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NTR from Treasurer. Sarah introduced Steven Kane (Council Landscape Architect) who kindly joined us to give a brief overview of the draft plans for the playing fields upgrade project. From what was on display, and the very informative brief given, we are confident that this will be a great step forward for our fine village outdoor facility. The plans are with Sarah should any member wish to view and/or make comment. 	
3. Den	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AlanL reported that the SSE work was completed as far as possible. The only outstanding work is some trees near power lines that need permit to work (from SSE). The committee gave a sincere vote of thanks to SSE for the work and hope for continued support. AlanL stated he was concerned about a hole appearing at the top end of the Den which he feels should be made safe. This was agreed and Rory will contact BrianD and DavidS to plan repairs. This could coincide with repair to a small bend in the burn currently under review. The committee agreed that we should create another picnic bench at the largely successful area at the low part of the Den near the bridge. Alan to liaise with Bob to source a bench. AlanL told the committee he had to remonstrate with two young girls attempting to set light to our existing bench, and requested all committee members take time to monitor our facilities against vandalism. Margaret will liaise with Ian to remove the wood chips to the tennis court. 	AL RM AL/RC MG
4. Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AlanL reported that the council had communicated with him regarding the 'hole' at the main gate to our park. This will be resolved by end of February. There was some discussion surrounding the standing Gas charge 	RM/AL



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	currently levied on the MPC for pavilion hot water. Rory will form a small group to investigate and collate information on charges and pitch fees to ascertain whether we need to review the current pitch fees to cover any charges such as this. AlanL to consult his contact at SSE.	
5. Events	GALA – Debbie and AlanL to meet in order that a plan can be made to move this forward. Letters will be sent out soon to all stall holders and event groups. AlanL will report back at next meeting. It was agreed that Debbie will contact other members to assist her in this task.	DF
6. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Christmas Lights/Carol Singing evening organised by the MPC was a great success despite horrendous weather. The committee gave a vote of thanks to Methven Primary School. This year, for the first time, we had two primary pupils switch on the festive lights at the community centre. We invited the early primary pupils to colour in and decorate a Christmas tree and the more senior pupils had a Christmas word-search to solve, and many also chose to colour this in also. We were absolutely delighted to have nearly 90 entrants and amazed with the wonderful precise work that made our job of judging the works so much more difficult. Well done to everyone and congratulations to our winners Leah and Holly. We also gave a vote of thanks to our great supporters at The Bell Tree Inn for their generous donation of superb mulled wine, and to Bruce Spalding for the kind donation of a Christmas Tree. Rory was asked to look into how we can communicate MPC events better as several members had not received notification of meetings/events and subsequent minutes. Jim Bain gave a detailed brief on upgrade plans for the Community Centre and the back hall annex. This looks extremely good and once again will add to an already great village asset. <p>Rory Macgregor has agreed to carry on in a temporary position as Secretary. If we have any members or anyone in our community, willing to take on this position, please contact Alan Lewis as soon as possible. This will be greatly appreciated.</p>	

**Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 12th February 2013 at
7:30pm in the Community Centre back annex.**