



Methven Parks Committee
caring for our village green spaces

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee

9th July 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

Debbie Frame	Rory Macgregor	Sarah Ferguson	Brian Donaldson
Morag Latto	Alan Lewis	Jane Lewis	Brian McCleary
Shaw Murie	Maureen Patton	Tom Latto	Councillor Alan Livingstone
Margaret Graham	Ian Blance	Hamish Young	David Smythe

Apologies

Joanne Donaldson	Nikki Macgregor	Jim Bain	Alan Elder
John Whyte	Bob Chisholm	John Whyte	Councillor Henry Anderson

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

1. Previous Minutes	Previous minutes of 16 th May proposed by Brian McCleary and seconded by Brian Donaldson.	Action
2. Finance/Funding	<p>AlanL gave a report on meetings recently between MPC, PKC and the Lottery Funding team. Information will be communicated out in due course.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Trustees will be contacted to seek authorisation to go ahead with the equipment upgrade project. 2. Media to be contacted with a view to wider communication. 3. Confirmation to be sought on project timescale (date of completion). 4. A4 leaflet confirmation for leaflet drop in village. 5. Questions for leaflet. 6. Arrange comments boxes locations. 7. Arrange leaflet drop. <p>An open day will be held for the village on Saturday 20th July (first part 10am - 2pm / second part 6pm – 8pm). This is open to ALL our community, and constructive comments are very welcome. It should be noted that the plans have been agreed after previous consultations, and (unless absolutely necessary) no further changes will be made.</p>	<p>RM</p> <p>RM AL</p> <p>AL RM JL/DF AL</p>
3. Den	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers required for work parties WC 15th July to set in new picnic bench and to do some clearing/strimming. • We have a problem with the increased numbers of crows nesting in the Den. This has a detrimental effect on other wildlife and our neighbours are upset with this increased disturbance. AlanL will look into how this can be managed. 	<p>IB/BD</p> <p>AL</p>



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4. Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tom Latto raised a concern regarding the new pitch sizes on the upgrade plan drawings. This will be confirmed by AlanL.	
5. Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Massive thank you to all who helped out to make our Gala Day such a success. Nikki reported that we have made in excess of £3k with more money to come in. A full financial report will be made once confirmation of all input is made.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sarah commented on the reduced number of stalls. This will be looked into for next year.○ Morag reported on comments regarding the lack of events for children such as the Gala Queen.• Duck Race – the annual Methven Duck Race will be held on Sunday 25th August.	
6. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Because of the increase in dog mess around the village, MPC have agreed to raise awareness again. We now have two banners which will be displayed around the village. Permission to be sought from School.	MP

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 6th August 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 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.