



Methven Parks Committee
caring for our village green spaces

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee

21st March 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

Nikki Macgregor	Rory Macgregor	Sarah Ferguson	Brian Donaldson
Debbie Frame	Bob Chisholm	Shaw Murie	Ian Blance
Dave Bennett	Alan Lewis	Maureen Patton	Jim Bain

Apologies

John Whyte	Joanne Donaldson	Alan Elder	Tom Latto
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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.

1. Previous Minutes	Previous minutes of 12 th February were proposed by Sarah Ferguson and seconded by Brian Donaldson	Action by
2. Finance/Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy accounts • Outgoings coming up include insurance and gas bill. Alan will speak with SSE regarding change of utility. 	
3. Den	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AlanL stated he was concerned about a hole appearing at the top end of the Den which he feels should be made safe. BrianD said he will speak with David Smythe. • Bob has managed to source another picnic bench for us. • AlanL will contact Margaret reference the wood chips. 	BD/AL
4. Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah reported that the first stage of the lottery funding for the playing fields upgrade project has been completed successfully. The next stage must be submitted by October 2013. • On the spot fines are being levied on dog owners in the village who do not clean up their dogs mess. This was applauded by the committee. • Culdeesland Road has been resurfaced and the hole at our car park entrance fixed. The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to our local councillor Alan Livingstone, the MPC and neighbours for their efforts to get this work done for the benefit of the community. • Our Chairman contacted our friends at Methven Bowling Club to request that no members of that club block the entrance to the lower car park. It is both emergency and utility and should be kept clear if at all possible. • Some discussion was made regarding the erection of a top bar to 	RM/AL



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	prevent large commercial vehicles from entering the main car park. For H&S reasons, we have a sign stating no commercial vehicles allowed but this is generally ignored. It was unanimously agreed that we should do this and erect another, larger sign.	
5. Events	<p>GALA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie gave a good status report which created some discussion around the football competition. BobC will coordinate and contact Nathan Proberts with a view to getting more teams involved and widening the competition out. • We need to block off areas where people can enter without paying. This will need to be monitored. 	DF
6. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JimB suggested that we consider more events between Xmas and NY. The committee will look into this with Jim. • Thanks to Jacqueline Walsh of Perth & Kinross Council in Crieff for donation of chairs and tables to the MPC and Hall committees. • Secretary to arrange meeting for Funding working committee. • MaureenP mentioned that Aviva have a community effort group. Secretary to liaise with Maureen on this. 	

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 25th April 2013 at 7:30pm
(please can funding committee meet at 6:30pm) 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.