



Methven Parks Committee
caring for our village green spaces

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee

16th May 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	Alan Lewis	Jane Lewis	Brian McCleary
Shaw Murie	Maureen Patton		

Apologies

Joanne Donaldson	Morag Latto	Tom Latto	Jim Bain
John Whyte	Bob Chisholm		

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

1. Previous Minutes	Previous minutes of 25 th April proposed by Brian McCleary and seconded by Nikki Macgregor.	Action
2. Finance/Funding	Alan L and Rory gave a brief on meetings recently between MPC and PKC hosted by Jacqueline Walsh. The only issues are what PKC intend to do with the existing (MPC owned) play equipment, and whether in fact this should be retained on site, and a request from PKC for a sub-let agreement within the playing fields.	AL/RM
3. Den	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers required for work on Saturday 18th May to meet in the Den at 8am. 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. Alan L will look into how this can be managed. 	IB AL
4. Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BrianD and Ian raised the continuing complaint of rubbish being left by the senior Methven football team, both on the pitch and in and around the pavilion. Whilst we very much welcome and value their friendship, plastic bottles and other food packets, electric tape, and toilets not being flushed do not give a good impression of respect and means that we have to spend time clearing up. There is also the issue of the Electric cupboard not being locked after games. Rory will write a formal letter to the team requesting they abide by the 'Conditions Of Let' agreement and obligations contained therein. Rory will contact PKC to request a further grass cut prior to the Gala. 	
5. Events	GALA Debbie gave a brief report on progress, and a number of tasks have been given out to members.	



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rory/Jo to create flyers for distribution by the Cubs.2. Rory to set up communication including social media, local newspapers, radio, and signs. Debbie will arrange for our large pavilion sign to go up.3. Nikki to sort out the floats, order burgers (350) and hot dogs (350), cheese and onions, together with appropriate bread rolls.4. Rory will arrange communication material for a MPC Gala Tent. Jim Bain will do likewise for the MCC.5. MPC will hold a meeting 28th May for Gala only. This will be in the back hall and from 7pm – 9pm and will be to discuss final plans and create rota for all volunteers.	
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. This will include a letter to PKC dog wardens again, and purchase of a large banner indicating fines, etc.• Duck Race – the annual Methven Duck Race will be held on Sunday 25th August.	

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 28th May 2013 at 7:00pm 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.



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Work carried out in the Den on Saturday 18th May. Many thanks to Alan Lewis, Ian Blance, Niell Blance, Brian Donaldson, Robbie Livingstone, David Smythe and Rory Macgregor for their work, and to Jane Lewis for the refreshments.

Sadly we have to report that there is a huge amount of dog mess in the Den, most of it close to the dog waste bin and paths. This is disgusting and completely unacceptable and must stop.

