

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	Rory Macgregor	Alan Lewis	Nikki Macgregor	Bob Chisholm
Maureen Patton	Morag Latto	Ian Blance	Tom Latto	Brian Donaldson
James Williams	Grace Williams	Jacqueline Walsh (P&K Council)		

Apologies

Joanne Donaldson	Jim Bain	Alan Elder	John Whyte	Margaret Graham
Sarah Ferguson	David Smythe	Heda Stuart	Jane Lewis	Debbie Frame

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

<p>1. Previous Minutes</p>	<p>Previous minutes of 23rd October 2012 read out by the Chairman. <u>Matters Arising</u>: None</p> <p>Proposed by Brian Donaldson and seconded by Shaw Murrie.</p>
<p>2. Chairman and Secretary Report</p>	<p>Our MPC has had a busy year.</p> <p>We have run more events this year starting with the (now) annual Methven 1306 Beer Festival which was very successful and is a great community event in our calendar.</p> <p>Later in November a team from SSE carried out essential maintenance in the Den woodland walk. We are most very grateful to them for this essential work.</p> <p>We followed this with a very successful evening inaugurating our Christmas Tree and participating in carol singing around the village culminating in a nice community gathering in the Community Centre. A big thanks to Bruce Spalding for the tree and Brian Macdonald once again for the mulled wine. It was so nice to see the local Primary School getting involved, and the tree competition involved over 100 entries. Well done Methven Primary. It was so nice to see so many people this year, and we hope for more in the forthcoming event on 13th December.</p> <p>In January we had some great news. Part 1 of our Big Lottery application had been successful which meant that we could now carry on with the final stage 2 part. The committee would like to give thanks to Sarah Ferguson, Bob Chisholm, Alan Elder, and indeed all the other supporters for their hard work in this initiation stage.</p> <p>The annual village Gala took place in June, and we are very pleased to say this was a great success in all ways, with sunshine all day and many people attending from far and wide. Unfortunately there were fewer stall holders but those that were with us proved to have great quality. It was very nice to see new members of our community mingling with the older. Many thanks to all, but especially Joanne, Nikki and Debbie, and of course all our usual suspects who give so much of their valuable time to our community.</p>



Methven Parks Committee
caring for our village green spaces

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee

AGM 10th October 2013



	<p>This year also saw one of our most successful Quacky Races to date. We had a minimum of water in the burn and some ducks were given some highly dubious assistance, but everyone enjoyed themselves. Once again, thank you to the committee for producing such a fine community effort, and of course a fine income to assist us in our good works.</p> <p>We were very lucky to have in our midst Nikki Macgregor who arranged for her work colleagues from the Bank of Scotland to paint our pavilion for their 'day to make a difference' in a local community, and what a real difference it has made. Thank you to Nikki and the Bank of Scotland team. If we have anyone else out there who can offer similar assistance please let us know.</p> <p>Ian Blance has once again managed to organise a number of work parties throughout the year to carry out much needed work in the Den, including repairing paths and burn, tending to bushes and trees and installing new picnic benches. Sadly one of these new picnic benches was damaged by mindless idiots, but quickly repaired by Ian much to their annoyance no doubt. We reported this to the Police and we are grateful to the kids for giving us information to pass on to the Police. Your parks committee have also been working with the Police and Council to rid our village of dog mess. This is a cyclical task but it is a very important task. The health of our community is paramount! It is such a shame we have to endure madness like this in our lovely village.</p> <p>The Chairman and Secretary, with continued assistance from Sarah, have been working very hard on stage 2 of the Big Lottery funding application, which you will be pleased to know, has been handed over to the Big Lottery in Glasgow. We know that everyone involved is proud of our combined work on this and we remain very positive about the outcome which we hope will be communicated in January 2014, with work beginning to renovate our park in late September 2014.</p> <p>In the meantime, we need to get through all the events coming up and we look to our community for assistance and support. Without it, our job is nigh on impossible.</p>
<p>3. Treasurers Report</p>	<p>We have had an extremely good year financially, and whilst most, if not all our profits go back into the community, we have earmarked funds for the park renovation project. The Treasurer thanked all members who have helped make her job that little bit easier. A copy of our accounts is available on request, and of course is posted on the OSCR web site.</p> <p>The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer for all her hard work throughout the year and at all the events.</p>
<p>4. Nomination & Election/Reappointment of Committee Members</p>	<p>Chairman Alan Lewis proposed by Rory Macgregor and seconded by Shaw Murrie. No further nominations – Alan Lewis duly elected Chairman.</p> <p>Treasurer Nikki Macgregor proposed by Alan Lewis and seconded by Bob Chisholm. No further nominations – Nikki Macgregor duly elected Treasurer.</p> <p>Secretary Rory Macgregor proposed by Brian Donaldson and seconded by Alan Lewis. No further nominations – Rory Macgregor duly elected Secretary.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Shaw Murrie proposed by Alan Lewis and seconded by Rory Macgregor. No further nominations – Shaw Murrie duly elected Vice Chairman.</p>

	<p>The meeting then received nominations for the three remaining Committee of Management positions. These were:</p> <p>Brian Donaldson Sarah Ferguson Maureen Patton David Smythe Alan Elder Bob Chisholm</p> <p>Each person present at the meeting was given a voting card and asked to nominate their three choices. At the end of this process the votes were counted up, and the following were duly elected as new members of the Committee of Management:</p> <p>Brian Donaldson Maureen Patton David Smythe</p>
<p>5. AOCB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretary requested that we raise the safety issue of the Den path underpass and asked that we deal with this as utmost urgency. Malcolm Sweeney has been kind enough to offer assistance and the committee will be very pleased to take this up. Chairman to contact David Smythe and Secretary to contact Malcolm. • The Treasurer proposed that the Park Keeper honorarium be increased as this has remained the same for many years. The Secretary seconded stating the excellent work our park keeper carries out on behalf of the community. The meeting voted an increase from £290 to £350 per annum honorarium. • The Secretary requested a meeting of the beer festival sub-committee to push on with the organisation. Chairman to agree date and time and to communicate out. <p>The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair, and there being no further business the Chairman closed the AGM at 20:30 with thanks to all.</p>

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 7th November 2013 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

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 the Playing Fields Renovation Project, 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 indigenous 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 annual village Gala, the Duck Race and of course our Methven 1306 Beer Festival. We work closely with other local community groups to organise other events such as a Christmas Tree and Carol Singing, craft fairs, and quiz nights.

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