



Methven Parks Committee
caring for our village green spaces

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee

Thursday, 14th August 2014

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
Maureen Patton
Joanne Donaldson

Rory Macgregor
John Whyte
Alan Lewis

Brian Donaldson
Tom Latto
Ian Blance

Debbie Frame
Nikki Macgregor
Heda Stuart

Apologies

Jim Bain
David Smythe

Bob Chisholm

Judy Barrow

Morag Latto

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| 1. Welcome | The meeting was opened by Chairman Alan Lewis and very sincere thanks were given for those in attendance. |
| 2. Duck Race | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2014 Duck Race will be held on Sunday 31st August. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Committee meet at 10am to open events at 12pm 2. Duck Race at 2pm 3. Treasure Hunt at 4pm (TBC) • Committee will meet at Methven Arms car park Thursday 21st Aug at 7:30pm to distribute leaflets around the village. • Nikki will order: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 200 burgers and 200 hot dogs with rolls. 2. Goodie bags for Duck Race and Treasure Hunt winners 3. Soft Drinks • John to provide Ice Cream again. • Brian McCleary to collect Bouncy Castle and generator. • Ian Blance to collect greasy pole and generator. • Alan will liaise with P&K Council re Treasure Hunt. • Debbie to liaise with Yvonne re Face Painting. • Brian McCleary to liaise with Party Animals. • Heda and SandraC will do baking again. |
| 3. Gala | <p>We gave a big vote of thanks to Debbie and her team for the organisation of a very successful Gala this year. There were very few comments apart from more required in the arena, and it would be nice to get the Pipe Band to play 3 slots instead of beginning and end.</p> <p>Methven Gala 2015 will be held on Saturday June 6th 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan read over the Gala accounts and noted this was a record year for the burger stall. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We very much hope Atholl Adventures can do much more for us this next Gala. Debbie will liaise with them on this. We need to create a small gala plan with events/timings for public and committee (with rota). Alan will check on grants available for events such as the Gala. Agreed that we will look into how the Gala Queen can do something at the Gala and in the following year (perhaps at school). Debbie will go ahead and book the Strathearn Pipe Band and model railway as soon as possible. Agreed that the stall holder letter will reiterate the need for stalls to be ready before 11am, together with a slip for detailing numbers in groups to allow for burger tickets. |
| 4. Baton Relay | <p>Alan Lewis reported that he has had very good feedback from the public and services on very well organised event for our community. Once again, a lot of hard work has gone in to ensuring our community has fun.</p> <p>The committee will meet on Sunday 17th August at the King George V Jubilee playing fields car park at 10:30am to take down the bunting.</p> |
| 5. Renovation Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan reported that the project is currently within budget and on time. The proposed (subject to cost) perimeter path will be all tarmac. The main entrance pillars will be strengthened, and subject to planning approval, a wrought iron sign will be placed over Park entrance to reduce the number of large (commercial) vehicles using our private car park. Information boards detailing flora & fauna and history will be made at a cost. P&K Council have agreed to assist with this cost. Alan mentioned that P&K Council have proposed to build a small 'pond' at the memorial car park end where we get flooding. Because of some disagreement with this proposal, Alan agreed to get clarification as to the exact nature of the proposal. Alan will seek clarification on exact change to football pitch dimensions. There was some disquiet regarding the change to the maintenance fee which has risen significantly from the original cost. The start date of the project has been settled on September 1st 2014. At this stage we cannot give guarantees on pitch availability during the period of project work due to health and safety fears. |
| 6. 1306 Beerfest | <p>Saturday 29th November 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rory and Brian reported that they are holding a meeting this weekend with Nigel Large of the Pitcairngreen Inn who assisted with our successful event last year. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have agreed to increase the number of door staff in line with the increase in patrons to the event.• We have already managed to source 6 very new beers and will contact Strathearn Distillery regarding their kind offer of a festival brew. |
| 7. AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Methven Community Centre village Quiz night will be held on Friday 14th November 2014.• Our annual Craft Fair and raffle will be held on Saturday 6th December 2014.• Our Christmas Tree and Carol Singing event will be held on Friday 12th December 2014 with the usual fun and fare afterward.<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rory will contact the school, church and scouting association.2. Alan will contact P&K Council to ascertain if we can apply for assistance with roadside lights and decoration.3. We will all speak to local businesses and ask if they can help us by putting up lights and decorations outside their businesses.• Alan will check if we can get help in purchase of new football goal posts. |

There being no further business the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 11th September 2014 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre outside hall.

Methven Playing Fields and Den woodland walk are PRIVATELY 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 Jubilee Playing Field and Den woodland walk is 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. A major project for 2014 will renovate the playing fields to install new play equipment to include all ages, to link up the paths and to upgrade the car park. The Committee pays for the park keeper who visits the playing fields and Den every day tidying up litter, amongst other jobs, and these areas are being continuously improved by volunteer work parties for the benefit of our community. To help raise funds, we run three annual events for the village which are the Gala, the Duck Race and of course our Methven 1306 Beer Festival.



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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