



Methven Parks Committee
caring for our village green spaces

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee

Thursday, 23rd January 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
Alan Elder
Heda Stuart

Rory Macgregor
Morag Latto
Alan Lewis

Brian Donaldson
Tom Latto
Ian Blance

Debbie Frame
Sandra Boldock
David Smythe

Apologies

Joanne Donaldson
Brian McCleary

John Whyte
Morag Whyte

Bob Chisholm
Pete Davidson

Nikki Macgregor
Hamish Young

1. Welcome	The meeting was opened by Chairman Alan Lewis and very sincere thanks were given for those in attendance.
2. Finance/Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Lewis gave a report on progress of our application to Big Lotto for the renovation project. We have had a few questions back but the application is still under review. The OSCR return has been submitted for 2013/2014.
3. Den	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Lewis reported on a conversation with SSE. No work will commence until their new financial year in April. There was some discussion on work to be done. Rory suggested a work party meet to survey and put in place a work programme. Meet at Den car park Saturday 25th Jan at 2:30pm. Heda will source some drainage pipe for us.
4. Playing Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alan Lewis reported that the new drainage at the main gate is working well. Thanks to the MPC for their constant battle with the authorities to get this task finally closed. Ian Blance reported that he had cleared much of the fallen trees in the 'avenue'. Rory reported on his visit from the community police. The Police are aware of the idiot who damaged the picnic bench, and have asked the MPC to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can assist in preventing escalation of vandalism. Rory will invite the community Police to our next meeting in February.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will also initiate another campaign against dog mess as this is once again becoming a major issue in our village.
5. Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village Gala (7th June 2014). Debbie will once again organise this.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Pipe Band has been confirmed.○ Model Railway to be contacted.○ Debbie to set up small working party to assist her.• MCC Quiz Night (date TBC). MPC will assist if required.• MPC/MCC Parlour Derby. Rory will confirm if Mr Alex Macdonald can help us in the event.• Easter Fun Day – Heda will organise a small work party to assist her in organising this event.• Heda to report back at next MPC meeting.
6. AOB	There being no further business the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 20th February 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.

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](#)