

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee – 20th June 2011

Joanne Donaldson	Yvonne Mitchell	Nikki Macgregor	Rory Macgregor
Ian Blance	Shaw Murrie	Alan Lewis	David Smythe
Jim Morrison	Brian McCleary	Rob Chisholm	Neill Blance
Debbie Frame	Sandra Baldock	Maureen Patton	Alan Elder
Andy Dunlop	John Whyte		

Apologies

Jo MacRae	Tom Latto	Margaret Graham	David Smythe
Shaw Murrie	Dave Bennett	Brian Donaldson	Bruce & Donna Spalding

The meeting was opened by Vice Chair Rory MacGregor (in absence of Brian Donaldson who could only attend the meeting at the end) and very sincere thanks were given for those in attendance.

<p>2. Previous Minutes</p>	<p><i>Previous minutes of were proposed by Andy and seconded by Alan Lewis</i></p>	
<p>3. GALA</p>	<p>Joanne Donaldson went over how the gala went and told us the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback on event • No complaints on the gazebos and the extra charge received • For the facepainting must try and find a 3rd person • The music in the evening maybe should have started earlier to keep people there • Tractors would not go through the ring due to the weather • Good comments received regarding beat the goalie • The Dog warden was stuck out to far- need to incorporate her more • Childrens competitions – Pitcairngreen school did not give out the leaflets issued. Will try and get Methven School more involved for next year • Prices of the burgers too cheap • Entry fee need to be put up – suggested that we do family tickets and that they can be purchased in advance. Jo will speak with Catherine at PO to see if she would have them on sale there. • Someone needs to be on gate earlier to charge extra stall holders – it was suggested that on the booking form that 2 tickets per stall will be included and any other helpers will be charged usual entry fee. • Scouts to give a bigger donation – cheque will be handed to us on Wednesday night • Pedro would like to book his stall for next year. A date will be set during the meeting so that this can be put on all thank you letters and people can book now for next year. <p>Nikki Macgregor gave us a roundup of what was made on the day. In summary we took in £1782.04, and it cost us £1217.30, giving us a profit of</p>	

	<p>£564.64 which was down on last year, she did point out that if we did not have the marquee hire (as did not have this expense last year) we would only have been a couple of hundred pounds down on last year. We also still have to get £25 from Brownies and £100 from Scouts.</p> <p>From this it was decided to have a look at marquee-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy one if possible – the cost may be the problem here • Use Brian & Jos – but people would have to be there to keep an eye on it <p>Ian Blance informed that we should forget about the bike race for next year and this was noted.</p> <p>JM commented on Letham usage of banners to advertise their event. Signage will be looked at for next year.</p> <p>John Whyte noted that historically the icecream stall was run by the committee and it was agreed that this could work if we got more people to help and had the right tools.. JW was asked to look into this and would he like to take this on. He agreed</p> <p>SB indicated that the new dance club might be able to do a show /demonstration next year and that we should contact them.</p> <p>Any ideas or proposals please direct these to Joanne, a reminder that her email is social @methvenonline.co.uk. YM to put an email out to committee with email addresses.</p> <p>RM reiterated that having the social convenor was a good idea and that we must have one for the future and a big thanks given to Joanne for doing such a good job this year. A big thanks was given to every one who helped. But again stressed that the more helpers we can get the better.</p> <p>A date was discussed for next years gala, and reasons for Saturday or Sunday were expressed, re setup, ability to have music, when people work. In the end it was agreed that the next gala would be the second weekend in june, and be Saturday 9th June 2012.</p> <p>Joanne is going to put next years gala date on the thank you letter.</p>	
<p>4 Sports Field</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM put forward the proposal to put a top bar over the gate and to speak to Shaw. RM asked if anyone was against this – nobody was It was discussed in more detail about pillars being reinforced and to see if it could lift out of the pillars and for it to be decorative. Everyone at the meeting gave the okay to go ahead • RM brought up the problem down at the lower gate with people parking in front of it. A discussion was held as to how to stop them parking here. RM have already spoken to bowling club and there is a sign up. It was agreed that the next step should be a nice letter to the bowling club . YM to draft letter • Picnic benches. Really please with where they have been placed as they are being used and so far not been vandalised 	

<p>5. Den</p>	<p>the placement of the big bench – need to have this in place before the duck race. It was agreed that this will be done week commencing 1st August – and would be assembled at Meckphen and then put in place say on the Wednesday night. RM asked YM to put out a separate note to this effect.</p> <p>AL noted at the meeting that the burn is creating more damage to the bank and is moving further. When Robbie Livingston gets his digger back he can reinforce the bank.</p> <p>RM asks that an email to David Smythe and Robbie Livingston is sent asking for help with stones and banking for Den Burn – Ym to action this</p>	
<p>6. Duck Race</p>	<p>A date was decided on – it will be Saturday 13th August 2011</p>	
<p>7. Beer Festival</p>	<p>RM gave an update on the beer festival – 19th November 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than 3 bands this time – got On the Wagon for definite, Ian, and approaching Madrids RM to get in touch. • No Disco as need break between bands for chat and fundraisers • Going to run a raffle between now and then • Lets try and get decent prizes • RM informed that we have already sold 8 barrels • There will be more cider and 3 beers from Shetland • This year not going to split proceeds as need to make as much money • The hall has been booked and money paid 	
<p>8. AOB</p>	<p><u>Community Hall</u> – They have their AGM on Wednesday night and RM informed us that they are struggling for members. Thinking about merging committees to run Hall, parks etc as got to try and help each other. RM going to propose this on Wednesday night – will report back to anyone who cannot make it along</p> <p><u>Planter</u> - Really need to get these in place. RM suggest try to get a team together.</p> <p><u>Booklet</u> – There was some discussion on the booklet now that the gala is over. Re photos and content etc. People involved still to have a look at it. RM asks that an email is sent to Shaw about booklets. YM to speak with RM re this.</p> <p><u>School BBQ</u> - BD turned up at end of meeting to inform us that the school have asked if they can have a bonfire in the park up by the cycle track.</p>	