

## Minutes of Methven Parks Committee – 22 February 2010

### Present

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| Sandra Baldock | Shaw Murrie      | Neill Blance   | Ian Blance     |
| David Bennett  | Andy Hutchinson  | Shirley Wilson | Caird Millar   |
| Maureen Paton  | David Wilkie     | Bruce Spalding | Donna Spalding |
| Jim Ogg        | Brian Donaldson  | Gina Boyle     | David Smythe   |
| Rory Macgregor | Lauren Macgregor |                |                |

### Apologies

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| Debbie Frame | Kate Blanche | Nicola Macgregor | Andrew Dunlop |
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Alison Howarth

The meeting was opened by Chairman Rory Macgregor and thanks were given for those in attendance, with a welcome to new members Bruce and Donna Spalding. It was good to see so many members attending.

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| <b>1. Previous Minutes</b> | <i>Previous minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were proposed by Ian Blance and seconded by Gina Boyle.</i>   |
| <b>2. Funding</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rory discussed the proposal to focus on one project requiring major funding, such as upgrade to the pavilion utilities. This was agreed and a project team will be formed to move this on.</li> <li>Our newest member Bruce Spalding will tackle the hedging around the playing fields with Jim Ogg.</li> <li>Rory will call a meeting of the funding team to discuss specific and targeted financing options.</li> <li>The MPC received a cheque for £50.00 from local Freemasons (Lodge Kildrummie 906) with thanks for their continued support.</li> <li>Rory suggested a retiral present from the MPC for George Jack. George has been a great supporter of our parks having given many years' long service and hard work as Park Keeper over the years. The committee expressed sincere thanks and agreed a sum to be communicated to the treasurer.</li> </ul> |
| <b>3. Sports Fields</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tennis Club – It is with regret that due to work commitments it has been impossible to meet with our friends at the tennis club. Brian Donaldson and David Bennett have agreed to move this forward in the coming week.</li> <li>We will approach an electrician with a view to upgrading the systems within the pavilion. Neill Blance may have a contact for us.</li> <li>The water boiler needs repaired. It has been suggested that we install new electric showers aligned with a token system. This was unanimously agreed.</li> <li>Neill Blance has been carrying out unofficial keeper's job by ensuring the park is cleared of rubbish and the pavilion is secured.</li> <li>Sadly there has been a break-in at the pavilion together with some</li> </ul>   |

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|                           | <p>vandalism to the kids play area subsequently reported to the Police for investigation. This cannot, and will not be tolerated, and all steps possible will be taken to stop this damage to a valuable <b>community</b> asset.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has also been noted that there has been a significant increase in dogs soiling the village, with the playing fields and Den being some of the worst areas hit. Rory has reported this to the Dog Warden and our local Councillor, Wilma Lumsden. Unfortunately if this persists, it may lead to a total ban of dogs in the playing fields and Den which would be very sad for the majority of decent, responsible dog owners in our village.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>4. Den</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Donaldson is kindly supplying stone slabs for upgrading the worn out steps. Waiting for good weather.</li> <li>• Ian Blance has led a team doing a great job clearing up fallen trees and litter in the Den.</li> <li>• It has been noted that a car has been left unattended over some time in the Den. This has been reported to the Police and we will require this to be moved.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>5. Youth Committee</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NTR</li> </ul>   |
| <b>6. Activities</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed to begin preparations for the annual village Gala with an approach to our many friends and donors. We need more help from the village and will add this into the new newsletter.</li> <li>• Please can members remember to contact Rory if they would be willing to carry out specific tasks at the Gala, or if they have any good ideas for more fundraising activities.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>7. AOB</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We may have secured the services of a secretary (TBC) ☺</li> <li>• Rory had some very good communications with Ian Lindsay of Wyllie &amp; Henderson. Ian very kindly found some maps and documentation relating to MPC land in the Den and park which clearly indicate the Den boundaries. This will be scrutinised and decision made as to how we progress with this information.</li> <li>• Ian Lindsay also very kindly confirmed that a sum had been 'left' to the Methven Parks committee which will be made available for our use by return of a letter from us. This will be gratefully received and well applied.</li> <li>• We received a letter from the Church Committee regarding the annual Glebe rental. Andy Hutchinson has kindly agreed to contact Russell Mann to discuss options.</li> <li>• With the retiral of George Jack we now require a new Park Keeper. The committee will discuss the way forward with this, but in the meantime Neill Blance has agreed to continue the good work.</li> </ul> |
| <b>8. Next Meeting</b>    | <p><b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010, 7.30pm – Lounge Bar Methven Arms Hotel</b></p> <p>Rory has expressed thanks to the hotel for their continued support for our committee.</p>  |