

## Minutes of Methven Parks Committee – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011

### Present

Brian Donaldson	Joanne Donaldson	Yvonne Mitchell	Rory Macgregor
Nikki Macgregor	Ian Blance	Shaw Murrie	Tom Latto
Alan Lewis	David Smythe	Hamish Young	Dave Bennett
Gina Boyle	Pete Davidson	Rita Black	Ian McClure
Ludi How	Stephen Fergusson	Joe MacRae	Jim Morrison
Wilma Lumsden			

### Apologies

Andy Dunlop	Alan Elder	Debbie Frame	Niall Blance
Maureen Patton	Bob Chisholm	Alan Smith	Brian McCleary
Margaret Graham			

The meeting was opened by Chairman Brian Donaldson and very sincere thanks were given for those in attendance, and to everyone that helped put flyers out and to Velux for printing.

<b>2. Previous Minutes</b>	<i>Previous minutes of were proposed by Alan Lewis and seconded by Rory Macgregor</i>	
<b>3. Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The chairman touched on the subject of the pavilion and that we aim to try and get funding to carry out a feasibility study to put up new leisure facilities/ pavilion. It was stressed that there is no point in planning in detail until we find out what is possible or not. Hamish Young pointed out that the existing community centre has poor access and costs of running/maintenance costs are not good.</li> <li>Matching funding available if we can raise 10% it would be matched with 90% funding. Funding available from Sports Scotland, Leader, Arts Council etc</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Beer Festival Christmas Tree &amp; carol singing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beer Festival – Apart from the weather all went well for the 1<sup>st</sup> one and have had good reports. We raised £736.00 after all expenses taken off. Over purchases on beer and an estimated 50 people did not come. A big thanks to everyone who gave time to this event. The money is going to be split 3 ways between Parks committee/ Hall committee/ and Blesma House in Crieff.</li> <li>Tree went up as usual and looked good</li> <li>Carol Singing – Not a great turnout and ended up at the hall as due to bad weather could not go round the village</li> </ul>	
<b>5. The Den</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has been some snow damage – IB waiting till ice gone to establish the extent and what work may result from it</li> <li>Problems with rubbish – IB reported that there was a bit of an incident before Christmas when the den was used for disposing of household rubbish bags when bins were not being collected due to bad weather. The 1<sup>st</sup> people did not want to know, but the 2<sup>nd</sup> time the council came and took the rubbish. As there was documents with address details the council said they were going to write a letter. IB waiting to hear outcome</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hamish Young brought up the issue with snow dumped from Surgery car park and suggested it be dumped at the Den. This was not thought a good idea.</li> <li>• RM gave us an update on the Criminal Justice People – The forms have now been sent off. This will enable manpower to assist in putting in the slab steps in the den and other jobs in the village</li> </ul>	
<b>6. The playing Fields</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of field – A letter has been drafted to give to clubs to pre-book</li> <li>• Issues with Pavillion to be addressed – Hot Water gas heaters needed. Been given a £3000 quote for boilers and showers. The pipe work is okay, and boilers service 3 showers each. One is dangerous and therefore cannot be used. Lawson suggested putting in a big immersion heater – RM going to reinvestigate this option</li> <li>• TL Stated to get admission to football league we must have changing and shower facilities</li> <li>• Snow dumping – the council were told to dump the snow into the playing field by the goal mouth. Both RM and BD asked that it not be dumped there. Time will tell if damage caused.</li> </ul>	TL RM
<b>7. GALA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date – 11 June 2011 (Saturday this year – bit more work for us as more needs to be done on Friday) All happy for Saturday</li> <li>• Pipe Band – JD spoke with Glenalmond, still to be confirmed</li> <li>• More events to be in main ring and more structured</li> <li>• As it is time consuming putting up the gazebos – we plan to use the money from hire of dance floor at new year to buy pop up gazebos for £34.00 each and this will free up time</li> <li>• BD proposed – if stall holders want a gazebo then a small charge of £5.00 should be added to the stall charge to cover costs of providing them. RM seconded it</li> <li>• JD is going to be putting booking forms out to people wanting stalls which will detail stall charge, hire of gazebo etc. This will allow us to work out what is needed in advance of the day.</li> <li>• MP – is attending the meeting at School for the Centenary. We are putting a proposal to the school to hold their fete the same day as the gala, and also to find out what projects the kids are doing to try and incorporate these into the gala. Wilma Lumsden who attended the meeting before ours informed us that they are considering it.</li> <li>• Some ideas were put forward for example, knobbly knees, talent/music show, Miss/Mr Methven and to ask people from audience to judge.</li> <li>• PL going to see if he can do more with the cars this year but this may involve a risk assessment.</li> <li>• Some people asked about a float. Suggest that this looked at in more detail for another year.</li> <li>• It is hoped that at the end of the day that music is put on and the bar is continued on until about 9pm so not too late to disrupt residents.</li> <li>• Trying to get large marquee from scouts so there will be more room for things like kids competitions</li> <li>• A pram race was suggested with partners swapping half way</li> <li>• It was stressed that a big push on advertising was required. Bigger signs by the road were suggested however transeve not happy they may allow posters on lampposts. It was therefore suggested that we try to put up big signs in the fields.</li> </ul>	BD JD

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• And also to paint on the end of the pavilion – Methven gala and date, this would pose no problems.</li> <li>• It was also suggested getting a banner with velcro dates so it can be reused annually</li> <li>• RM has agreed to follow up the advertising, he stated we should hopefully get more editorial coverage in PA following the beer festival. They seem keen to help promote events for us</li> </ul>	
<b>8. AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dance Floor – thanks to everyone who helped with the dance floor</li> <li>• More discussion was made re the pavilion – The idea of an all weather pitch was discussed with a view to bringing in an income. The pitch would be same as what Glenalmond have and they kept it clear okay during bad weather It is hoped to try and put a committee together.</li> <li>• It was asked who we were going to get to do feasibility study – not at this stage yet – needing to look at it in more depth</li> <li>• Hamish Young – stressed action is needed now, stop talking and a) get a steering committee formed from the parks committee, b) raise money, c) undertake feasibility study. HY is prepared to be on the committee, RM, BD and DS intimated they were happy to also. It was suggested that representatives form Tennis, Cubs, scouts etc we also on committee. Need people with time and areas of expertise to help</li> <li>• Alan Lewis has been approached by relative of someone who has passed away with regards to getting a commemorative bench. It was suggested that benches could be put up the back of the park on the road side.</li> <li>• Doctors Surgery – BD has been asked to inform the committee that there is a petition regarding the proposal for pharmacy in Main Street which may affect the Doctors surgery to the point it may no longer operate. The petition was available for anyone to sign</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>9. Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2011 – Venue to be notified nearer time</b>  <b>Executive Committee meeting – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2011</b></p>	