

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee – 24 August 2009

Present

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| David Wilkie | Rory Macgregor | Elaine Boyd | Jim Ogg |
| Neill Blance | Shaw Murrie | Dave Bennet | Shirley Kean |

Apologies

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| Lisa Hoey | Roy Hoey | Brian Donaldson | Ian Blance |
| Alison Bennet | Debbie Frame | Nikki Macgregor | Maureen Patton |

Meeting was opened by Chairman Rory Macgregor and thanks were given for those in attendance.

Everyone was given a copy of the Agenda for meeting.

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| 1. Funding Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Rural Communities – Free one day event at Perth Race Course. Useful for networking. David Wilkie has applied for us to attend. • New Funding sub-committee formed. Participants are David Wilkie, Alison Bennet and Elaine Boyd. David will convene a meeting as soon as practicable and report back to MPC. • Charity accounts are due at the end of August 2009. Nikki to action. |
| 2. Den | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The den cleanup went well. Very few people managed to help out but a huge thanks to all that did and all who sent apologies. It is a busy time but perhaps we can do better next time. Ian Blance to propose another date. • Signs in connection with controlling the dog pooh menace are being erected. Rory and Neill to action. • Picnic benches and seats. Shaw working furiously on the metal benches but still waiting for good news from other donors. • Bat boxes – Dave Bennet, Sandra Baldock & the kids made a bat box out of wood supplied by Jim Ogg. Hopefully will then receive the £50 towards building some more. • Plaque – Rory to update on this after communicating with Historic Scotland. • Steps – Brian Donaldson is to get paving flags that can be used for new steps as the current wooden ones are falling apart. • Den Boundary – If maps are based on the ordnance survey they might not be up-to-date. Rory to action. |
| 3. Playing Fields | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New agreement signed by Jake Eadie and Tom Latto. Keys required for Jake to be cut this week. Fees will be paid on receipt of keys. • Methven Socca have expressed the wish to pay per game so no keys are required at this stage. MPC will assist where requested. • A formal agreement between MPC and the Tennis Club will be drawn up to ensure consistency and fairness. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New electricity token meters will be installed as soon as possible in the pavilion and tennis club hut. Rory to action. • Suggestion to approach Tom Latto with a view to taking on a coordination role similar to that he kindly carried out before. This under the auspices of MPC sub-committee with A N Other. Rory to speak with Tom. |
| 4. Duck race | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge thanks to all who helped out on what turned out to be a very successful community day out. • All the ducks were sold and circa £400.00 profit made on the day. • Thanks to Nikki for balancing the books and making funds available. • Thanks to the burn team who were up to their waists in water organising the race. • Thanks to Richard Armstrong and Sandra Baldock who carried out a very good wilderness walk and bush craft for the kids (and adults). • The BBQ team turned out and had everyone well fed and watered. • Gavin Colyer donated the Bouncy Castle. Again very successful and big thanks to Gavin. • Our Storyteller was well received and could be a draw for the next gala. • Big thanks to Debbie Frame who worked hard all day painting wee faces for just some juice and a burger. • And a big thanks to all not mentioned. You all make the difference. |
| 5. AOB | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor hire 11/8/09 – Thank you to all the volunteers who helped lay and lift. We were given a very handsome donation as a result. • Shaw's team remove chill cabinet from the Community hall. • Donkey Derby – Rory to contact Alex Macdonald with a view to an event in November. • Carols and Xmas Tree – Rory to contact Souts Group, Village Hall Committee and Church Committee with a view to working together on a community event at the Village Hall. Shirley Kean will investigate whether the School could help out with preparations, etc. Signage for Den and Playing Park – Rory to approach Jake Eadie and Brian Donaldson to see if we can get help. • Pavilion – it was agreed to investigate the possibility of upgrading the pavilion as a project for 2009/2010. It is generally agreed that some significant remedial work is required and this may necessitate rebuild. Several options to be sought along with appropriate funding. Jim Ogg to speak with local architect and builder 25Aug to request help if possible. |
| 6. Next Meeting | Monday 7th September 2009 |

