

## Minutes of Methven Parks Committee – 24 May 2010

### Present

Ian Blance	Maureen Paton	Jim Ogg	Brian Donaldson
Rory Macgregor	Lauren Macgregor	Nikki Macgregor	Neill Blance
Debbie Frame	Maureen Patton	Andrew Macgregor	Margaret Graham
Sandra Baldock	Bob Chisholm	Alan Elder	David Bennett
Gina Boyle	Yvonne Mitchell	Andy Dunlop	Alan Lewis
Brian McCleary	David Wilkie	Donna Spalding	Bruce Spalding

### Apologies

Shaw Murrie	Andy Hutchinson	Shirley Wilson	Kate Blanche
David Smythe	Alison Howarth		

The meeting was opened by Chairman Rory Macgregor and very sincere thanks were given for those in attendance.

<b>1. Previous Minutes</b>	<i>Previous minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were proposed by Ian Blance and seconded by David Bennett.</i>	
<b>2. Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RM to meet up with Serge Merone, P&amp;K Council Funding Officer 3 June.</li> <li>NTR from Funding Team</li> </ul>	Action RM
<b>3. Sports Fields</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Fence</u> – Still to be actioned. Two quotes still to come back to us. Brian Donaldson to chase up. A question was raised about funding RM informed that intending to put this through quick access funding so don't have to wait for the funding before starting work on fence.</li> <li><u>New Signage</u> – The sign is now been put up at the entrance. A smaller version to go on the gate at the other end. This will be put up in the next week or so by Neill. RM also informed us that the brown tourist signage will be put up outside the Chinese takeaway on Main Street. Have the okay from Transport Scotland but waiting for Tourist Scotland to tick the box.</li> <li><u>Benches</u> – These are more or less ready to be put in place and the areas have been prepared. Thanks to Bob Chisholm who kindly sourced them for the community.</li> <li>The chips laid at the cycle track need to be rolled again with maybe some more chips put down.</li> <li><u>Pavilion Refreshments stall</u> – No feedback on this. It was suggested the youngsters get involved in someway with this. Sandra Baldock to have a word with a couple of people.</li> </ul>	Action BD  Action RM  Action RM  Action IB  Action SB

<p><b>4. Den</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A lot of help will be required when Ian gives the nod to lay the slab stairway at the top of the Den. We hope to begin this work soon after the Gala.</li> <li>• The new bench has been sited at the top entrance to the Den. We need to source a dog poo bin for that area.</li> <li>• The new Picnic bench will be put in place weekend of 29/30 May. Ian will manage this job.</li> </ul>	<p>Action IB</p> <p>REPORT</p> <p>Action IB</p>
<p><b>5. Youth Committee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NTR</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. GALA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RM has drafted up a proposed leaflet based on last year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Circus Theme with Fancy dress Prize</li> <li>➤ Falconry show in main ring.</li> <li>➤ Dog agility display – they have said they will allow people with their dogs to go on the course.</li> <li>➤ Rodeo – Brian Donaldson to look after and will give a donation.</li> <li>➤ Almondbank Church have said we can use their bouncy castle. It was agreed that there should be a charge of 50p for a shot. Will need a couple of people to man.</li> <li>➤ Hopefully will have fire Engine down this year with possible stall – RM will confirm</li> <li>➤ Pillow fight to be run by Scouts – RM needs to confirm with Colin Macgregor</li> <li>➤ Mountain Bike race needs to be organised and needs to be advertised a bit in advance – Ian to organise</li> <li>➤ RM Spoke with Wildlife Countryside Ranger who will put something together for the kid’s treasure hunt, but will not be able to be there to Run it. David Bennett and Alison to run it.</li> <li>➤ Pig race to be run by Tennis Club again</li> <li>➤ Face painting – Debbie to organise but will need another 2-3 people to assist. Debbie to organise help.</li> <li>➤ Football – Roy organising the football competition. Play-offs the weekend before the Gala with the final on the day. David Smith to assist Roy with Football if required.</li> <li>➤ BBQ – Food Certificate Holder Jane Falconer? Alan to speak to David. Alan, Jane, David and one other to man BBQ. NM to order food that is required. NM got confirmation that rolls to be delivered to the park.</li> <li>➤ Beer tent to be confirmed. Brian McDonald has agreed to run this with beer, lager, cider and wine only. No spirits.</li> <li>➤ Clarification provided that beer tent alcohol only (strictly for adults). Teas and coffees by the guild and we provide the soft drinks .</li> <li>➤ Train – Suzanne to take money but need someone to man line?</li> <li>➤ Coconut Shy – Curling Club</li> <li>➤ Music DJ would need a PA System from Ian.</li> <li>➤ Leaflet drop by cubs – 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Scouts 10<sup>th</sup> June for Bottles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Further Gala Duties. The following was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Site Management &amp; event organising – RM &amp; Neill</li> <li>➤ Public Announcements – RM</li> <li>➤ Monies – NM with Yvonne and Maureen assisting</li> <li>➤ Publicity – Andy Dunlop</li> <li>➤ Car Park – Jim and Shaw,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Confirmation to be obtained from Colin McGregor that we will be provided with 12 scouts – six on a rota</li> <li>➤ Bunting Sandra. RM to have a word with Tran serve to see where we can actually put the Bunting up</li> <li>➤ First Aider – Debbie</li> <li>➤ Generator/Lights – Ian</li> <li>➤ Check stall okay and deal with any problems that may arise – Bruce</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As there was a bit on confusion on the day last year NM has put forward that girls come round to NM on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June for 6.30pm to plan everything so same does not arise this year.</li> <li>• RM has asked that we turn up 8am to 9am for set up with arena set up night before. Marquee has been donated by Brian.</li> <li>• Proposed schedule for day is as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12pm gates open – so needs to be manned from then</li> <li>1pm official opening</li> <li>1.30pm Fancy Dress parade</li> <li>2-3pm Dog Agility Display TBC – Maureen Patton</li> <li>3-4pm Falconry display TBC – Nikki Macgregor</li> <li>4-5pm Football competition</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Some discussion was given regarding the Gala dance, but it was generally agreed that we hold a Beer/Music festival to which local breweries and traditional music bands/players will be invited. Rory will develop this.</li> <li>• Duck race. Need to look at when best to hold these with a view to organising these activities</li> </ul>	
7. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are still in desperate need of a secretary. Please contact Rory ASAP.</li> <li>• NM brought up the need for other office bearers. Since Roy resigned as secretary there is only RM and NM which poses problems for signatories and too much work to take on. Andrew Dunlop and Brian Donaldson put themselves forward to take on role of signatory. Sandra proposed it, with Neill seconding it.</li> <li>• Brian has indicated that he is happy to go on as vice chair for time being? It is felt that there is a need for more office bearers to share the responsibility and workload. This will be reviewed at the next AGM.</li> </ul>	
8. Next Meeting	<p><b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010, 7.30pm – Lounge Bar Methven Arms Hotel</b></p> <p>Rory expressed thanks again to the hotel for their continued support for our committee.</p>	