

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee – 24 November 2009

Present

Sandra Baldock	Alison Bennett	Neill Blance	Ian Blance
Shaw Murrie	David Smythe	Brian Donaldson	Gina Boyle
Rory Macgregor	David Wilkie	Jim Ogg	Andrew Dunlop

Apologies

Roy & Lisa Hoey	Dave Bennett	Maureen Paton	Debbie Frame
Kate Blanche	Nicola Macgregor		

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

Rory opened the meeting by informing the committee that our Park Keeper, **George Jack**, is thankfully on the mend after being admitted to hospital due to an illness, and thereafter suffering some serious complications. Rory also had to report that our secretary, **Roy Hoey**, has had to resign for personal reasons. Roy has been of great support to the committee, and Rory in particular, and will be missed in that position but we are grateful for his continued support.

Everyone was given a copy of the Agenda for meeting.

1. Previous Minutes	Previous minutes of 26 th October 2009 were proposed by Brian Donaldson, and seconded by Neill Blance.
2. Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Wilkie & Alison Bennett gave a report on various meetings held. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andrew Thompson of the Dunning Community Woodland Trust has very kindly offered to assist the MPC with advice/feasibility study to investigate the enhancement of our Den woodland walk. It is possible we can add to some great work already achieved by the MPC over the years. This will include bat boxes, interpretation boards, cultivating the Glebe and further enhancements within the Den itself. ○ Alison then gave a short report on a community funding meeting held in Crieff on 23 November 2009. This proved very successful and some good ideas have been put in motion to source funding for tasks (and feasibility studies) required in the Den and playing fields. Thanks to P&K Council for hosting this meeting. • A longer term goal is the formation of a village forum to coordinate community activities and reduce waste in the overall process of sourcing funding for community projects. This is NOT to be confused with the smaller MPC tasks such as upgrade to the pavilion. Rory will

	<p>write to the various community groups in order that we can canvas opinion on this idea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rory will collate information/ideas for a Methven Community Newsletter, which it is hoped will include narrative supplied by all our community organisations.
3. Sports Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis Club – Because Rory has been unable to meet with Alan Smith due to work commitments, Brian Donaldson has agreed to move this forward. Rory to supply details. The Gate between the primary school and the Culdeesland Road is a health & safety issue. The MPC is happy to assist, however this job will be dealt with by the school. Dave Bennett to confirm. Jim Ogg will liaise with Alison (to source funding if required) after creating a small list of tasks required to complete within the playing field area. Garry Mcguire has kindly said he will assist the MPC in fitting and configuring card meters for electricity usage. One for the playing fields and one for the Tennis Club.
4. Den	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Donaldson is kindly supplying stone slabs for steps. He will liaise with Ian Blance on DTG for delivery to the car park in the Den. Ian will let the committee know when he would like to get the steps put in. Ian Blance will liaise with Alison (to source funding if required) after creating a small list of tasks required to be completed in the Den.
5. Youth Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that because of information gleaned at the meeting on 23 November, Alison Bennett, Sandra Baldock and Kirsty Scott meet up with Pamela Armstrong to discuss the way forward, including the legislative requirements such as child protection. Rory to supply details. Rory will contact the Church Committee to agree on accommodation for the 'Teen Café' youth group.
6. Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Tree and Carol singing. Date agreed is 10 December 2009. The Christmas tree lights will be switched on after carol singing, when we will all return to the community hall for refreshments. The Church Committee has kindly agreed to host this with our help. Proposal put forward to ask local business's to sponsor lights. Roy has distributed letters asking for sponsors and we await replies. Helpers required at the Community Hall on Sunday 6th December at 1pm.
7. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We require a secretary for the MPC. If anyone is keen to take on this role, or is aware of anyone who might want to be considered please contact Rory. We also require someone to assist with the collation of a newsletter. Again, please contact Rory if interested.
8. Next Meeting	Monday 7th December 2009, 7.30pm