

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee – 26 October 2009

Present

Elaine Boyd	Dave Bennett	Neill Blance	Ian Blance
Shaw Murrie	David Smythe	Brian Donaldson	Gina Boyle
Rory Macgregor	David Wilkie	Roy Hoey	Jim Ogg
Kate Blanche	Sandra Baldock	Nicola Macgregor	Shirley Wilson

Apologies

Lisa Hoey	Brian McCreary	Maureen Paton	Debbie Frame
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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.

1. Previous Minutes	Due to the fact that the minutes of the 7 September were scrutinised at the AGM the committee agreed there was no reason to go over them again. All attending agreed.
2. Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Wilkie & Alison Bennett to go down to Dunning. • Rory commented that we should concentrate our fund raising efforts on the Den and the Park. The community effort regarding a new building will be approached separately (see below). • Alison & Rory to look at Community funding in Crieff on 23 November 2009. • Rory asked David Smythe to comment on the Community Meeting held on 19th October 2009. Church looking at the possibility of building a new church like the Bankfoot complex which has youth facilities and a church hall on site. This would require a green field site. The committee agreed to take part in the discussions, possibly setting up another sub-committee which would attend any future community group meetings. • Rory to attend Community Newsletter workshop, looking into how a community newsletter is set-up.
3. Sports Fields	Tennis Club – Rory meeting with Alan & Margaret.

<p>4. Den & Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Ian and the others that took part in the den work at the weekend. Steps still need to be replaced. • It was agreed to leave the picnic bench until the spring. • The Gate between the school and the Culdezan Road is a health & Safety issue. Shirley will report this to the school. • Richard Armstrong, countryside ranger has volunteered to instruct on building bat boxes. This could be a workshop taking place in the village hall. Roy to look at organising this for sometime in December 2009. • Dave Bennett has had confirmation from the 'bat lady' that bat boxes constructed to date meet the required standards.
<p>5. Youth Committee</p>	<p>Committee agreed to put this aside for the time being.</p>
<p>6. Activities</p>	<p><u>Christmas tree & Lights</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date proposed and agreed on was 17 December 2009. Lights will be switched on after carol singing. • Proposal put forward to ask local business's to sponsor lights and Roy to draw up standard letter asking for sponsors. <p><u>Gala 2010</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gala confirmed for Sunday 13th June 2010. • David Smythe proposed that we take part in the geo-caching. The Den could be the site of one of the buried boxes. • Rory has asked the committee to go away and think of ideas. • Rory to speak to Glenalmond pipe band. • 'It's a knockout' was proposed. Rory to check the park insurance. • Rory to look into organising a 'Donkey Derby' for February 2010.
<p>7. AOB</p>	<p>Methven Primary School is '100' year old in 2011. All members were asked to look out 'old photos'.</p> <p>Rory suggested that this could be something to put into a newsletter.</p>
<p>8. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday 24th November 2009, 7.30pm</p>