

Minutes of Methven Parks Committee – 29 March 2010

Present

Sandra Baldock	Shaw Murrie	David Bennett	Ian Blance
Alison Howarth	David Wilkie	Shirley Wilson	Caird Millar
Maureen Paton	Gina Boyle	Bruce Spalding	Donna Spalding
Jim Ogg	Brian Donaldson	Rory Macgregor	David Smythe
Yvonne Mitchell	Lauren Macgregor	Aimee Mitchell	Andy Dunlop
Kate Blanche	Maureen Patton		

Apologies

Debbie Frame	Nicola Macgregor	Brian Donaldson	Niell Blance
Andy Hutchinson	Shirley Wilson		

The meeting was opened by Chairman Rory Macgregor and very sincere thanks were given for those in attendance, with a welcome to new members Yvonne & Aimee Mitchell. It was good to see so many members attending.

1. Previous Minutes	<i>Previous minutes of 22nd February 2010 were proposed by David Smythe and seconded by David Wilkie.</i>	
2. Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Wilkie reiterated a requirement to provide specifics for what we need funding for. Rory will call a meeting of the Treasurer and funding team to discuss specific and targeted financing options. David requested that we get two quotes from trades for any work required, and Kate Balche suggested that we also ensure all costings are specifically determined and understood. Shaw Murie suggested we present a retiral gift from the MPC to George Jack at this years Gala. This was agreed unanimously. 	Action RM Action RM Action RM
3. Sports Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce Spalding has kindly agreed to get quotes for fencing equipment to fence off the main road hedging. Dave Bennett reported that he is confident of arranging a meeting with the Tennis Club in week 13. From a funding perspective, it is extremely important we conclude an agreement with the Tennis Club soon. There was some discussion as to our project to refurbish and upgrade the sports pavilion. Whilst there was some confusion as to specifics, it was generally agreed that we have to carry out some remedial work quickly to enhance the H&S concerns being raised. Rory to create a plan for presentation to the committee (see 2 above). It was agreed to offer the Park Keepers job to Neill Blance on the same conditions as previous. Sadly there has been a break-in at the pavilion together with some vandalism to the kids play area and subsequently reported to the 	Action BS Action DB Action RM Action RM Action RM

	<p>Police for investigation. Rory will follow up with the Police.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has also been noted that there has been a significant increase in dogs soiling the village, with the playing fields and Den being some of the worst areas hit. Rory has reported this to the Dog Warden and our local Councillor, Wilma Lumsden. Unfortunately if this persists, it may lead to a total ban of dogs in the playing fields which would be very sad for the majority of decent, responsible dog owners in our village. We will put narrative into the Perthshire Advertiser, website and village newsletter. P&K Council have dug up part of the shrubbery patch and reseeded with grass. Rory has asked for a meet with them to fix. Also need to deal with the wetpore rubber under playing equipment. 	<p>Action RM</p> <p>Action RM</p>
4. Den	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian Blance reported that people are not throwing sticks and branches onto the 'to burn' pile which is creating extra work. If any members are walking in the Den and see this please put a polite word in the right ear. 	Action All
5. Youth Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison Howarth reported that she was waiting for information from Philip Paterson regarding child protection. Alison will follow up and arrange another meeting of the youth group. 	Action AH
6. GALA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters are being prepared and sent out to our many friends and donors. We need more help from the village and will add this into the newsletter. Please can members remember to contact Rory if they would be willing to carry out specific tasks at the Gala, or if they have any good ideas for more fundraising activities. 	<p>Action RM</p> <p>Action All</p>
7. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are still in desperate need of a secretary. Please contact Rory ASAP. Ian Lindsay also very kindly confirmed that a sum had been 'left' to the Methven Parks committee which will be made available for our use by return of a letter from us. This will be gratefully received and well applied. We received a letter from the Church Committee regarding the annual Glebe rental. Andy Hutchinson has kindly agreed to contact Russell Mann to discuss options. Dave Bennett suggested that we increase the standing committee to ensure good handover. This was agreed and will be confirmed. Dave also suggested Rory continue in position for another year; however Rory will stand down in October from Chair so members are requested to consider a replacement. Members of the MPC who have been asked to join the Steering Committee for the proposed new community centre facility will meet 12 April, 7:30pm in the small lounge at the Methven Arms Hotel. 	<p>Action NM</p> <p>Action AH</p>
8. Next Meeting	<p>Monday 19th April 2010, 7.30pm – Lounge Bar Methven Arms Hotel</p> <p>Rory has expressed thanks to the hotel for their continued support for our committee.</p>	