

Minute of Methven Parks Committee

AGM Friday 22nd October 2010

Present

Rory Macgregor, Nikki Macgregor, Brian Donaldson, Joanne Donaldson, Shaw Murrie, Dave Bennett, Alan Elder, Alan Lewis, Tommy Latto, Jim Ogg, Yvonne Mitchell, Andy Dunlop, Ian Blance, Maureen Patton, Sandra Baldock, Wilma Lumsden, Brian McCleary, Donna Spalding, Bruce Spalding

Apologies

Jacqui Dunlop, Liz Callegari, Steve Millar. Mandy Millar, Sheena Johnstone, Hamish Young, Chris Kirk, Fiona Chandler, Richard Chandler, Debbie Frame, Rob Chisholm

1. Previous Minutes

Previous AGM minutes were issued at meeting proposed by Brian Donaldson and seconded by Maureen Patton.

2. Treasurer' Report

Copy of Accounts for year ending 31st August 2010 were issued at meeting

- Various items have been purchased for gifts and gazebos for Gala. Keys, taps, paint and brushes for Pavilion, Christmas trees and lights, stationery and annual rental for The Glebe of £55.
- Still awaiting funding of £750 from PKC - has been overlook to be reapplied for through Steve MacDonald, PKC.
- Monies from Duck Race will be in next year accounts raised £213.
- Grant received from PKC for £1,500 to enable essential upgrade to Pavilion to date Garry McGuire, Electrician has carried out electrical repairs to the value of £800.

AL queried drop of £1,000 in income for Gala - Nikki looked for any trends only suggestion for this is possibly not advertising through PerthFM who were looking for payment this year - maybe something to consider next year.

Accounts have been audited (a must for OSCR to retain Charity Status) and were proposed by Alan Lewis and seconded by Dave Bennett.

Thank you to all Committee Members for all their help and support.

3. Chairperson's/Secretary's Report

Rory has been doing the two roles for the last year.

Communication

- Website <http://www.methvenonline.co.uk> set up but not everyone has access to computers so paper copies are still needed for some members and also our neighbours round the Park.
- Flyers - thank you to Cubs/Committee Members for delivering flyers for Gala and Duck Race. To local businesses/Community Centre for allowing us to put Posters up. Hopefully continue this good work.
- Constitution - has to be reviewed on a regular basis - document has been revamped to correct format as historical constitution dated back to 1950's
- Village Newsletter - something to hopefully get up and running but extra help, funding and sponsorship is required.

Events

- Christmas lights and Carol event a great success would like to continue this year.
- Gala - well represented - various stall holders raised good amounts of money, would like to increase number of stalls and arrange more for area. Good core of people involved would like to appoint a Social Secretary to make arrangements, plan out stalls, arena events etc.
- Duck Race - great day - not much water but added to the excitement. Post Duck Race even better.
- Beer Festival - trial experience - make money for Parks and Community Centre - if successful may do bigger next year.

Funding

- PKC continue to give valuable support, Pavilion Upgrade grant received from PKC for £1,500, Additional funding of £750 to be reapplied for as original documents not received.
- Donations received from Businesses and local residents.
- Due to personal reasons David Wilkie and Alison Howarth have resigned from the Funding Team.

Dance Floor

- No rents to date should we consider advertising? - Shaw advised there is a booking for 4/6/11.

Work Completed

- Vote of thanks given to Ian Balance for his Leadership in looking after/organising working parties in the Den and car park (which was cleared and resurfaced).
- Donated signs from Council still one remaining to be installed.
- Thank you to Rob Chisholm for sourcing wooden picnic tables - one has been installed in the Den and the others will be placed in the Park.
- Thank you to Shaw who has made a metal bench which is situated at the top of Primrose Hill overlooking the Den.

Park

- G Jack has retired as Park keeper after many years and we are grateful to Ian Blance for taking this role on.
- Rory and Brian have met with Paul Summers and Kenny ? from PKC who have agreed to help with maintenance at the Park, they also cut grass and help with minor repairs for virtually nothing.
- By Q1 next year PKC hope to have reinstated shrubbery, repaired rubber matting and around the edges, installed temporary fencing along main road to allow new hedge to grow, fill goal mouths with top soil (they will contact T Latto), assist Parks Committee with repairs to the Car Park, will give us more rubbish bins if available but not encouraging more uplifting of litter, committed to repair kiddies play area where needed.
- Kenny ?, PKC will speak to the appropriate department regarding the entrance to the Park and further up Culdeesland Road about resurfacing it.
- Repoint/rebuilt pillars at entrance to Park.

Pavilion

- New bar heaters, heated water in toilets, lights and fans have been installed to bring the Pavilion to a safe standard by Garry McGuire.
- Plumber has been approached regarding boiler - existing one not economical to repair will be providing a quote for installing a replacement - he will also find out if there are any grants available for reinstalling a new one.
- Footballers are happy to help paint inside/outside of pavilion.
- Some woodwork to be replaced.
- Velux flat roof windows to be fitted by Donald Patton when they become available.
- New electricity meters are in place which are easy to read/deal with.

Other

- Tennis Club and Football Team have new agreements in place.
- Bob Chisholm has kindly sourced 3 new picnic benches which are to be installed in the park.
- Maintain skate park and cycle park - kids seem to be enjoying the extended track.
- Suggestion to create a 5 a side football pitch - maybe something to encourage as so many keen Cub footballers will be moving up soon.
- Signage at entrance of Park stating basic rules seems to be paying dividends.
- Rory is grateful to Wilma Lumsden, Police, Dog Wardens and PKC for all their support and help.
- Youth Group - have the go ahead to use Church Hall - now to get people in place to get it up and running.

Networking within village - Church, Community, PKC, Scottish Litter Campaign, Community Centre, Lodge Kildrummie, great help from Scout Association (they are thriving), Countryside ranger Richard Armstrong, Alan Stewart and Methven PS (would like to do more with them), Colin Bryson, Criminal Justice Service (Rory to meet with him and discuss/write down what sort of tasks they could help us with).

Rory stated he is standing down as Chairperson and has been honoured to have been in the role for the last couple of years, it is not easy and could not have done it without the support from a strong core of members. Disappointed how numbers on the committee are dwindling will have to pull people back on board. He has been hurt by what some people have said about himself and the committee which has nothing to do with what we do. Everyone on the committee does a fantastic job for the community and wished the new committee all the best with continued support for the next year.

4. Updated Constitution

Rory gave a presentation on the updated constitution which is in accordance with the Scottish Playing Fields Association and check with a Solicitor.

Plans to create a stronger bond with village groups with the possibility of a Single Village Committee - where we could have more say in a larger group with people pulling together.

Exec Committee Meeting 7/8 times per year (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Playing Fields Co-ordinator, Den Co-ordinator and Social Secretary)

Management Meetings quarterly (Exec Committee and all other committee members).

Honorary Office Bearers includes Trustees as described in the original King George V Jubilee Playing Fields constitution presented and recorded on 3/3/1950 - Local Landowner, Local Parish Minister, Headteacher of Methven Primary and Local Councillor.

Wilma Lumsden stated that there were three councillors for the area they were all to be approached and they would decide between themselves which one would carry out the role.

A quorum of 4 would be required for agreement at Executive meetings.

Independent Audit required to be carried out for OSCAR - important to retain Charity Status.

EVERYONE in favour of the new Constitution.

5. Nomination of new committee

Chairperson - Brian Donaldson - proposed by Rory, seconded by Alan Lewis
Vice Chairperson - Rory Macgregor - proposed by Alan Lewis, seconded by Shaw Murrie.
Treasurer - Nikki Macgregor - proposed by Rory, seconded by Shaw Murrie.
Secretary - Yvonne Mitchell - proposed by Andy Dunlop, seconded by Nikki Macgregor.
Den Co-ordinator - Ian Blance - proposed by Rory, seconded by Andy Dunlop.
Social Secretary - Joanne Donaldson proposed by Rory, seconded by Brian McCleary.
Sports Field Co-ordinator - Tommy Latto - proposed by Rory, seconded by Shaw Murrie.

6. AOCB

Alan Lewis gave a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman and wished Brian Donaldson all the best.

Rigifa holding a Duck Race on 30/10/10 Alan Lewis asked if possible could people support and assist with this event.

Jim Ogg stated after 35 years he was resigning from the Committee - one last comment he wanted to pass on was to please let Chairperson/or whoever finish speaking before interrupting and discussing topics within their little groups - very rude.

Rory expressed his sincere thanks to Jim for his help and support over the last 35 years.

Bruce Spalding to get Christmas Tree for outside Community Centre.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 15 November at 7.30pm to finalise Beer Festival - Methven Community Centre.