

FRIENDS OF LENZIE MOSS

Minutes of the AGM

Held on 22nd June 2016

Present:

Kate Brown	Jackie Gillespie	George Paterson
Joan Christie	Alma Griffin	David Primrose
Ian Christie	Paul Harte	Marjory Primrose
Scott Donaldson	Anna Illingworth	Clr. Gillian Renwick
Paul Dudman	David Lee	Sheila Shaw
Clr. Rhondda Geekie	Christine Morrison	

1. Apologies

Norma Christie, Clr Jarvis, Fiona Burns, Mr. B Harris, Mr. & Mrs. Dickson

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 2nd June 2015

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Anna Illingworth and seconded by Paul Dudman.

3. Chairperson's report

The Chairperson, Christine Morrison, gave a summary of activities in the previous year, and a copy of the full report will be made available on the FOLM website, www.friendsoflenziemoss.org.uk.

Christine summarised some of the activities of the past year, noting the following highlights:

- New notice board at the top of Heather Drive, provided by Sanctuary Housing and Cruden Building & Renewal Ltd. Notices are changed regularly to reflect items of current interest. The old notice board was moved to the entrance at Hawthorn Avenue.
- Various conservation activities undertaken, including volunteers from Glasgow Kelvin College.
- The committee met with EDC and LendLease (the team managing the construction of the new Lenzie Meadow School) to discuss the effect of the building on the Moss's hydrology, light pollution and pathways. Christine took the team for a guided walk on the Moss and the team then undertook conservation work as part of their community action programme.
- Scottish Natural Heritage have approached FoLM with a view to making a presentation to the Scottish Government on the FoLM/EDC partnership re Lenzie Moss LNR.
- Clr Jarvis invited members of FOLM to "Tea with the Provost".
- Wildflowers from Lenzie Moss were planted in the wildflower meadow. More wildflowers will be planted in the coming year.
- Bird and bat box kits were made at the open day and sited in the woodland.
- Primary 6 children from Lenzie Primary went for a walk led by Christine to explore the Moss's flora & fauna, its history, its importance as a peat bog, the old peat processing plant, and the dams, including "spot bird and bat boxes".
- A group from Project Ability enjoyed a guided walk led by Paul.
- Various community groups, including Merlwood Nursery, utilise the Moss and recognise its importance as a valuable community asset.
- EDC financial cutbacks mean a reduced amount of Ranger input; therefore more activities will require to be run by FOLM, rather than the Rangers.
- The draft Local Development Plan is now with the Reporter at the Scottish Government and should be complete by September.

- FoLM made representation to EDC about including the south path over the Moss as a core pathway under the Active Travel strategy, in particular that care should be taken not to detract from the nature of the Moss as a calm rural space.
- Christine thanked the committee for their support, with a special thank you to Anna Illingworth who retires from the committee after 26 years' service, although she has agreed that she will still cast an eye over the newsletter. A big thankyou also goes to Jackie Gillespie of EDC and the rangers and volunteers from Mugdock.

4. Treasurer's report and approval of the accounts

The Treasurer, Paul Dudman, reported on the FOLM's accounts. Income was £557, including a donation from Lenzie Moss Primary School for wildflower plants. Expenditure was £845 and there was a deficit of £288. The end of year balance is £1354. The deficit is a result of the display boards grant being awarded in the previous financial year. Taking this into account there was a small surplus of £72.

There were two wild flower grants applied for this year. One, from Stalled Spaces, was unsuccessful, and the other, from Action Earth, was successful but carried forward to the 2016/17 financial year. The accounts were approved, proposed by David Lee and seconded by Kate Brown.

5. EDC and Ranger's Report

Jackie Gillespie, Streetscene Technical Support, East Dunbartonshire Council, reported on the year's activities:

- 20 additional dams installed, more scrub removed, and bund removed - funded by SNH and EU funding for Carbon Sequestration
- Another 6 wall rags to be installed
- This has been a very successful method of retaining water in the Moss
- Work is in progress on the new Lenzie Moss Management Plan. A brief has been drawn up and sent to consultants and a hydrological survey is also to be included.
- Various community events were organised by the Rangers, including bird and bat boxes; some scrub removal and boardwalk maintenance; placement of the seat; path upgrades; litter picking; installation of signage for dog walkers.

6. Election of committee and office bearers

The members of the committee, apart from Anna Illingworth, agreed to serve for another year, but Christine advised that new members would be extremely welcome. The following are now the current office-bearers, proposed by Marjory Primrose and seconded by George Paterson.

Office	Name
Chairperson	Paul Dudman
Treasurer	Christine Morrison
Secretary	Kate Brown
Newsletter	David Lee
Membership secretary	Joan Christie
Member	Ian Christie
Member	Nicholas Scobie

7. Any other business

There being no further business, the AGM was closed.

Open meeting – Our Butterflies

Guest speaker: Scott Donaldson, Butterfly Conservation Scotland

We were pleased to welcome Scott Donaldson to give us an illustrated talk on butterflies. Scott is a member of the Glasgow & South West Scotland branch of Butterfly Conservation, a keen enthusiast whose passion for the subject was obvious.