

Friends of Lenzie Moss Annual General Meeting

20th June 2013

Attending: Christine Morrison; David Primrose; Marion Primrose; Anna Illingworth; Joan Christie; Iain Christie; George Paterson; Mandy Glass; Rhonda Geekie; Kate Robinson; Paul Dudman, Fiona Burns, Jackie Gillespie.

1. Apologies

Apologies: David Lee; Alma Griffin; Norma Christie; Dr. and Mrs. Martin; Anne Jarvis; John Jackson

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 19 June 2012

The minutes were proposed by David Primrose and seconded by Joan Christie

3. Chairperson's report

The chair commented on the overall good use of the Moss and the work put in by a wide variety of people including: conservation volunteers; the Ranger Service etc;

In the past year he noted that Bea's path has finally been adopted, with thanks to Anna Illingworth for her persistence.

Events over the last year consisted of a monthly walk and talk (April-October) and conservation volunteer days (Nov-March).

In March SNH's Good Practice event on wetlands took place on the Moss, for professionals to share ideas on managing wetlands.

Since the last AGM Lenzie Rugby Football Club have made public their proposal to develop housing on existing pitches and move the pitches and clubhouse on to grassland behind the school. This is a green space area, and whilst belonging to LRFC and not being part of the Local Nature Reserve, is commonly thought of as part of the Moss. FoLM has engaged with EDC's consultation on the local development plan, and has consulted with the Save Lenzie Moss Group to demonstrate its concern this would have on the Local Nature Reserve, the loss of green space and the potential damage to the peatbog.

4. Treasurer's report and approval of accounts

Christine Morrison (Treasurer) reported on the FOLM's audited accounts, noting income due to grants including from East Dunbartonshire Council, and various expenditure, there was a surplus of £26. It was noted the profile of membership had changed slightly, with slightly more of the family category of membership. The accounts were proposed by Iain Christie and seconded by George Paterson.

5. Election of committee and office bearers

Due to the retirement of the Secretary (Kate Robinson), and the Chair and Treasurer standing down, the proposal for the committee membership was as follows:

Membership Secretary – Joan Christie

Newsletter Coordinator – Anna Illingworth

Kate Sanford – Vice Chair

Chair – Christine Morrison

Treasurer – Paul Dudman

The Committee will cover the Secretary role on a rotational basis.

The Committee's membership was proposed by Anna Illingworth and seconded by David Primrose.

(Note: subsequent to the AGM Iain Christie has offered to take on the Secretary position).

6. Ranger's Report

The Ranger (Fiona Burns) noted that 85 people had volunteered over the winter, averaging 14 people volunteering each day, focusing on Long Term Objectives 1 and 2 of the Management Plan.

Activities included : removing birth seedlings, invasive species and scrub from the board walk, spraying with herbicide and installing anti-slip strips.

It was possible to demonstrate that between February 2012-Feb 2013, 51,760 visitors had come to the Moss.

Participating organisations in the Moss's conservation included: Community Service Volunteers; Duke of Edinburgh; New Caledonian Woodlands; Kibble Education; Mugdock Conservation Volunteers; local schools and uniformed organisations.

Particularly popular events included: Build a Birth Broom Harry Potter Style (60 people) and Bats About Lenzie.

7. Talk from Jackie Gillespie

Jackie Gillespie, Neighbourhood Services Strategy Officer with EDC, gave a very interesting talk. She first gave a presentation on the biodiversity of the Moss, highlighting many of the diverse and rare species of plants and insects found there. Jackie then explained the background of the SNH funded work carried out this year. Birch trees have been removed to encourage regeneration of the peat bog, and a new section of boardwalk built. It is hoped that there will be further grants to renovate the main boardwalk and add additional dams to hold in water in the main peat bog.