

## FRIENDS OF LENZIE MOSS

### Minutes of the AGM

Held on 2 June 2015

#### Present:

Kate Brown	Cllr. Rhondda	John Jackson	David Primrose
Fiona Burns	Geekie	David Lee	Marjory Primrose
Joan Christie	Jackie Gillespie	Andrew McBride	Cllr. Gillian
Ian Christie	Alma Griffin	Christine	Renwick
Norma Christie	Robert Henery	Morrison	Sheila Shaw
Paul Dudman	Anna Illingworth	George Paterson	Irene Henery

#### 1. Apologies

Irene McNicol, Anne Jarvis

#### 2. Minutes of the AGM held on 11 June 2014

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

#### 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](http://www.friendsoflenziemoss.org.uk).

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

- The invaluable conservation work from the volunteers on the paths, the boardwalk and the birch scrub; various recreational activities on the Moss; continuing interest from local primary schools in exploring the Moss for fun and finding out about nature.
- In March, Anna Illingworth and Christine attended a volunteering roadshow at Lenzie Academy. The Academy encourages their pupils to take on some volunteering to add to their CVs and this year we had the pupils from S1 to S5. Expressions of interest were received from around 30 pupils and it is hoped to translate their interest into activities such as making bat and bird boxes, planting native holly and hazel in the woodlands, removing beech saplings, path and ditch work, litter picking.
- Christine recently took round a party of 7 teachers from the Academy on the Moss. They went round the circular path, stopping from time to time to talk about the history of the Moss, its geography, and its flora and fauna.
- Merlwood Nursery children have recently started a Wednesday morning 'forest kindergarten', and they have been enjoying "the trees, stones, sticks and a plethora of bugs and slugs". The nursery teachers report that the children are improving their learning capacity and developing their problem-solving skills, as well as enjoying playing outdoors adding to their health and well-being. Unfortunately, this is currently under threat already because of dog dirt in the play area, and the nursery will put up notices asking dog owners not to let their dogs defecate without picking up after them.
- The proposed Local Development Plan is now nearing its conclusion. The 2 sites which could have directly impacted on the Moss – the Rugby Club proposal and the Crosshill Rd/Boghead Rd proposal – have not been included. Consultation on the proposed Plan ended on May 28 and the Council will now review all the responses and try to resolve any outstanding appeals, following which any unsolved appeals will be referred to the Scottish Government for determination. The government's decision on the appeals is final and the Plan will be approved some time in 2016. This will form the basis of development in East Dunbartonshire for the following 5 years.

- Representatives from FOLM have attended all the Council consultations on the proposal to rebuild Lenzie Moss Primary School. The planning application was recently posted online on the Council’s website, and it was good to see that the Plan still includes pedestrian access on to the Moss through the new school. The plan does not appear to provide for vehicle access on to the Moss but we are attempting to clarify this with the planning department. The 3 other issues that are outstanding as far as FOLM is concerned – a hydrology review, a review of any light pollution from the pitches and its potential effect on wildlife, and pathway improvement over the Moss for access to the school – will be discussed at a meeting this month with the lead architects and planners.
- Over the past 12 months the Moss has continued to be well used, and has received invaluable support from Fiona Burns from the Mugdock Rangers and her army of volunteers, and from Jackie Gillespie, our EDC Streetscene Project Officer. Christine thanked them, and the members of the Committee, for their continuing support.

#### **4. Treasurer’s report and approval of the accounts**

The Treasurer, Paul Dudman, reported on the FOLM’s accounts. Income was £1849, including 4 grants from Keep Scotland Beautiful, CVS Action Earth, SNH, and East Dunbartonshire Council. Expenditure was £1250 and there was a surplus of £599. £360 of this surplus is allocated to grant funded items falling into the next financial year. The accounts were approved, proposed by Joan Christie and seconded by Robert Henery.

#### **5. Ranger’s Report**

Fiona Burns reported on the activities organised by the Countryside Rangers, including:

- A total of 62 volunteers working on 6 separate occasions throughout the year
- Planting heather seeds on the peat mound
- Path resurfacing and repairs
- Making Harry Potter birch brooms and birch garlands
- Natural art sessions
- Furry animal toy trail
- Guided walks, including a birdsong walk
- Wildflower planting
- Invasive species control
- Installing control of dogs signage

Lenzie Moss continues to be used by a variety of groups for education and leisure purposes and the existing partnership working arrangements are proving very effective.

#### **6. Election of committee and office bearers**

The members of the committee 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 Sheila Shaw and seconded by David Primrose.

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>	Christine Morrison
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul Dudman
<b>Secretary</b>	Kate Brown
<b>Newsletter</b>	Anna Illingworth and David Lee
<b>Membership secretary</b>	Joan Christie
<b>Member</b>	Ian Christine

#### **7. Any other business**

There being no further business, the AGM was closed.