

FRIENDS OF LENZIE MOSS

Minutes of the AGM

Held on 12th June 2017

Present:

Linda Baillie	Alma Griffin	Sandra Raftery
Kate Brown	Anna Illingworth	Kate Robinson
Joan Christie	David Lee	Hugh Searle
Ian Christie	Christine Morrison	Lilo Searle
Norma Christie	George Paterson	Sheila Shaw
Paul Dudman	Marjory Primrose	

1. Apologies

Rona Mackay MSP, William Raftery, Cllr Sandra Thornton

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 22nd June 2016

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

3. Chairperson's report

The Chairperson, Paul Dudman, 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. The following highlights were noted:

- Several conservation volunteer days, creating and maintaining paths.
- Planting of wildflowers by various local groups including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
- There are ongoing problems with litter, and vandalism of noticeboards and a seat; if anyone witnesses any such acts, please report to police on 101.
- Monitoring of water levels continues.
- A visit from the Hutton Research Institute research project into peatland conservation.
- Participation in the Inside Lane artwork project. There are several small postcard-sized artworks designed by Deirdre Macleod plus a tree orb installation by Natalie Holbrook, positioned in a tree, which will decay naturally.
- A geocache on Lenzie Moss – this is an adult form of hide and seek, using online clues to find the box and each visit is then recorded.
- FOLM was consulted about EDC Leisure & Culture Trust Tales and Trails project which will include themes related to the history of Lenzie and will include the paths on Lenzie Moss.
- Christine has given talks to various local groups, and schools/nurseries use Lenzie Moss.
- Fewer FOLM events were run this year but the Harry Potter Broom making event is still very popular and a small amount of birch has been retained for this.
- The FOLM Facebook and website are popular, but the newsletter is valued and will continue.
- A drone took aerial photos and video of the Moss, using a high definition camera. The resulting flyover video was shown and this will also be put onto the website.
- Events for the coming year include:
 - Conservation volunteers will continue to work on paths.
 - The boardwalk may be nearing end of its life and needs regular repairs. Funding through grants will be investigated to replace this.
 - There is a proposal for cycle path from Lenzie to Bishopbriggs, part of which may be developed through the Moss. We are monitoring this and expect to be consulted.
 - As the Rangers service has been cut back, FOLM is investigating other methods of delivering walks and talks, but will need its own insurance.

- New committee members are actively sought, particularly anyone willing to co-ordinate events or help with website updating.
- Thanks to Jackie Gillespie, Greenspace Officer, who has always been a firm supporter of Lenzie Moss. Also Countryside Rangers for their continuing work as well as the other committee members and volunteers for their help during the year.

4. Treasurer's report and approval of the accounts

The Treasurer, Christine Morrison, reported on the FOLM's accounts. Membership subs were £338. Income was £841, including a grant from CVS Action Earth for wildflowers. Expenditure was £1213, including £500 for wildflowers and there was a deficit of £372. The end of year balance is £982. The subscription level will remain as it is, for the moment. Any future programme of events will have to be funded, and we will apply for grants for this. Funding is also sought for replacement of boardwalk. The accounts were approved, proposed by Kate Brown and seconded by George Paterson.

5. EDC and Ranger's Report

A written report was presented on the year's activities:

- 21 visits to Lenzie Moss, including volunteers from Morgan Stanley and conservation volunteer days. Activities include bat boxes, litter picking, and path repairs/improvements.
- Malcolm McEwan was thanked for the new bench.
- Cleddans Nursery in Bishopbriggs visited the Moss and made birch brooms. Holy Family Nursery enjoyed a Ranger-led wildlife walk.
- The rain gauge and water table logger will be used for monitoring purposes.
- The FOLM wildlife camera is currently being used by St Mary's church to monitor swift boxes.

6. Election of committee and office bearers

The members of the committee agreed to serve for another year, but Paul advised that new members would be extremely welcome. The following are now the current office-bearers, proposed by Joan Christie and seconded by Ian Christie.

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

7. Any other business

George Paterson expressed concern about the damage to the walrag and asked if SNH has a reference point.

Christine is willing to talk to any interested groups, A Walk round Lenzie Moss, which uses a variety of interesting material.

There being no further business, the AGM was closed.

Open meeting: RSPB - Bogs, Birds and Bunds

Guest speaker: Toby Wilson, RSPB

We were pleased to welcome Toby Wilson, Senior Conservation Officer at RSPB, to give us an illustrated talk on peatlands, conservation and birds.