

FRIENDS OF LENZIE MOSS

Minutes of the AGM

Held on 25th June 2018

Present :	Ian Christie	David Lee
Linda Baillie	Paul Dudman	Ken MacLeod
Kate Brown	Alma Griffin	Christine Morrison
Joan Christie	Anna Illingworth	Sheila Shaw

1. Apologies

Jo Swinson MP, Cllr Sandra Thornton, Jackie Gilliespie – East Dunbartonshire Council Streetscene Project Officer, George Paterson, David Shenton, Norma Christie, Marjory Primrose

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 12nd June 2017

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved as an accurate record. Proposed by Joan Christie and seconded by Alma Griffin.

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:

- FOLM responded to various consultations:
 - a Cycle Path proposal from East Dunbartonshire Council and there may some impact on Lenzie Moss
 - discussions continue regarding a new pathway to Lenzie Meadow School
 - Blackthorn Grove development but it unlikely that there will be an impact on Lenzie Moss
 - Trails & Tales: a history and heritage project for which 2 concrete sculptures of peat stacks were proposed. Friends of Lenzie Moss suggested that it would not be appropriate for these to be sited on the Moss and that one of the entrances to the Moss would be a more sympathetic site, but we are advised that East Dunbartonshire Council will be going ahead anyway
 - Forest schools: Friends of Lenzie Moss responded with various concerns regarding this including lack of toilet facilities for the children, but East Dunbartonshire Council has decided to approve one and it will be running at the old peat works.
- Events: Lenzie art walk took place in November. Public events have been reduced due to cutbacks on Rangers Service. The Harry Potter broom event took place in October and was very popular. FOLM Committee would need £90 per annum in insurance to run events, and we would therefore need grant support. Christine Morrison has given talks to groups. Butterfly Conservation Scotland has held an event on the Moss.
- Maintenance: as the boardwalk is deteriorating quite rapidly, East Dunbartonshire Council is proposing to undertake repairs. An application for grant funding has been submitted for a replacement boardwalk. Conservation volunteers have been mainly working on paths, especially the flooded area at Heather Drive and it is anticipated they will be coming in July to do this.
- 400 Facebook followers
- Ongoing issues continue with vandalism and use of quad bikes on the Moss. Member are requested to phone 101 to report any incidents. Noticeboard has some graffiti which was cleaned.
- We note with sadness the death of Paul Harte, a conservation volunteer and a firm supporter of Friends of Lenzie Moss.
- A new drink, Lenzie Gin, has been developed inspired by botanicals from Lenzie Moss including cranberries and bilberries.
- More new committee members would be very welcome, especially a new membership secretary plus a web/facebook person
- Thanks to Jackie Gillespie for all her support, the Countryside Rangers as well as members of the committee and all volunteers.
- The Community Council has agreed to provide 2 new boards, one at station, one at end of Hawthorn.

- Songbird walk cancelled due to lack of interest.
- Night vision camera returned from Countryside Rangers.

4. Treasurer's report and approval of the accounts

The Treasurer, Christine Morrison, reported on the FOLM's accounts. Membership subs were £328, donations £124. Income was £452. Expenditure was £360, there was a surplus of £92. The end of year balance is £1074. Grant of £500 was received for wildflowers and it has been decided to buy fewer plants but larger plugs.

The subscription level will remain as it is, for the moment. The accounts were approved, proposed by David Lee and seconded by Anna Illingworth.

5. 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 Sheila Shaw and seconded by Anna Illingworth.

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

6. EDC and Ranger's Report Rangers' Report for period April 2017 to March 2018

The Rangers visited Lenzie Moss twenty two times in the past year. Of these visits, twelve were related to scheduled maintenance activities, five were the result of repairs needed to the boardwalk, four were events and one was a meeting with SNH to discuss the rain gauges.

Maintenance has mainly been related to path improvements, with some work also on cutting back vegetation, clearing litter and work on dams.

The events and participants were:

Harry Potter : 63, still our most popular event

Minibeasts of Lenzie Moss: 19

Midsummer melody (dusk chorus walk) : only 3

Wednesday wander guided walk : again only 3

The evening birdsong walk in May had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. This is a change to previous years when most events have been fully booked. Whether the introduction of a £3 charge has had an influence remains to be confirmed.

The three conservation volunteers events were attended by between 8 and 20 people, with the larger number attributed to the participation of the local Beaver and Scout troops. Mugdock volunteers remain the core of the conservation volunteers.

7. Any other business

There being no further business, the AGM was closed.

Open meeting: A Look at Fungi

Guest speaker: Graeme Walker, Clyde & Argyll Fungus Group

We were pleased to welcome Graeme Walker, Clyde & Argyll Fungus Group, to give us an illustrated talk on fungus and its relevance to Lenzie Moss.