

FRIENDS OF LENZIE MOSS

CONSTITUTION ADOPTED AT THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING ON 6 FEBRUARY 2007 AT LENZIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

1. NAME

The organisation shall be known as the Friends of Lenzie Moss (hereinafter referred to as FoLM).

2. PURPOSES

2.1 To conserve Lenzie Moss for the benefit of present and future generations through education, liaison with official bodies, and appropriate environmental management. The location and extent of Lenzie Moss is described in more detail in Appendix 1.

2.2 To raise funds as appropriate for the above purpose.

2.3 To support, financially or otherwise, other bodies with similar environmental aims.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Any person aged 16 and over may become an individual member of FoLM on payment of the appropriate subscription. Each individual member is entitled to attend General Meetings and to vote.

3.2 A family may acquire family membership of FoLM on payment of the appropriate subscription. All members of the family are entitled to attend General Meetings. Family membership confers two votes per family.

3.3 Any organisation subscribing to the purposes of FoLM may, with the approval of the Committee, become an institutional member of FoLM on payment of the appropriate subscription. Each institutional member may appoint one representative to attend General Meetings with power to vote.

3.4 Members may invite any person who is a non-member to attend its meetings as an observer without power to vote.

3.5 Subscription rates will be determined by FoLM at the Annual General Meeting.

3.6 The membership year will run from 1 April to 31 March.

4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

4.1 The Annual General Meeting of FoLM will be held each year at such time and place as the Committee determines, being not more than fifteen months after the holding of the preceding Annual General Meeting. At least twenty-one clear days' notice will be given in writing to the members.

4.2 The Annual General Meeting will be chaired by the Chairman or Vice Chairman or, if neither is present, by any committee member agreed by the meeting.

4.3 The quorum at the Annual General Meeting will be not less than 8 members.

4.4 At the Annual General Meeting the Committee will present to the members a report on the activities of the Committee over the period from the last Annual General Meeting to date; will present the annual audited accounts; and will raise matters for discussion as may be considered necessary.

4.5 At the Annual General Meeting, the members will elect for the following year a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer (to be known as the office bearers) and up to six other members. The elected members will form the Committee.

4.6 The existing Committee members will automatically stand down at the Annual General Meeting but will be eligible for re-election, except that the maximum consecutive number of years for which a member may serve as Chairman is 3 .

4.7 Nominations for the Committee must be proposed and seconded by members and must have the consent of the nominee. Should nominees exceed vacancies, election will be by show of hands or by ballot as the meeting determines, election being by simple majority.

4.8 At the Annual General Meeting members will appoint one or more Auditors.

4.9 Voting will be by simple majority of those members present unless otherwise stated in the Constitution.

5. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

5.1 An Extraordinary General Meeting will be called at twenty-one clear days' notice in writing upon the written demand of ten members or by the Committee.

5.2 An Extraordinary General meeting will be chaired by the Chairman or Vice Chairman or, if neither is present, by any member agreed by the meeting.

5.3 The quorum at an Extraordinary General Meeting will be not less than 8 members.

5.4 Voting will be by simple majority of those members present unless

otherwise stated in the Constitution.

6. THE COMMITTEE

6.1 The duties of the Committee will be to carry out the purposes of FoLM and, subject to any conditions imposed from time to time by the members in General Meeting, to provide for the administration, control and management of the affairs and assets of FoLM.

6.2 The Committee will have power to co-opt up to three further Committee members as required. These may be non-FoLM members where the Committee considers their contribution is of benefit to FoLM.

6.3 The Committee will remain in being until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting after their election.

6.4 The Committee will hold meetings as required.

6.5 A member of the Committee who is absent for three consecutive Committee meetings shall be deemed to have resigned, illness or extenuating circumstances excepted.

6.6 The quorum for a meeting of the Committee will be a simple majority of the elected members of the Committee.

6.7 Voting will be by simple majority of the elected Committee members. The Chairman will have a casting vote.

6.8 Non-Committee members of FoLM may also attend these meetings from time to time as observers, subject to approval by the Committee.

6.9 The Committee may fill any temporary vacancy occurring amongst its members until the next Annual General Meeting.

7. FINANCE

7.1 The income and assets of FoLM will be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of FoLM as set out in Clause 2. of this Constitution and no portion thereof will be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, honorarium or otherwise by way of profit to any member, providing that nothing herein will prevent the repayment of approved out-of-pocket expenses incurred on behalf of FoLM.

7.2 FoLM's financial year will run from 1 April to 31 March each year or such dates as may be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

7.3 Audited accounts will be produced at least once in every financial year and will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting.

7.4 A bank account will be opened in the name of Friends of Lenzie Moss with the Royal Bank of Scotland plc or with such other bank as the Committee will from time to time decide. The Committee will authorise

in writing the Treasurer and two other members of the Committee to sign cheques on behalf of FoLM. All cheques must be signed by not less than two of the three authorised signatories.

8. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

8.1 Any Resolution for the alteration of this Constitution will be submitted to members in Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting and must be received by the Secretary at least fourteen clear days' before such General Meeting. Approval to such Resolution must receive the assent of not less than two-thirds of the members present.

9. REMOVAL OF MEMBERS AND THE DISSOLUTION OF FOLM

9.1 FoLM will have power to remove from membership, at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting, any individual member, family member or institutional member or its representative who has, in the view of FoLM, brought FoLM into disrepute.

9.2 FoLM may at any time be dissolved by a Resolution passed by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting at a General Meeting of which at least twenty-eight clear days' notice of such Resolution will have been sent to all members. Such Resolution will give instruction for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of FoLM, provided that if any assets remain after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, such assets will not be paid to or distributed among the members but will be given or transferred to or distributed to an organisation having similar purposes to those of FoLM.

Date.....

Signed..... Chairman

Signed..... Secretary

APPENDIX 1

LOCATION AND EXTENT OF LENZIE MOSS

A. THE NORTHERN AREA to the northwest of Lenzie Railway Station, bounded on the south by the main railway line from Glasgow to Edinburgh, on the west by the farmed fields of Wester Gadloch farm and Lenzie Academy playing fields, on the north by grassland and housing, and on the east by Lenzie Rugby Football Club playing fields and housing.

Its principal feature is the central portion of former peat workings which, despite self sown birch causing drying, is still a viable wetland. On high ground bounding the railway some trees, mainly birch, are established. There is another wooded area to the north end. The east side is mainly grassland underlaid by peat. Several footpaths exist crisscrossing the Moss, together with the public walkway around the Moss established by East Dunbartonshire Council in 2005-2006.

B. The SOUTHERN AREA to the southwest of Lenzie Railway Station bounded on the north by the railway line and the Ladies' Mile path, on the west and south by the farmed fields of Wester Gadloch farm, also on the south by the farmed fields of Easter Gadloch farm, and on the east by housing.

Ownership of the Moss will lie with East Dunbartonshire Council following the approval of the Compulsory Purchase Order.

The Moss is shown on the ordnance survey 1:25,000 sheet NS67/77.