

**MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
LINLITHGOW AND BO'NESS PROBUS CLUB**

HELD AT 1030 ON 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 AT THE ROSE CLUB, LINLITHGOW

President John Aitken welcomed all the members to the AGM.

**Apologies**

Ross Jarvie, David Olwa, Alistair McKechnie, George Wilson, Jean Osbourne

**Previous Minutes.**

The minutes of the AGM held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 had been circulated. Agreement was proposed by Jim Hannan and seconded by Doug Hewitt and were agreed.

**President's Report**

John reported that the past year had been greatly affected by the Covid epidemic. Many of the meetings had been held by Zoom and copies of the 25 talks are available on the YouTube channel. Numbers had not yet returned to pre-Covid figures but it was hoped that attendance would improve by September.

During the year, we had lost a number of members, Ron Laing; Alastair Moore, David Morrison and Nick Knox. They are very much missed.

However, we have also gained a number of new members and it is particularly gratifying to have so many ladies.

John thanked the Events Committee of Doug Hewitt, Jim Hannan and David Elliot who had put together a fantastic programme and also the speakers who had entertained us.

He also thanked George Bird, Mick Baker and Chris Collen who had made his job much easier than it could have been.

We hope to have a full season next year. We hope to have the programme finalised by the end of June so we can have printed cards for the start of the next season in September.

**Treasurers Report**

Mick Baker presented the accounts. He reported that the funds were in good shape and he saw no need to change the subscription from the current £20 plus £3 per meeting. No donations had been made this year to either Linlithgow or Bo'Ness Academy. The accounts had not been independently audited but the committee would ensure that that happened.

Some discussion took place and it was agreed that a donation of £100 each should be made to the Academies. It was further agreed that we should make donations to local Food Banks, £200 to West Lothian Food Bank and £200 either to the principal Food Bank in Bo'ness or spread between them, to be decided by the Committee.

Although a donation had been offered to the Rose Club to recompense them for the cancelled Christmas Lunch, they had refused to accept it.

A gift would also be made to the staff of the Rose Club at the beginning of the next session.

The accounts were approved, proposed by George Bird, seconded by Jim Hannan.

### **Election of Office Bearers**

The current members of the Committee all intimated that they were prepared to stand again. The following nominations were therefore agreed.

Title	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	John Aitken	George Bird	Jim Hannan
Vice President	George Bird	John Aitken	Jim Hannan
Treasurer	Mick Baker	John Aitken	George Bird
Secretary & Membership	Chris Collen	John Aitken	Jim Hannan
Almoner	George Bird	John Aitken	Chris Collen
Programme Committee	Neil Edwards Doug Hewitt David Elliot Jim Hannan George Bird	John Aitken	Chris Collen

### **AOCB**

George paid tribute to John Aitken's sterling work as President and asked all present to join him in a round of applause

Chris Collen  
Secretary 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022