



Linlithgow & Bo'Ness Probus Club

Minutes of the Meeting held in Linlithgow Rose Social Club
at 10:30 am on Wednesday 11th January 2023

WELCOME: President John Aitken welcomed all the members and four guests: Dianne Gorrie, Patrick Harkins, Tricia Holmes and Bert Lawson. He wished everyone a Happy New Year. It was good to see such a large turn-out.

APOLOGIES: Chris Collen, Julie Laurie and Eric Moffat.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: The Probus Christmas Lunch event, on 14 December 2022, had been well attended and was a great success, largely thanks to Linlithgow Rose Social Club, who provided entertainment and a good meal. Members expressed their thanks to the Rose Club. Photos of the event are on the Probus website (<http://bolinprobus.org/>), thanks to George Bird.

ALMONERS REPORT: George Bird suggested that we should include a list of members on the Probus website. With the members consent, this could possibly include a head and shoulders photo and perhaps a short biography.

GALA DAY ARCHES: The Linlithgow and Linlithgow Bridge Gala day Committee had asked if Probus could judge Gala Day arches. It would require eight people in total, in four cars. Volunteers are wanted for this civic duty. Jim Hannan has a sheet and will see if enough people come forward.

SPEAKER: Maurice McIlwick was not available, due to double booking, and Geoff Bailey had agreed to swap. Geoff gave an extremely interesting presentation on the industries of Bo'ness, from early coal mining, before Bo'ness became established in the 16th century to become a major port whose industries included salt making, iron foundry, pottery, ship-building, timber, fishing, and many associated trades.

VOTE OF THANKS: A vote of thanks was given by the President, supported by the members in the usual manner.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 25 January at 10 for 10:30 – On the 264th anniversary of Robert Burns' birthday on 25 January 1759, Ian Scott will widen our knowledge of Scotland's world famous bard.

John Aitken
for Chris Collen, Secretary
12 January 2023.