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Minutes of Meeting held on: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Linlithgow Rose Club

WELCOME: President John Aitken welcomed all the members and visitor John Crawford (Jnr) from Melrose & Galashiels Probus.

#### APOLOGIES:

Phil Bullen; Jim Wilson; John Williams & Carol Ismail

#### ALMONERS REPORT

George reported that Bob of Cockleroi had had a heart operation and was recovering well. He also paid tribute to the NHS who had responded magnificently after his wife had had a fall and broke a bone.

#### MATTERS ARISING

Following from the previous meeting members names had been added to the Website. George would now be taking pictures to go with the names. He assured members that photos would only be published with the owners' permission but could not guarantee to eradicate all wrinkles.

#### AOCB

John reported that the Committee were looking at whether Outings should continue to be part of the programme. The last outing had been thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended but it was only a subset of the membership who attended. It was agreed that the next meeting would have a vote on whether we should have outings and if so, members were asked to make suggestions of places within an hour or an hour and a half.

John brought to members attention a meeting planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.45pm in St Margaret's Hall when the head of Historic Environment Scotland would be talking about the current situation with Linlithgow Palace and plans for its future. He encouraged anyone interested to attend, giving notice to Linlithgow Burgh Trust via their website <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/LinlithgowPalace/>

Finally, a short committee meeting will be held just before the next meeting at 0945 on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

John then proceeded to introduce the speaker for the day, Eric Melvin. Eric gave a riveting presentation on Deacon Brodie and his environment. His description of the hectic social scene of drinking and gambling clubs (and ladies of the street) left several members enquiring the time of the last train back to Linlithgow!



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### VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given by Bruce Jamieson (who admitted that his own experience of teaching history had not been quite so specific) and supported by the members in the usual manner.

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February when Roy Johnstone will be taking us down Memory Lane. Members who attended the Zoom meetings will remember Roy's riveting history of Henry V111 – from Henry's point of view. If you want to see it, please go to the Youtube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCUt3uBps3A>

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Secretary  
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