



## **Linlithgow & Bo'ness Probus Club**

### **Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023-03-23 at Linlithgow Rose Club**

#### **WELCOME:**

John Aitken welcomed an excellent turnout of members. There were no visitors.

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Jim Wilson; Carol Ismail; John Williams; David Olwa; Andrew Jones; Tony McKerron

#### **ALMONERS REPORT**

There was no report

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were accepted, proposed by Jim Hannan, Seconded by Neil Edwards

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

The Treasurer had approached both Bo'Ness and Linlithgow Academies but neither had had prize-givings for the last few years. It was agreed that the two years should be bundled together and donations of £200 would be given to each, 'For the benefit of pupils in the School'.

Donations totalling £300 had been made to each of Bo'ness and West Lothian Foodbanks

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

John reported that having been President for two years it had been great to be back to real meetings instead of the Zoom meetings held over lockdown. Recordings of the Zoom talks were still available on the Linlithgow & Bo'ness channel on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/@bolinprobus> The most popular was still David Elliot's talk on the photographs of Grangemouth by J P Munn, followed by David Shire's talk on the Paddle Steamer Waverley (although no mention was made of the ramming of Brodick pier that took place a couple of weeks later!).

Over the last year, we had sadly lost Doug Hewitt who had eventually succumbed to his illness after a gallant fight, and Bill Hourston who had died very suddenly.

A number of new members had joined us and were very welcome. There is still room for more so John encouraged members to bring along other neighbours and friends. There had been an excellent and varied programme put together by the Events Committee of Neil Edwards, David Elliott, Jim Hannan and George Bird together with Doug Hewitt. Not only had they put together the current session's talks but have almost completed the programme for next year.

John thanked the Linlithgow Rose Social Club for their hospitality each week. We had offered to increase the meeting charge but they had declined.

Finally John thanked the rest of the committee, George (Vice President), Mick (Treasurer) and Chris (Secretary) for their support.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Mick Baker reported that the finances were in a healthy state. It was planned to move the Bank Account to on-line and John will help in this regard.

The accounts were adopted – Proposed by Jim Hannan, Seconded John Aitken

### **ACCOUNTS EXAMINER**

George Bird will examine the accounts.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
President	Neil Edwards	George Bird	Jim Hannan
Vice President	George Bird	John Aitken	David Elliot
Treasurer	Mick Baker	John Aitken	Neil Edwards
Secretary & Membership	Chris Collen	Niven Grant	Gary Withnell
Almoner	<u>Bo'ness</u> Ross Jarvie	George Bird	Mick Baker
	<u>Linlithgow</u> George Bird	John Aitken	Mick Baker
Programme Committee	Gary Withnell John Aitken David Elliot Bert Lawson Stuart Smith	Jim Hannan David Elliot Jim Hannan David Elliot David Elliot	George Bird Chris Collen Chris Collen Chris Collen Chris Collen

### **SUBS FOR 2023/4**

It was agreed that the Annual Subscription and Meeting charge would remain at £20 and £3 respectively.

## **AOCB**

John announced that he would be ordering name bars for the Presidents chain of office covering a number of past presidents as well as a new one for Neil.

Lapel badges were available for members and after a rough count of those interested it was agreed that 30 would be ordered for members.

At the end of the AGM, members took part in a closely fought Quiz that was concocted and managed by Jim Hannan and George Bird. The winning team were presented with Easter Eggs which they didn't share round!

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> April when Alan Johnston will be talking about his life experiences as an engineer.

Chris Collen  
Secretary  
23/03/2023