



Linlithgow & Bo'ness Probus Club

Minutes of Meeting held on: 10th January 2024 at Linlithgow Rose Club

WELCOME: President Neil Edwards welcomed members and guests John Crawford junior and Bob McCaig. He wished everyone a happy new year. He expressed the club's sadness at the recent passing of Hector Woodhouse and David Roy, who were not Probus members but were well known Linlithgow people.

APOLOGIES: Chris Collen, Andrew Jones, Jim Kelly, Julie Lawrie, Eric Moffatt and Margot Watson.

ALMONERS REPORTS: Nothing reported.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: While the food service had been poor, members enjoyed the Christmas lunch and quiz at West Lothian Golf Club.

CHRISTMAS TREE: Neil Edwards proposed that the club should have a Christmas tree in St Micheal's church festival of trees later this year. This idea was approved by the members present.

TATTOO OUTING: A sheet is circulating to record those who would like to attend the Edinburgh Military Tattoo on 17 August at 6:15pm. The cost is likely to be around £77 but a discount may be offered. Bill Duncan asked about transport which will be decided nearer to the date.

SPEAKER: John Aitken introduced Ian Shearer, former chair of Friends of Kinneil, who gave an interesting illustrated talk on Kinneil's 2000 plus years of history, from pre-historic oyster beds through Roman occupation, the Hamiltons occupying Kinneil House, James Watt's steam engine workshop and current times, with a visit from King Charles last year. Ian feels that Kinneil has a lot of potential for development as a visitor attraction and hopes that HES and Falkirk Council will make more of it in the future.

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

SCREEN: There was a problem with the screen not remaining open and this has subsequently been fixed.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on 24th January when Ian Scott will help us to celebrate the life and works of Robert Burns.

John Aitken, pp Chris Collen, Secretary
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