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Minutes of Meeting held on: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Linlithgow Rose Club

WELCOME: Vice-president George Bird welcomed all the members and new member Randolph Murray.

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Alan Bennie, Margaret Cameron, Neil Edwards, David Elliot, Jim & Dora Kelly, Sheena Litster, Dale MacPherson, David Olwa, Di Wild, Garry Withnell  
David Olwa has gone to Africa to escape the Scottish winter and will return in April.

#### **ALMONERS REPORT**

John Aitken was back at Probus after his spell in hospital with broken ribs and a pierced lung. Our other fallen acrobat David Robertson is also out of hospital. Ross has spoken to Dale's wife. He was in the Western General in Edinburgh where they identified a problem that could not be fixed through surgery. However, he is now back in Larbert where he is being treated medically.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

George reported that progress was being made with the Bank Account. He was looking for volunteers to join the Christmas Tree group. Preparation day will be 5<sup>th</sup> December with public viewing on the following three days. The Christmas lunch was confirmed as being at Linlithgow Golf Club on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Mick is taking names. A menu had been received but it was felt that it was too early to distribute it. Mick reported that there were currently 49 paid up members – a record.

#### **AOCB**

Linlithgow Rose Club Boardroom is the location for the Linlithgow Sporting Memories group every Thursday from 1.30pm. Murdoch is sure Probus members would enjoy the chat about sporting events, including the never-to-be-forgotten season enjoyed by Linlithgow Rose in 1964-1965. That year also saw other significant sporting achievements by the local bowling and cricket clubs. So much so, that the Provost of Linlithgow Town Council earned the title, "The Sporting Provost".

#### **INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER**

Stuart then introduced one of his golfing pals – Iain Harrison – who gave a fascinating talk on the various special edition currency notes the Royal Bank of Scotland produced under his auspices. They varied from a note commemorating Robert Louis

Stevenson to the most popular one, commemorating Jack Nicklaus. Iain let us in to various secrets including having his leg pulled by Mr Nicklaus. He also gave some insight into his relationship with his boss!

#### VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given by the secretary, who was obviously selected because of his past history with a rather older Bank. He found the talk fascinating and proposed a vote of thanks, supported by the members in the usual manner.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October when the speakers will be the erstwhile owners of the Hopetoun Garden Centre who will be speaking on the subject "How do wet eaters and dry eaters garden?".

Chris Collen  
Secretary  
16/10/2024

