



# Linlithgow & Bo'ness Probud Club

## **Minutes of Meeting held on: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 at Linlithgow Rose Club**

**WELCOME:** President Neil Edwards welcomed members and guest John Crawford, from Galashiels. He introduced new member Duncan MacCuish.

**APOLOGIES:** Chris Collen (Secretary), Bill and Anne Duncan, Bert Lawson, David Olwa and Bob Ross.

**MINUTES:** Adopted without any changes. Nothing arising.

**ALMONERS REPORTS:** Nothing reported.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Neil introduced member Garry Withnell, who said that, while focussed on Robert Burns, the entertainment would cover Scottishness in general. Mike Smith gave a spirited rendition of Tam o' Shanter, followed by a modern-day Linlithgow version written by Bruce Jamieson and presented by Sandy Queenan as Tam o' Shanter and Catherine Bain as his wife. Drunken Tam, on his bike, had witnessed the ladies of Linlithgow dancing naked on the Peel and his wife, who despised her partner's drinking, observed that Linlithgow offered up many fine men. After some Burns songs, enjoyed without accompaniment, Garry gave a tribute to Ricky Fulton as a minister delivering a gin fuelled Last Call.

**VOTE of THANKS:** A vote of thanks was given by George Bird, who reflected on the strength of local talent and the sad loss of Burns from the school English curriculum. Members expressed their thanks in the usual manner.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held at 10:00 for 10:30 on 5<sup>th</sup> February, when Moira Niven, Lord Lieutenant of West Lothian, will be the speaker.

John Aitken, pp Chris Collen, Secretary  
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