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Minutes of Meeting held on: 5th February 2025 at Linlithgow Rose Club

WELCOME: President Neil Edwards welcomed all the members and new member May Wilson.

APOLOGIES:

Anne & Bill Duncan; Alan Halley; Andrew Jones; Randolph Murray; David Olwa

ALMONERS REPORT

Garry reported that Anne Duncan was currently in hospital, initially with a chest infection but subsequently had had a fall.

Neil Miller has been in and out of hospital a number of times.

MATTERS ARISING

None

AOCB

David Elliot reported that he had been investigating options for the Summer Outing. Examination of previous minutes had identified that two options were particularly popular – Summerlee that we had done last year, and Falkland Palace. There would be a coach and NTS members would obviously get in free, while NTS would offer admission to both Palace and gardens at a group rate of £14 (against £14.50 for the palace and £5 for the gardens.) The only down side is that the palace is not very friendly to wheelchairs and those with limited mobility.

Falkland has a number of cafes and at least one pub where it would be possible to have lunch.

Members were asked to consider this with a view to making a decision at the next meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Garry then introduced today's speaker, Lord Lieutenant of West Lothian, Moira Niven. Moira gave some history of the post, originating with the requirement to supply fighting men to defend the realm. While that requirement was no more, there is still a close affinity between the Lord Lieutenant and the military.

Moira recounted some of her experiences, including attending the National Celebrations of the Queen's Jubilee, her funeral and the subsequent coronation, all requiring a strong bladder and an ability to sit through many hours of waiting on hard pews. There are also many less formal experiences, such as attending 100th birthday parties.

VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given by Bruce Jamieson who said he had met a number of Lords Lieutenant, most of whom had been somewhat stuffy. Today's speaker had definitely NOT been one of those and he expressed the members thanks, supported in the usual manner.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 19th January when the speaker will be local councillor and bookstore owner, Sally Pattle.

Chris Collen
Secretary
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