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

WELCOME: Neil Edwards welcomed all the members and visitor George Hewitt.

APOLOGIES:

George Bird; John Crighton; Anne Duncan; Bill Duncan; Jim Hannan; Hugh Harkins; Donald MacDonald; David Olwa; Janice Tidswell; Pete Tidswell;

ALMONERS REPORT

George Bird has had an operation on his hand and hopefully will be back to raising a glass shortly.

MATTERS ARISING

A number of potential locations for the summer outing had been suggested and the Events Committee had narrowed them down to 3 options.

- 1) Falkland Palace
- 2) Glasgow Transport Museum
- 3) Burrell Collection

Members were asked to mark their preferences on the sheet at the end of the meeting **Secretary's Note** *At the end of the meeting the votes were checked and in a close run competition, the Burrell Collection won, beating the Transport Museum. The Events Committee will therefore progress on that basis, anticipating that next year's outing will be to the runner-up for this year.*

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None

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Bert then proceeded to introduce today's speaker, a man who needed no introduction. Bruce Jamieson proceeded to talk about a Linlithgow character, James Bunce of Springfield House a man who had decided views on a number of subjects, ranging from the removal of the crown from St Michael's Church to the Council's treatment of the cholera epidemic. Bruce managed to cover most of Linlithgow's history through the 19th century, much of which could have been different if Mr Bunce's views had been followed.

VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given by Gary Withnell who managed to concoct a number of puns that came close to challenging the speaker's sense of humour. He was supported by the members in the usual manner.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th March and will consist of the AGM followed by the ever-popular Quiz.

Chris Collen
Secretary
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