

Linlithgow & Bo'Ness Probus Club

Minutes of Meeting held on: 14th May 2025 at Linlithgow Rose Club

WELCOME: President George Bird welcomed all the member.

APOLOGIES:

Margaret Cameron; Alan Halley; Ross Jarvie; Julie Laurie; Bert Lawson; Donald Macdonald; Bob McCaig; Tony McKerron; Randolph Murray; David Olwa; Stuart Smith; George Wilson; Ricky Wilson;

ALMONERS REPORT

Garry Withnell reported that David Olwa was currently in hospital although it was hoped he would get out soon

Bruce Jamieson had crashed his bike whil on holiday and had a couple of busted ribs. However, he was able to be present at the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

We now had a full bus for the outing to the Burrell Collection.

AOCB

There were a couple of members photos missing from the rogues gallery and those members were asked to contact him to get their photies took.

The Rose Garden development group at the Burgh Halls had approached the club to see if they would help in prettying up the Rose Garden. George will pursue this over the summer.

Jim Hannan reported that there were now 8 volunteers to help in judging the Arches. Ideally it would be good to have 9 so that they could have 3 cars each with 3. The plan was to meet at the Rose Club at 4,30 on the Friday before the Gala Day to formulate a strategy and then proceed to evaluate the entries. They would then return to the Club and fight out the order.

George reported that as it was the end of the session, the committee had decided to recognise the help given to the club by the Rose Club. He had therefore given a token of thanks to Elaine (coffee lady), Davy (Manager) and one of our own – Ricky Wilson in view of the efforts they all made to make Probus such a success.

The Secretary suggested that after this meeting there would be a bit of a hiatus until the first meeting of the new session on 3rd September. He wondered if anyone would be interested in having an informal get-together some time during the summer – say a meal in the Corbie Inn. The president suggested that August would be good because so many people went away during July but the Secretary's response was that HE was going away in August! There was a lot of interest shown and the Secretary undertook

to email the membership suggesting dates and gaining agreement. The one stipulation was that he wouldn't have to do a lot of work!

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

George then introduced today's speaker – our own John Aitken who proceeded to show his holiday snaps in a professional presentation of a holiday he and Lyn had taken in Japan in 2013. He showed that Japan really was another country and left at least one member adding the country to his bucket list.

VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given by David Elliot and supported by the members in the usual manner.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Outing to the Burrell Collection (meeting at the Rose Club at 10.00 on 28^{th} May) and the first meeting of the new session will be held on 3^{rd} September 2025

Chris Collen Secretary 14/05/2025