

# Linlithgow & Bo'Ness Probus Club

Minutes of Meeting held on: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Linlithgow Rose Club

WELCOME: President George Bird welcomed all the members and no visitors. New members Jim Thomson and Jim and Jean Aitken were made very welcome..

#### APOLOGIES:

Mick Baker; Alan Bennie; Bill Duncan; David Elliot; Hugh Harkins; Murdoch Kennedy; Duncan MacCuish; Donald Macdonald; Allan MacLeod; Bob McCaig; George Wilson

#### ALMONERS REPORT

There was no report from Bo'ness, however Garry announced that there was a new pharmacy opened in Linlithgow opposite the Medical Practice

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

The new computer had been set up and was being used today for the first time. Thanks to John Aitken.

John would be giving a master class in setting up the PA system and laptop to various volunteers on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 1.00pm in the Rose Club. No suggestion of free drinks for any volunteers was made!

#### **AOCB**

None

### INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Jim Hannan then proceeded to introduce the person who needed no introduction to the members. John had given a number of fascinating presentations on his holidays but this time he would be talking closer to home.

John then proceeded to give a fascinating well illustrated talk on the first 10 years of the Linlithgow Union Canal Society (LUCS). A number of volunteers coerced by the well known Mel Gray had taken on turning a derelict waterway into the beautiful asset to Linlithgow that it is now. There were a number of well kent faces among the photos that certainly made the secretary feel his age!

#### VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given by Stuart Smith who highlighted the wonderful supply of keen volunteers involved in so many local organisations. He was supported by the members in the usual manner.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> October when another of our wealth of members, Bruce Jamieson, will be taking as his subject, Blood and Guts. This may, or ma not, be related to the fact that Halloween will be just round the corner.

Chris Collen Secretary 15/10/2025