



## **Linlithgow & Bo'ness Probus Club**

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Minutes of Meeting held on: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at Linlithgow Rose Club

WELCOME: President George welcomed all the members. There were no visitors.

#### **APOLOGIES:**

John & Lyn Aitken; Margaret Cameron; Jim and Dora Kelly; Randolph Murray; Donald Macdonald; David Olwa; Bob Ross.

#### **ALMONERS REPORT**

Garry reported that Bob Ross was recovering well after surgery and hoped to be back with us in the New Year.

Margaret Cameron is unable to attend because of problems with her sight that had forced her to give up driving. It was repeated that anyone requiring a lift to Probud should contact the Secretary who would be happy to find someone to give them a lift.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

The Christmas Tree event held in St Michaels Parish Church had gone very well. The president paid tribute to the members who had helped in decorating the tree as well as Neil Edward's wife who had prepared the plaque celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the Club. The members involved were Di Wild, Sheena Litster, Allan Halley, Neil Edwards, Jim Hannan and George Bird

#### **AOCB**

A request had been made for the Club to give consideration to making a charitable donation to the creation of a Sensory Room for Children with Special Educational Needs in Linlithgow Bridge Primary School. The Committee had considered the request and recommended that the Club donate £100 to the Room. The club approved this expenditure and the Treasurer made the presentation to Alan Halley. Alan expressed his gratitude to the club and will return to update progress in due course.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER**

Stuart Smith then introduced the speaker, Martin Togneri who proceeded to illuminate the members with the remarkably high requirements of the Role of a Non-Executive Director in the Public Sector. While in many ways it was similar to a non-executive director in the private sector, it was noticeable that the Key Performance Indicators were more social than financial

#### VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given by Sheena Litster who thought that the two mnemonics SITH (Sitting in the helicopter) and NIFO Noses In Faces Out would prove useful in normal life. She was supported by the members in the usual manner.

#### NEXT MEETING

The first meeting of the New Year will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> January when the speaker will be Linlithgow man, Jim Fleming, the International Rugby Referee. Next week, 17<sup>th</sup> December will be the Christmas lunch at Linlithgow Golf Club (12.00 for 12.30). Members attending were asked to provide prizes for the raffle.

The President wound up the meeting by wishing all members the compliments of the season.

Chris Collen  
Secretary  
10/12/2025