



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

### **Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at Linlithgow Rose Club**

**WELCOME:** President George Bird welcomed everyone. He remarked that it was good to see so many attending that and Linlithgow and Bo'ness Probus Club now has 60 members.

**APOLOGIES:** Chris Collen, Randolph Murray; David Olwa and Sheena Litster.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** The Christmas Tree event held in St Michaels Parish Church had raised over £14,000 which would be distributed to three local charities: Youth Space, The Linlithgow Shed and Linlithgow First Responders.

**DRAFT CONSTITUTION:** The Committee has agreed on a proposed new constitution, which will be put before the AGM for adoption on 18 March. To give members an opportunity to review it and to comment, the draft will be circulated in February.

### **A CELEBRATION OF ROBERT BURNS**

Murdoch Kennedy then compèred a programme of entertainment based around the Scottish bard delivered by Rabbie's Rabble: Murdoch Kennedy, David Elliott, Bill Duncan, Christine McGregor, Isabel Glen, Chris Egerton, Jim Hannan and Neil Edwards. First up was David Elliot who gave a fine introduction, incorporating some of Burns' poetry. He displayed two early Burns poetry editions that are now in his family's possession. This was followed by several Burns songs, with members joining in for the choruses. Bill Duncan gave an animated and very competent rendering of "Tam o' Shanter", followed later by "Tae a Louse". Chris Egerton talked about the Burns Foundation and a delivered a most amusing poem about the undesirable effects of consuming haggis. Murdoch was joined by Neil Edwards and Jim Hannan to celebrate the power of booze in "Wullie Brewed a Peck o Maut" and the whole event ended with everyone singing "Scots Wha Hae" followed by "Auld Lang Syne".

**VOTE OF THANKS:** George Bird thanked all who had contributed to the entertainment and commented on how fortunate we were to have such talent among us. Members showed their appreciation in the usual manner.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> February when the speaker will be Hugh Dan MacLennan on the topic of "Hearts and Balls".

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