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Minutes of Meeting held on: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Linlithgow Rose Club

**WELCOME:** President George Bird welcomed all the members. Because the membership photo was being taken and it was a busy day, it will not be a normal business meeting.

**APOLOGIES:**

Alan Bennie; Jim Hannan; Hugh Harkins; Donald Macdonald; Randolph Murray; Jim Thomson; George Wilson

**ALMONERS REPORT**

None

**MATTERS ARISING**

None

**AOCB**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER**

Stewart introduced speaker Peter Wright MBE, a man of many parts who had been involved in many charities for young people. His most recent effort involves virtually cycling from Linlithgow to the Maasai region of Kenya. Peter told us that he had started 'virtual' cycling on an exercise bike in his garage during Covid lockdown. However, he moved to actual cycling in Scotland with each kilometre counting towards his virtual trip. At present he has cycled enough to put him just South of London.

The reason for his efforts became clear when he started talking about the target for his fundraising, the JOSEPH THOMSON MAASAI TRUST. This trust, named after one of Peter's ancestors, the Scottish Explorer Joseph Thomson, currently supports 4 girls in their quest for education by funding their secondary and university education. Peter explained that unlike other charities that just tell the recipients what to do with the money raised, they asked the elders of the tribe how they could help. The response (from a very patriarchal society) was to educate their girls.

Much more information is available online at  
<https://www.maasagirlseducationproject.com/>

## VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given by Bruce Jamieson who pointed out the difference in enthusiasm for education between the Maasai people and those nearer home. Bruce presented Peter with a cheque from the club and was supported by the members in the usual manner.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March and will consist of the AGM followed by a quiz and prize giving. The Secretary will send out copies of the Agenda and the latest version of the proposed constitution which will be voted on at the meeting.

Chris Collen  
Secretary  
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