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Minutes of Meeting held on: 1st April 2026 at Linlithgow Rose Club

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

APOLOGIES:

George Bird; Andrew Jones; Donald Macdonald; Bob McCaig; David Robertson; Stuart Smith

ALMONERS REPORT

Garry reported that Niven Grant had had a fall at home and broken his leg. He had been in Edinburgh Royal but has been transferred to St John's for rehabilitation.

The reason Stuart Smith wasn't here was because his wife, Joan, had been taken into St John's for tests.

The club wished both a quick recovery.

Jim reiterated that anyone knowing of a member's illness should let the Secretary know and he would make sure Garry was made aware.

MATTERS ARISING

After George had highlighted the Messiah being staged at St Michael's on Sunday, Jim reported that both it and the Reed Band 70th Anniversary concert held there had been well attended.

Future local events include

Bruce Jamieson and Martin Burns are putting on an AI-enhanced history of Linlithgow at St Peters Church.

Linlithgow LAMP are performing Annie – there are currently 3 tickets available over the 6 performances

Andrew Ramsay advised the Club that the celebrations of the 500th anniversary of the Battle of Linlithgow Bridge in 1526 were well underway. He highlighted that Strangers Brewery were bringing out a special 'Pikestaff' Beer which would be available to pre-order at www.battle500.org

Jim highlighted that subs were now due. £20 could be paid online or in cash to the Treasurer

AOCB

Alan Guthrie reported that as the Glasgow Transport Museum had come second in last year's vote for outings, it was proposed that it should be the venue for this summer's outing on May 27th. The proposal was that it should be combined with a visit to the Tall Ship Glenlee, moored outside. Entry fee to the Glenlee includes a guided tour and they would split the party into groups. Coach hire and entry would come to around

£15.00 depending on numbers. The Treasurer proposed that the trip should be set at £15.00 with any excess being picked up by the club. This was supported unanimously. Alan asked for a show of hands of those planning to come and armed with this enthusiastic response he will proceed with arrangements. A list of those coming would be started at the next meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

In Stuart's absence, Jim introduced today's speaker, Roy Johnston paying a welcome return visit. Roy proceeded to scare the living daylights out of members by describing the events that took place in October 1962 and the prime characters – Kennedy, Krushchev and Fidel Castro. Although Roy steered clear of comparing those events and actors with current affairs, there were remarkable similarities! He went through the timeline of 14th to 28th October day by day and emphasised how close we had come to Armageddon. In the end, Krushchev blinked first, because he didn't want to go down in history as the man who blew up the world. Castro had no such scruples.

VOTE OF THANKS

A vote of thanks was given by Neil Edwards who said it was a fascinating description of the nuances of the affair. He was supported by the members in the usual manner.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 15th April which will be the highly popular Games Day – and opportunity for members to mingle with those who normally sit at different tables. In no way could the day be described as competitive – there were no prizes and no scores being kept.

Chris Collen
Secretary
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