



Linlithgow and Bo'ness Probud Club

Minutes of the Meeting held at Linlithgow Rose Social Club on Wednesday 2 September 2026 at 10:30

Members Present: 34 members were present, with apologies for absence from George Bird, Chris Collen, Neil Edwards, Bob McCaig, Meg McCormick, Clare Pollock, Margaret Rutherford, Stuart Smith and Di Wild.

Introduction: President Jim Hannan welcomed members to the first meeting after the summer break. He is sorry that Chris Collen is unable to continue as secretary and asked members to consider coming forward to fill this important role. John Aitken is covering temporarily.

50th Lunch (Wed 30th September): Around 45 members and partners have put their names down and 10 guests have been invited. Anyone wishing to attend who is not already on the list should let the acting secretary know. Payment and menu choices must be received by 16 September. The menu is attached for reference. Those attending will get a free drink on arrival and there will be wine and tap water on the tables. Anyone wanting soft drinks can get them free from the bar. Other drinks will require to be paid for.

Plaque: The Linlithgow Rose Social Club has granted permission for the installation of a Probud plaque, which is now fixed outside the main entrance.

Donation to Schools: Donations of £100 have been made to Linlithgow Academy and Bo'ness Academy to meet some of the costs associated with their awards ceremonies in September. They have acknowledged this support from Probud.

AV Equipment: More members should be trained in the use of the AV equipment. Equipment that is no longer in use will be gifted to the Linlithgow Tool Library.

Speaker: Jon Cooper, military historian, battlefield archaeologist, and author of "The Heart And The Rose", the book about the battle, gave an excellent presentation on the Battle of Linlithgow Bridge, which took place 500 years ago on September 4, 1526. He answered a number of questions and Garry Withnell gave a vote of thanks, which was supported by the members in the usual manner.

Next Meeting: The 2026-27 season continues at 10:00 on 16th September, when the speaker will be Kenny Baird talking about the Bo'ness Motorsport Hill Climb.

John Aitken, Acting Secretary
4 September 2026.