



Linlithgow and Bo'ness Probud Club

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 2026 at Linlithgow Rose Club

WELCOME: In the President's absence, Vice President Garry Withnell welcomed members and guests Liz Collen, David Hale and Joan Hale.

APOLOGIES: George Bird, Neil Edwards, David Eliot, Jim Hannan, Ross Jarvie, Gregor MacDonald, Aileen MacLean, John MacLean, David Olwa and David Robertson.

BUSINESS: Garry reminded members that the post of Secretary is still vacant. Members were strongly urged to consider filling this post, even if only until the AGM. The club can not function properly without a Secretary and the duties are not onerous – mainly involving taking minutes and announcing upcoming meetings.

The 50th anniversary lunch at the Rose Club on 30th September had been a great success, with 59 members, partners and invited guests attending. Photos, taken by George Bird, are now on the Probud website: https://bolinprobud.org/50_lunch/

Members congratulated Murdoch Kennedy, who had received an award from West Lothian Council for his work with the George Allen Football Festival.

Additional members are needed for setting up and packing away the AV equipment. Those willing should attend a training session on 28th October, at 10:00 sharp - ahead of the next meeting.

Probud has been granted a slot in the St Michael's Christmas Tree Festival. Volunteers are needed to set up on Thursday 3rd December and to tidy up on 7th December.

On a show of hands, it was clear that there is good support for the Christmas lunch in the Rose Club on Wednesday 16th December. A possible caterer has been identified.

New name badges are being produced and should be available in around 3 weeks time. Members will be asked to look after their own badges and to wear them at Probud meetings.

SPEAKER: Speaker Bruce Jamieson needed no introduction. He gave an excellent, well researched and well illustrated talk on the plight of Linlithgow's poor over the ages, concluding with the sad fact that 24% of West Lothian children still live in poverty.

VOTE OF THANKS: After answering questions, Bruce was thanked by Alan Halley and members expressed their support in the usual manner.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on 28th October, at 10:00 for 10:30 in the Rose Club, when Lewis Sneddon will talk about the Fire and Rescue Service (if not called away by a fire!).

John Aitken

Acting secretary 15th October 2026 (Rev 2)