Linlithgow & Bo'ness Probus Club

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday, 28 October 2026, at Linlithgow Rose Club.

WELCOME

Vice-President Gary Withnell welcomed members and guests Herbert Fairley and Hamish Martin. Unfortunately, the speaker from Scottish Fire and Rescue had had to cancel due to a training day.

APOLOGIES

Lyn Aitken, Alan Bennie, Jim Hannan, Bruce Jamieson, Dora Kelly, Jim Kelly, Sheena Lister, David Olwa.

ALMONERS' REPORT

Happily, there was nothing to report.

MATTERS ARISING

The Vice President stressed that the post of Secretary desperately needed to be filled. George Bird informed members that the workload of the job had been reduced but it was vital to have a single focus for club communications.

The menu for the Christmas lunch was being finalised and would be circulated to members shortly.

AOCB

There was none.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

The Vice-President welcomed member John Aitken who had agreed to bring forward his talk scheduled for March, and reflected on how fortunate we were to have members who are able to contribute interesting talks to the programme. John and Lyn had visited Peru in 2007, one of their first long-distance destinations. With a combination of still images and videos, John described the many varied places they had seen: Lima, famous for its rather dismal 'white sky'; the River Amazon; Cuzco, the ancient capital of Hispanic America; Puna on Lake Titicaca and the reed islands; Machu Pichu, and the Nasca Lines. He described how he was unaffected by altitude sickness, but not so lucky with the 'marinated' (raw) fish. Questions from members picked up on, for example, the amazing stone work of the Incas.

VOTE OF THANKS

Bert Lawson thanked John for stepping in at short notice and congratulated him on his photographs and first-class recall, speaking without notes

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be on 11 November. The speaker would be, as advertised, Roy Johnstone, but in recognition of the date, his topic would be the First and Second World Wars.

David Elliot
Acting minute secretary
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