

Minutes of the Inaugural Members Meeting **Held in the MacKinnon Hall, Linlithgow Bridge on 29 April 2017**

Present: Thirty Nine Members: Chris Long (Chair), John Aitken (Secretary), Mike Vickers (Treasurer), Jean Long, Richard Toleman, Shona Reid, Ron Smith, Chris Gunstone, Bruce Jamieson, Dot Jamieson, John Mason, Alison Mason, Ann Thom, Lyn Aitken, Dianne Lamont, Marilynne MacLaren, John McGregor, Averil Stewart, Gavin Stewart, David Timperley, Euan MacLean, Jenny MacLean, Mel Oxbrow, Tony Oxbrow, Nicholas Leonard, Kirsty Leonard, Susan Bundock, John Carswell, Linda Orr, Ian Orr, Jim McAdam, John Kelly, Shirley Smith, Norman Middleton, Ruth Middleton, Tony Smith, Mary Smith, Tom Kerr, Marion Kerr.

Apologies for Absence: Kathleen Dalyell, Gordon Beetham, Liz Beetham, Mairi McFarlane, Bill McFarlane, Allan Robertson, Shona Robertson, Peter Fairweather, Barbara Thomson, Jan Burles, Hazel Duguid, Christine Barclay, John Carswell, Janet Carswell, Christine McGregor, Diane Gorrie, Valerie Dillon, Ferelith Green and Niall Green.

Welcome: Chris Long welcomed all present to the inaugural meeting of Linlithgow Burgh Trust, which had been incorporated as a SCIO on 1 March 2017 to replace Linlithgow Civic Trust. He thanked all those who had worked together to establish Linlithgow Burgh Trust.

Donation: Mike Vickers announced that the Trust had received a generous donation of £400 from a benefactor who did not wish to be named. With Gift Aid, this will increase in value to £500.

Election of Charity Trustees: The following 11 members were unanimously elected as Charity Trustees and will form the Board of Linlithgow Burgh Trust, to serve until the first AGM:

Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chris Long	Ron Smith	John McGregor
Mike Vickers	Chris Long	John Aitken
John Aitken	David Timperley	Mike Vickers
John McGregor	Ron Smith	Mike Vickers
David Timperley	Marilynne MacLaren	John Aitken
Ron Smith	John Aitken	Chris Long
Marilynne MacLaren	Mike Vickers	David Timperley
Chris Gunstone	David Timperley	Mike Vickers
Averil Stewart	Ron Smith	Jean Long
Kirsty Leonard	Hazel Duguid	Chantal Hamil
Robbie Calder	Jean Long	Chris Long



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Election of Officers: The following Charity Trustees were unanimously elected as Officers:

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chair	Chris Long	John Aitken	Ron Smith
Secretary	John Aitken	Chris Long	Marilyne MacLaren
Treasurer	Mike Vickers	John Aitken	David Timperley

Chair's Address: Chris Long thanked the Members for their support. He felt that the added advantages of incorporation and charitable status would be of great benefit and that the activities of Linlithgow Civic Trust and Burgh Beautiful Linlithgow would continue along the same lines as before.

Subscription: It was noted that Life Members of Linlithgow Civic Trust became Life Members of Linlithgow Burgh Trust on incorporation and do not pay any subscription. The Annual Subscription, due on 1 October 2017 was fixed at £10.

Gift Aid: Members were reminded that, as a Scottish Charity, Linlithgow Burgh Trust can reclaim 25p in tax from HMRC in respect of every £1 received in donations from UK taxpayers. All present were encouraged to complete a Gift Aid declaration form.

Close: There being no further business, the meeting was closed and was followed by a social event with finger buffet and refreshments. The AGM will be held in November 2017.

John Aitken, Secretary.

Approved: Chris Long (Chair) _____ Date: _____