

THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS  
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.15pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at  
Cornerhouse Club Leeds

1. **Attendance.** J. Shergill (President) in the chair with A. Kibler, G. Toulson, A. Rogers, J. Aldersley, J. McClarty, J. Bentley, K. Hegarty, B. Yates. and I. Blakeley.
2. **Apologies for absence.** M. Murray
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting,** dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 were read, approved & signed.
4. **Matters Arising.** Mr. Bentley to write cheques for the two charitable donations in memory of Bill Shelton.
5. **Annual Dinner.** Mr. Hegarty said he feels we should continue to run our annual Dinner in spite of the poor attendance by our membership whilst ever we can run the event without losing much money. The benefits gained in promoting our association are significant, i.e. it encourages companies to become corporate members and is a good way of gaining factory visits and lectures. Council felt it is also important in maintaining the traditions of our association. Mr. Kibler said he was disappointed with the lack of response from other members of council to the questionnaire he circulated by email. Its intention was to ask the membership what they would like to see at the Annual Dinner, and what would encourage them to attend. It was agreed the format and questions were fine, Mr. Rogers address would be inserted as the return address. Copies of the questionnaire would be circulated at the AGM.
6. **Treasurers Report.** Mr. Bentley produced draft copies of the audited accounts for us to view prior to the AGM; Graham Mallinson using the information gathered together by Mr. Bentley and Mr. Toulson carried out the audit. The accounts show a deficit for the year of only £64 but Mr. Bentley said he felt this figure was slightly distorted because we received several years' interest on our investments all at once. Whilst we do not need to increase subscriptions this year, figures will justify a rise in the following year. We should be more methodical in recording our expenditure in the correct categories so the balance sheet can be achieved much easier. The intention is to record expenditure on a spreadsheet in future. Mr. Mallinson (the Auditor) commented in his report that he is very pleased to see that we have regained ownership of the War Bonds.

Mr. Bentley Reported the Following Transactions: -

**3 Month Savings Account Balance £12959 – 09**

**Current Account Balance. £1033 - 90**

**Recent Transactions :-**

Receipts: -

Subscriptions - D. Healey and P.W. Shelton - £30-00  
Cash - (collected at Leeds City Varieties) - £55-00

**Total Receipts - £85-00**

Expenses: -

Cheque to Leeds City Varieties - £135-00

**Total Expenses: - £135-00**

Cash Account: -

Cash collected at Leeds City Varieties	+ £70-00
Cash to Current Account	- £55-00
Cash to Leeds City Varieties	-£15-00

**Cash Account Balance in Hand           £10-13**

- 7. **Postage Stamps.** We discussed the imminent rise in the cost of postage and the impact it would have on the cost of posting out our circulars. We agreed to purchase 1500 second-class stamps at a cost of £540. This will probably cover our needs for the next two years; the price increase (saving) is approximately 39%.
- 8. **Correspondence.** We received a letter from Adrian Ball of Westinghouse declining our request for a lecture.
- 9. **Current Programme.** Mr. Yates asked how many members are planning to go to the AGM because the lecture before it is at the invitation of the Welders and Joiners Association. They are going to provide a buffet so need to know numbers. Mr. Kibler is unable to attend the AGM but will email Mr. Blakeley the questionnaire about the Annual Dinner so that it can be circulated at the AGM. Mr. Toulson said Mr. Armstrong has expressed an interest in attending the AGM but is not happy driving late at night; unfortunately no one at the council meeting was able to help.
- 10. **Next Session.** Work in Progress.
- 11. **Membership.** Nothing to Report.
- 12. **Website.** Mr. Toulson said he has been trying make an appointment with Kally (Mr. Shergill's brother) but has been unable to make contact. Mr. Shergill said that his brother has populated the website but would like approval from Mr. Toulson and Mr. Kibler before we go live with the new software. He also needs to show them how to make any amendments so they are able to update the site when required.
- 13. **Golf.** Mr. Hegarty to send information to Mr. Murray for incorporating into the circular.
- 14. **Bill Shelton.** Mr. Toulson said he had visited Dianne (Bill's daughter) at her request to pick up old minutes and journals relating to our association. He said that at some point he will visit the library at Leeds University and see if there are any gaps in the minutes or journals that need filling. Amongst the things Dianne had of her fathers, was the Secretary badge for Leeds Association of Engineers, she said this was something which clearly belonged to Leeds Association but is something she would very much like to keep (It was something her father was very proud of). We discussed the fact that many of the original badges have gone missing over the years and are unlikely to ever be replaced. Mr. Yates proposed that we give the badge to Dianne, Mr. Toulson seconded the proposal and it was agreed with a show of hands.

**Any other Business.** Having no other business Mr. Shergill closed the meeting.

.....President.

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