

THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.15pm on Thursday 3rd April 2014 at the
Cornerhouse Club Leeds.

1. **Attendance.** A. Kibler (President) in the chair with J. Aldersley, A. Rogers, I. Scholes, M. Murray, J. Bentley, G. Toulson and I. Blakeley.
2. **Apologies for absence.** K. Hegarty, B.Yates, J.Shergill and J. McClarty.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting,** dated 6th March 2014 were, approved & signed.
4. **Matters Arising.** None.
5. **Treasurers Report.** Mr. Bentley reported the following transactions :-

Bank transactions,

Debits

Donation to Yorkshire Air ambulance	-	£100.00
Insurance of Golf Trophy (via Kevin Hegarty)	-	£17.10

He said he is investigating how to insure the Golf Trophy in future because his domestic insurer said they are unable / unwilling to provide cover.

Mr. Bentley ran through the audited accounts that he and Mr. Toulson have prepared in conjunction with Graham Mallinson (auditor) in preparation for the A.G.M.

6. **Church Commemorative Plaque.** Rev.Tony Bundock has been in contact with Mr. Kibler to advise us that two members of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) are to attend the church to look at the location for the proposed plaque. They have said they like the idea of the plaque having the church emblem on it and it would be nice if this could be in colour. Mr. Scholes is to visit the laser engraving company in Elland to investigate what can be done.
7. **Correspondence.** Nothing to report.
8. **Membership.** We have received an application for membership from Ross Town who currently works for Thorite. He is proposed by Mr. Bate, his application was seconded by Mr. Kibler and a show of hands by council accepted his application. This will need ratifying by the membership at our next public meeting (the A.G.M.).
9. **Current Programme.** Mr. Murray said things have become a little disjointed this year with the programme not starting until October and that an additional flyer is required where he needs to mention the daytime visit to Forgemasters (Sheffield). Unfortunately places will be limited because Forgemasters use two mini buses to ferry visitors around their site. The capacity of the two mini buses is 28 and we already have 22 applicants (only six places available).
10. **Next Session.** Mr. Kibler will contact Harry Jackson to see if he has any lectures that he feels will be appropriate for our group. Mr. Murray is still trying to contact Letter Press to ask if they will allow us a factory visit, however this is difficult because it is happening through a third party (sales representative who visits his work place). Mr Toulson suggested a textile company and a railway preservation society who might be good for a visit. He stressed the importance of getting an early start so we do not repeat the problems we had at the beginning of the current session. He also said we need a co-ordinator to organise the lecture / visit calendar for the next session. In response to Mr. Yates request at the last council meeting Mr Blakeley supplied attendance figures for our lectures for the previous 5 years. This showed that there was no significant difference since we moved from Leeds University to our current venue in Cleckheaton.

