

THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS  
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.15pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the  
Headingley Golf Club Leeds.

1. **Attendance.** B. Yates, President in the chair with, J. Aldersley, I. Scholes, M. Murray, K. Hegarty, A. Kibler, H. Kingswell, G. Toulson, A. Rogers, J. Bentley and I. Blakeley.
2. **Apologies for absence.** J. Shergill, S. Stacey and A. Kibler.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**, dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were, approved & signed.
4. **Matters Arising.** None.
5. **Treasurers Report.** Mr. Bentley reported the following financial transactions. The account balances were reported but have been removed from the minutes for publication on the internet.

**Accounts from 4 May 2016 Council Meeting.**

**Current Account**

**Income**

17/6	£218.00	Golf, MD Ford Euro
23/6	£250.00	Golf, Braime Pressings
24/6	£100.00	Golf, Craftsman Tools
1/7	£40.00	New Members at Golf Dinner
	£152.00	Golf Dinner
15/7	£83.00	Steve Stacey, Golf Dinner
9/8	£1124.00	Mitchell Fox, Golf

**Expenditure**

8/6	£72.60	B.J. Yates Church Dinner
30/6	£1927.00	Leeds Golf Club Golf day

**Balance** at 25 August \*\*\*\*\*

**Savings Account** no change at £\*\*\*\*\*

**Cash Account**

£300 Cash for A. Dinner

£5.00 to H. Kingswell change for JCB

**Balance** at 8 September £\*\*\*\*

6. **Correspondence.** The only correspondence we have received recently, relates to the new programme of events.
7. **Membership.** Mr. Murray congratulated Mr. Yates on his persuasive manner, he managed to get four new applications for membership at the golf tournament. The applicants are Steven Tattersfield who is currently employed at Raven Sheet Metal (proposed B. Yates & seconded by M. Murray) Brian Stockdale employed by Spooner (proposed by M. Murray & seconded by I. Scholes) Andrew Fearnside employed at Raven Sheet Metal (proposed by G. R. Allen & seconded by J. Bentley) and Lee Fairhurst (proposed by M. Murray & seconded by I. Blakeley). All were accepted by a show of hands of the council members subject to ratification at the next full meeting of the membership. Mr. Murray said we currently have 85

members.

8. **Current Programme.** Mr. Yates said that mainly due to Mr. Shergill's illness the programme is not yet in place for this session. He has prepared a talk on the use of Thorium as a nuclear fuel which he is presenting in September and we have a visit to a factory that make blind rivets in October. The September talk / lecture will be followed by a quiz about cars, a bottle of wine will be presented to the winner. He has spoken to Frank Smith to confirm that he is still available to present lectures and establish whether he has any topics which might be of interest to our group. We agreed that a lecture by Frank would help fill our immediate needs and they are always well received. Mr. Yates agreed to ask Frank if he would be available in November and it was decided that we should pay for his accommodation. Mr. Toulson has spoken to Mark Batchelor about him giving us a talk about restoring a 7 .5 inch gauge locomotive and if we could agree a date he would check his availability. Mr. Rogers agreed to book the Scandura social club (our usual lecture venue) for the last Thursday of each month until May 2017. Mr. Yates concluded this discussion by saying that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get night visits whilst many companies would accommodate us during normal daytime hours. It might be necessary in future to accept that visits are a thing of the past or we make them accessible to our members who are retired.
9. **Next Session.** Nothing to report.
10. **Website.** Everything is going well, Mr. Toulson said he just needs to add the photographs from the golf tournament to bring it up to date, Mr. Hegarty said when he next speaks to Mr. Shergill he will ask him to send them on.
11. **Journal.** Mr. Bentley reported that it is now at the printers.
12. **Golf.** Nothing to report.
13. **Annual Dinner.** We agreed that we need to decide whether we are staying formal, or whether we should change to a more informal style. In order to advance this debate it was agreed that everyone should go away and think about the implications of changing, write notes in preparation for an in depth discussion at the next council meeting.

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

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