

THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 7th April 2016 at the
Cornerhouse Club Leeds

1. **Attendance.** B. J. Yates, President in the chair with, J. Aldersley, J. S. Shergill, I. Scholes, M. S. Murray, A. Rogers, S. Stacey, A. Kibler, H. Kingswell, G. Toulson, J. Bentley & K. J. Hegarty.
2. **Apologies for absence.** I. A. Blakeley.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** Dated 3rd March 2016 were approved & signed.
4. **Matters Arising.** None.
5. **Treasurers Report.** Mr. Bentley reported the following transactions:-

Current Account:-

Payments:

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| Scandinavia Trust - Room Hire | £81.00 |
| Barrie Yates – Hull Dinner Expenses | £78.48 |
| Gordon Toulson – Website | £43.19 |

Receipts:

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| Subscriptions | £75.00 |
| Cheques and Cash for JCB Visit | £175.00 |

Savings Account:- No change - (Balances not published)

6. **Correspondence.** Mr. Yates expressed his frustration with the IET and IEE, having had no feedback from either group with a view to sharing event information. The LAE has invited their members to our meetings, especially the prestige lectures we have held but this has not been reciprocated. Mr. Murray said he would canvass members in the next newsletter to ask if any LAE members were also members of the other groups in order to have closer links. Mr. Rogers said he would contact Brian Firth of the IET to forge closer links with that group.
7. **Membership.** Mr. Yates said that next session he would put out a 'catch-all' email with a view to encouraging existing members to find new members to join.
8. **Current Programme.** Mr. Yates reminded council of the special visit to the manufacturing facility of JCB on the 26th May. Mr. Bentley said that he would need visitors to pay him the admission fee by 3rd May due to the need to pay JCB in advance. Mr. Yates read out the list of names for the visit to JCB. There is a forthcoming visit to Sinclair Harding (clockmakers) and currently there is no limit on the number of visitors. Mr. Toulson asked if Optare had a limit on numbers for the visit on 25th April. Mr. Murray advised that they had set a limit at 24 visitors and preference would be given to LAE members. Mr. Toulson asked if the Church Service date had been confirmed for 8th May. Mr. Yates advised that it was not.
9. **Next Session.** Mr. Yates said that he wanted to relinquish full responsibility for arranging the programme of events in the future. Mr. Shergill offered to help and share the task with the assistance of Mr. Yates. Mr. Yates suggested a visit to a firm in Keighley producing cardboard tubes. Mr. Rogers proposed that future events need not be biased towards engineering but to be entertaining for our members. Mr. Aldersley proposed a visit to Siemens Power Generation in Stourton. Mr. Stacey offered to contact Gerry Allen of Mitchell Fox Ltd. to ask for suggestions for lectures and visits. Mr. Kingswell suggested Airedale Air Conditioning for a possible visit.

