

THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS  
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at the  
Cornerhouse Club Leeds

1. **Attendance.** B. Yates, President in the chair with, J. Shergill, I. Scholes, M. Murray, A. Rogers, S. Stacey, A. Kibler and I. Blakeley.
2. **Apologies for absence.** H. Kingswell, J. Aldersley , G. Toulson ,J. Bentley & K. Hegarty.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** Dated 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were approved & signed.
4. **Matters Arising.** None.
5. **Treasurers Report.** Mr. Blakeley read out the email received from Mr. Bentley detailing last month's financial transactions. The only transactions had been 3 cheques received amounting to £45.00 these were subscription payments. Mr. Bentley's email stated that the cash in the current account was higher than normal because we will have to pay deposits for the annual dinner and the golf day quite soon. Mr. Shergill has copies of the accounts for last year which he is looking over in order to produce a report for the A.G.M.
6. **Correspondence.** We had received a request from Dr. Martin Thomas requesting a meeting to discuss sponsorship for engineering scholarships. His organisation are looking for both placements for students and sponsorship. Mr. Yates is to send them an email advising them we are unable to help at this time.
7. **Membership.** Mr. Murray described his difficulty in contacting one of our members Mr. Fitzpatrick whose subscription had lapsed. He said after a number of attempts and a message he left with Mr. Fitzpatrick's son failing to bring a response he had finally made contact with Mr. Fitzpatrick senior who has decided to keep his membership.
8. **Current Programme.** The visit to the photography exhibition at Manningham Park is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March for the ladies event, Mr. Murray needs to confirm numbers for catering. The visit to JCB (26<sup>th</sup> May 2016) has been booked preliminarily for 20 people, we are currently compiling a list of people who wish to attend, which currently stands at 18 people. The cost of the visit will be £25 per person plus transport. We expect members to make their own arrangements to share cars in view of the distance involved. Mr. Murray will put a note on the next flyer requesting payment for the JCB event, Mr. Yates will collect the money. We have a visit to Sinclair Harding booked for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
9. **Next Session.** Mr. Murray suggested a visit to a new factory he had seen, might be a possibility. This factory manufacture geared motors and is run/owned by SEW Eurodrive.
10. **Website.** Nothing to report other than everything is working well and it is updated regularly.
11. **Journal.** Mr. Bentley has got a quote for £272.00 for the printing of 150 journals. We voted to accept the quote and place an order for printing.

12. **Golf.** Mr. Stacey confirmed that the deposit has been paid to reserve the date for the golf day at Cobble Hall golf club (30<sup>th</sup> June 2016). Gerry Allen of Mitchell Fox retires on the day of the tournament it would be appropriate to acknowledge his contribution over the last few years in some way. Mr Stacey said Steve Richards of Mitchell Fox has assisted Gerry Allen in organising their participation in our golf day for the last few years and he thinks he will continue to do so after Gerry retires.

13. **Annual Dinner.** Mr. Rogers told us everyone who should be invited to the dinner have been, but no one has replied yet. The menu for the dinner was circulated and approved. We agreed that we would put complimentary wine on the tables as we have previously. Prior to the meal the entertainers will be in the VI.P room along with the President and other dignitaries. The entertainers will sit at the council table for the meal. Mr. Kibler will drive the two lady singers to and from the dinner on the evening. It will be the President's job to propose the toast to our guests on the night. Mr. Rogers will purchase the whiskey and wine for the raffle prizes. We discussed the fact that we no longer require the sound equipment we purchased a couple of years ago because any venue we use now have their own system. We agreed to sell the sound equipment by voting. Mr. Rogers will advertise the equipment for sale on ebay.

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

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