

THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.15pm on Thursday 5th January 2017 at the
Cornerhouse Club Leeds.

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

Payments made :- Postage cost for journal - £73.25

Received into savings account :- Subscriptions - £660.00
Cheque that bounced £15.00

Cash in Hand - £77.25

6. **Correspondence.** Mr Murray had received the resignation of Mr. Heap an honorary member of our association, who has moved to Scarborough and can no longer attend our events.
7. **Membership.** Mr. Stacey has recruited a potential new member, John Miller the former Managing Director of Protem who is now retired. Mr. Stacey proposed Mr. Miller for membership and Mr. Murray seconded the proposal, a show of hands by the remainder of the council confirmed our acceptance. Mr Aldersley said he is still hopeful of convincing a colleague at work to join our association.
8. **Current Programme.** All lectures and visits are in place for the current session; our most recent lecture was on the use of puddle clay in creating a Pennine Dam. The talk included a demonstration in the techniques in preparing the puddling clay for use and preliminary testing to ensure the clay to be used had the correct properties before sending for analysis for large scale usage. The summer solstice walk if done in conjunction with a display by the Bradford Model Engineers would be at Wibsey, but this is still unconfirmed. An alternative might be a walk in the park at Elland where Mr. Kingswell could give us a demonstration of the use of Drones in aerial photography (he recently passed his drone pilots license).
9. **Next Session.** We agreed to investigate the possibility of a visit to Jet2 where you can tour the engineering workshops which we believe would be a daytime visit. Mr. Yates said he would investigate a daytime visit at either Nissan or Toyota.
10. **Website.** Mr. Toulson has created the Facebook page for the Leeds Association of Engineers and linked it to our website. Kally (Mr. Shergill's brother) has updated the website.
11. **Journal.** The journal is now published.
12. **Golf.** Mr Stacey said everything is organised for this year's tournament which will take place on the 7th July at Scarcroft Golf Club. He said Gerry Allen is retiring in 2017 so will no longer be directly involved in organising Mitchell Fox's participation in the golf tournament.

Mr. Stacey will try encouraging Steve Hazeldine (Gerry Allen's colleague) to organise Mitchell Fox's future involvement. He added that Alan Braime has participated in the tournament in recent years which has helped keep costs down because his company has sponsored us to the tune of £250 pounds for the last few years.

13. **Annual Dinner.** Mr. Rogers passed on paperwork relating to past dinners to Mr. Kibler and agreed to advise him who he needs to write to and when. We agreed that we would not be putting wine on the table this year but agreed to supply a ticket for each guest to get a free drink from the bar. We agreed not to have a top table but said the vicar of Leeds should be sat at the table with our president to recognise his status as a special guest. Our president will give a brief speech talking about what is happening within our association, and acknowledge any company tables. We agreed to have a charity raffle as previous dinners, Mr. Yates suggested Emmaus (Leeds based charity for the homeless).

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

.....President. Date