

THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS  
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.15pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at  
The Cornerhouse Club Leeds.

1. **Attendance.** J. Aldersley, President in the chair with, G. Toulson, J. Shergill, A. Rogers, I. Scholes, H. Kingswell, A. Kibler, S. Stacey, J. Bentley & R. Town.
2. **Apologies for absence.** I. Blakeley, M. Murray, B. Yates & K. Hegarty
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting,** dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved & signed by the President.
4. **Matters Arising.** Mr. Stacey raised a query on the September minutes relating to the Treasurer's Report. He was unaware of what the £83.00 credit related to and stated that the £1578.00 paid for the golf equates to six out of the seven credits itemised. Mr. Stacey also thought it best that the sponsors' names are not noted in the accounts. This was agreed.

**Treasurers Report.** Mr. Kibler presented statements of transactions and account balances.

Transaction Details from 4<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Credits

3/10/17      £30.00      Credit 569888

Expenditure

4/10/17      £4.99      Cheque 5510169674

Balances for Current and Savings Accounts were read out at the meeting but not disclosed for publishing on the internet. Mr. Bentley advised Mr. Kibler that October 31<sup>st</sup> will be the end of the association's financial year and that accounts will need to be prepared to be presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting next year. Mr. Bentley gave advice on keeping a reasonable balance in the current account and transferring to the savings account if the balance was raised. He also noted that subscriptions would be received shortly. Mr. Toulson recalled that the Treasurer had requested that subscriptions be paid by bank transfer rather than cheque and he asked that members be informed of the bank details for this to be effected. Mr. Kibler said he hoped this method would be gradually adopted over the next couple of years.

5. **Correspondence.** Mr. Aldersley informed us that he had been in touch with 'SKF' who had been considered for a visit. They could not offer an evening visit but had said they would be pleased to receive daytime visitors. Mr. Aldersley is to investigate further and report back.
6. **Membership.** With information received from Mr. Murray, Mr. Scholes informed us that a friend of Mr. Town, Mr. Richard Ambrose, had been proposed for membership by Mr. Town and seconded by member Mr. Michael Bate. Mr. Town advised that Mr. Ambrose had been a business colleague with him at Thorite Ltd. but he understood that he had since moved to Pennine Pneumatics. Also on behalf of Mr. Murray, Mr. Scholes requested personal details of Mr. Paul Beaumont who had been encouraged to join the association following his recent lecture on Jowett Cars. Mr. Aldersley offered to help with this matter.

7. **Current Programme.** Mr. Aldersley confirmed that the next event would be a visit to Appris in Bradford. He asked if the association might consider sponsoring a student, perhaps with a piece of engineering equipment, with the motive of encouraging young people to join the association. It was agreed to gather further information during the visit and then discuss this at the next meeting. Mr. Aldersley noted that sponsorship of the University racing car and the Quicksilver project had not amounted to any tangible benefit to the association. Mr. Stacey said he had been in touch with Mr. Alan Braime with a view to him offering a lecture. Mr. Braime had recently had a health issue in addition to a house move and advised that he was not in a position presently to offer a talk. Mr. Toulson advised that Frank Smith had agreed to give a lecture on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Mr. Toulson told us that he was still pursuing '600 Group' for a visit in March but this was proving difficult due to the company being very busy recently. Mr. Scholes had been in touch with Leeds Minster and they had agreed to the Church Service to be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Mr. Shergill offered the chance of a return visit to the Bradford Gurdwara (Sikh Temple) for a social visit on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to include a complimentary meal. This would be an opportunity for those who were unable to attend the previous visit. Mr. Aldersley said he would contact Bradford College to see if they could accommodate a visit to fill the vacant slot in the calendar on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
  
8. **Next Session.** Nothing to report.
  
9. **Website.** Mr. Toulson advised that he had recently posted the Golf Report with photographs kindly supplied by Mr. Shergill. Also the photographs taken at the last annual dinner had been posted on the website. Mr. Toulson reported that there are no invoices for the website currently due and that all is in order.
  
10. **Golf.** Mr. Stacey reported that Garforth Golf Club had been booked for the tournament to be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and a deposit of £100.00 had been paid from his golf funds. He advised that he would contact Mr. Steve Richert, of Mitchell Fox Ltd., in order to request help with gathering golfers to play on the day. Mr. Richert had replaced Mr. Gerry Allen at Mitchell Fox Ltd. and it was hoped he would be able to drum up support with his contacts. Mr. Stacey told us that Mr. Robert Johnson of Craftsman Tools Ltd. had brought a small party to the golf day and had enjoyed it. It is hoped that he will return next year. Mr. Alan Braime had indicated his desire to enter the next tournament. Mr. Stacey thought that due to reduced numbers playing it might be necessary to raise the cost from £56.00, held at this cost for five years, to £58.00, but this would be addressed closer to the event.
  
11. **Annual Dinner.** Mr. Kibler advised that he would contact Headingley Golf Club to book the 2018 dinner to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

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

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