

THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 at the Corner House Club Leeds LS17 6QE

1. **Attendance.** B. Yates in the chair with, M. Murray, I. Scholes, A. Rogers, J. Bentley H. Soutar and I. Blakeley.
2. **Apologies for absence.** S. Stacey, J. Aldersley, G. Toulson, A. Kibler, G. Roper and J. Burton.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 were approved and signed.
4. **Matters Arising.** None.
5. **Treasurers Report.** In the absence of Mr. Kibler no financial transactions were reported.
6. **Correspondence.** Nothing to report.
7. **Membership.** Nothing to report.
8. **Current Session.** Mr. Murray told us of the problems he had making contact with Andrew Wormald of North Sea Logistics on the day of the lecture. Mr. Wormald cancelled saying he had problems with his car and had no alternative transport, Mr. Murray offered to taxi him he declined the offer. This left us with a lecture hall booked, but no speaker. Mr. Scholes (a fellow council member) kindly stepped in and gave us a presentation of photographic slides which were originally produced by his father who was a prize winning photographer. This was very well received by the members who attended the lecture but numbers were disappointing. Mr. Murray questioned whether he should try re-book the lecture by North Sea Logistics but said he was reluctant to do so because they cancelled previously, we agreed to leave things for the time being whilst we look for an alternative. Harry Soutar (new council member) offered to give us a talk on renewable energy, we pencilled this in for the end of January.
9. **Next Session.** Mr. Murray and Mr. Scholes have visited Landis Lund in Keighley on a factory visit at the invitation of Keighley Association of Engineers. They said it could be an interesting visit for our members, it might be worth investigating but it would have to be a daytime event.
10. **Website.** Nothing to report other than it is all up to date. Mr. Toulson and Mr. Rogers did not attend the steam powered motorcycle record attempt due to the bad weather.
11. **Annual Golf Tournament.** In Mr Stacey's absence there was no golf report made, however the date and venue for the next years golf tournament are Garforth Golf Club on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 as reported previously.
12. **Church Service.** Mr Scholes has been in contact with Leeds Parish Church but was unable to speak with anyone who has any real authority due to the previous chaplain moving on. The annual church service should be part of the morning communion service on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 but this is subject to confirmation.
13. **Student Award.** Mr. Yates has corrected the error on the student award shield where this year's recipient Harry Soutar's name was miss-spelt, a new badge has been produced and fixed to the shield replacing the original badge.
14. **Increase in Payment for Lecture Hall.** Mr. Murray proposed that we increase our payment for the lecture venue from £30 per visit to £50 in view of the ever increasing cost of energy bills. This was voted on and agreed by council with a show of hands.
15. **Annual Dinner.** Mr. Yates said he thinks we should offer to pay more in order to get an improved menu. He also feels that we should have a guest speaker at the dinner in order to

elevate the profile of the dinner to make it a more prestigious event. We agreed that this was not something to be discussed in the absence of Mr. Kibler who has taken on the task of organising the dinner in it's entirety for the last few years.

**Any other Business.** Having no other business Mr. Yates closed the meeting after thanking those who attended.

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