

THE LEEDS ASSOCIATION OF ENGINEERS  
Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the  
Cornerhouse Club Leeds.

1. **Attendance.** J. Aldersley in the chair with A. Rogers, G. Roper & G. Toulson.
2. **Apologies for absence,** R. Town, H. Soutar, A. Kibler, I. Scholes, J. Bentley, S. Stacey, I. Blakeley, B. Yates, M. Murray & J. Burton.
3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting,** dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 were approved & signed.
4. **Matters Arising.** None.
5. **Treasurers Report.** In the absence of the treasurer there was nothing to report. Any recent transactions will be recorded in the next set of minutes.
6. **Correspondence.** Mr. Aldersley had been in contact with the HR department of Brandon Medical (Leeds) with regard to a possible lecture or visit but had nothing to report as yet. At a recent careers day visit by companies to his college he had also pursued the following organisations with a view to arranging an event:- Leeds Welding, Arla Foods & ACS Stainless Cladding. Mr. Aldersley had learned the name of a contact, Adam Benn, at Leeds & Bradford Boilers Ltd. and would be pursuing this lead.
7. **Membership.** Nothing to report.
8. **Current Programme.** Mr. Roper said that the recent Siddall and Drakes site visits were very good and the latter was well attended. He asked Mr. Aldersley to encourage the three new young college members to attend the next lecture by Neil Cobbold at the end of March.
9. **Next Session.** In an email to council members Mr. Yates had reported that he had been in correspondence with John Scriven, manufacturing manager at Esterform, with a view to a visit, but the company owner would not allow this due to having bespoke technology on site. Mr. Yates had offered to give a lecture entitled 'Engines for Engineers'.
10. **Website.** Mr. Toulson had discussed with treasurer Mr. Kibler the possibility of taking up a February offer from our website hosting company, Big Wet Fish. The company were offering 12 months hosting for the price of 9 months. As the offer required an urgent response it was decided to take advantage of this offer. In addition to the hosting offer Mr. Toulson was able to negotiate a small saving of 10% on the cost of the annual renewal of our domain name. He paid for the two items by credit card as follows: Hosting was £62.91 and the domain cost £9.99 so with VAT the total cost to the association was £87.48 Mr. Kibler then reimbursed Mr. Toulson for these expenses. Following payment of these invoices we are now paid up to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 for the hosting and up to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 for securing the domain name.
11. **Golf.** Nothing to report.
12. **Annual Dinner.** Nothing to report.
13. **Church Service.** Nothing to report.

**Any other Business.** None.

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