

Minutes of the ACL Council Meeting held on 14 November 2019

at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Oxford Road, Manchester.



Council members present: Claire Green (Chairman) (CG), Francis Kendall, Vice-Chairman (FK), Stephen Averill (SA), Derek Boyd (DB), Paul Bracewell (PB), David Cooper (DC), Adam Grant (AG), Jack Ridgway (JR), Natalie Swales (NS)

Also present: Kirsty Allison (KA), Head of Education.

The meeting started at 6.00pm

Item	
1	Welcome and apologies CG welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from DP.
2	Minutes of the council meeting held on 17 October 2019 The draft minutes were approved with one minor redaction for the website.
3	Actions arising from the council meeting held on 17 October 2019
3.1	The action list was reviewed and it was noted that it needed to be updated as necessary.
4	Operations Structure of ACLT
4.1	DB updated Council on the present position. CG noted that an impressive paper had been prepared. The recommendations proposed were accepted and DB thanked KA for her assistance.
4.2	Debate took place with regard to the Student Council, its usefulness, structure and potential to benefit of students and members. This will be reviewed further in order to improve access and representation. It was agreed that the board of ACLT will be renamed from "Education Committee" to the "Education Executive".
4.3	No issues for discussion at Conference.
5	Membership Fees
5.1	This issue had been debated prior to the meeting via email. The majority decision was to keep the fees as they are as this is considered the most cautious approach. The decision had been made at the previous meeting to avoid any discrimination on fees.
5.2	The approval by LSB of the proposed increase of fee for the practicing certificate by CLSB was noted together with the reasoning presented for that decision. The position will be monitored.
6	Manchester Conference/Open Forum
6.1	The schedule for the conference was discussed with decisions made as to roles to be

	fulfilled by Council Members.
7	Any Other Business
7.1	FK reported on the outcome of the meeting at the House of Commons and apprised Council of the outcome of the survey undertaken with regard to the provision of legal services with emphasis being placed on the need to improve education of the young with regard to the legal system in the UK in order to better equip them for its use in adulthood.
7.2	AH has completed the response to the CLSB consultation which was discussed and agreed for submission.
7.3	CG reported that she and AG will be meeting with Stephen Mason on 22 November to discuss the auditing role of ACL in relation to the profession. The Compliance Officer is seen as a major policy role.
7.4	LegalEx 2020. ACL willing to attend providing no costs involved.
7.5	Attendance took place at the SCCO Court Users meeting. There are developments underway in respect of Court of Protection work with reference to auditing of files by a Costs Lawyer. This is a potential work stream for members and the position will be monitored. A working party for Court of Protection bills may be set up by SCCO.
7.6	There is a consultation for consideration in relation to DBAs which will be considered.
8	Date of next council meeting
	The date of the next council meeting to be determined.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.20pm