

ACL Council May 2016



Item 3 ACL Council 12 May 2016 Minutes

For approval

Attending: Sue Nash (SN) Chair, Iain Stark (IS) Chair Elect, Stephen Averill (SA) Treasurer, Jon Lord, David Cooper (DC), James Barrett (JB) Vice Chair, Francis Kendall (FK), David Wright (DW), Steve Davies (SD), Robert Cook (RC)

In Attendance: Maurice Cheng (MC) Chief Executive, Claire Green (CG), Kirsty Allison (KA), Adam Hood (Student Council) (AH)

Apologies: Diane Pattenden

Item	Action	By	When
1	The meeting started at 1600		
2	Minutes of March 2016 Council were accepted, subject to reference to CMC being changed to CPRC in Minute 3.3.		
3	Chair’s report		
3.1	SN recommended that Council give consideration to amending the bye laws so that student members of the ACL would be allowed at ACL General Meetings		
3.2	MC informed Council that the Legal Aid Group had reformed with a newly elected Committee, and the Group had recently conducted a strategy workshop to define the forward mission and vision for the Group		
4	Student Council report		
4.1	AH updated Council on Student Council activities		
4.2	Council commended the Student Council for their excellent work		
5	PR & Marketing		
5.1	FK gave a verbal report on the Committee’s activities. There was a discussion about the forthcoming LJ Briggs event on 8 June hosted by the ACL, and IS updated Council on a number of discussions he was having with key contacts within the judiciary.		
5.2	The new website build was still continuing, with good content on case law new coming in from Kings Chambers, and work commencing on migrating forum content from the old site.		
6	Policy Committee		
6.1	The Policy Committee report was noted		

7	Finance & Governance		
7.1	The Finance & Governance Committee report was noted.		
7.2	Council noted that the conclusion from the VAT audit conducted by the specialist consultant Larking Gowen was that there was no substantive liability arising from their review of the VAT position across both ACL and ACLT, and approved the recommendation of the consultant that in order to improve VAT recovery in the future, ACL should be VAT registered, and a VAT Group established across the two companies from the beginning of this financial year.	SA	June16
8	AOB		
	SN expressed her thanks to Council for all their loyalty, commitment and support during her term of office, and wished the incoming Chair well in the forward leadership of the Council and the Association.		
	The meeting finished at 1800.		
14	Date of next meeting: 1400 24 May 2016 @ Weightmans		