# Minutes for ACCU Committee meeting

## 22nd July 2017, via Hangouts

The committee had a brief discussion with Evan Lavelle, who is working with ASIC/FPGA code in the Cambridge (UK) area and is interested to see where ACCU may be able to help.

Meeting started at 14:55.

## 1. Attending

Matthew Jones (remotely), Nigel Lester (remotely), Ralph McArdell (remotely), Malcolm Noyes (remotely), Bob Schmidt (remotely)

### Apologies for absence

Jim Hague, Roger Orr, Rob Pauer

## 2. Minutes from last meetings

The committee did not consider the minutes of the meeting on 20th May (my fault!).

## 3. Actions in progress from previous meeting

### Actions from previous meetings:

*68. Malcolm to ask Asti to elaborate on how we may be able help with book reviews.* Asti has asked to pass on book reviews to someone else. Malcolm has a volunteer but is waiting for more information from Asti (emailed several time but difficult to get in contact). Ongoing.
*69. Matt - Send letter to members who are not paying the correct amount asking them to change.* Letters sent - (left active until September meeting).
*71. Roger - Note link between isocpp.org and accu.org.* The isocpp archive has been downloaded; Roger has worked out how this could be used and will email details. Hopefully we can get this moved permanently after that.
*74. Bob - Draft procedure for violations of Code of Conduct/Diversity Statement created.* Ralph commented that it may be difficult for local group organisers to deal with complaints and perhaps the detail needed revising; Bob will review and revise as necessary. Ongoing.
*85. ~~Matt to contact Honorary Members to see if we can list them on the website.~~* Done.
*86. Matt will create a document that we can use to start to fill in what we know of ACCU committee history.* Ongoing.
*91. Bob to liaise with Rob to investigate whether there are tax implications for making a donation to a US individual.* Our understanding is that there are no liabilities as long as there is no obligation (implied or otherwise) that would form a contract; note to be added to any donation that clearly states all tax liabilities lie with the recipient and there is no commitment to any long term relationship. Done.
*92. Bob to investigate costs/options of advertising at Albuquerque airport.* Two different screens can be hired but the committee concluded that the cost (circa $695 per week) is too much for any likely return on investment and would be better spent supporting a meetup at the event.
*93. Nigel to write some notes on affiliations with other groups.* Nigel intends to speak to Phil Nash.

### Actions added by this meeting:

*94.* Bob will email Roger to confirm whether there is still a need for an ISDF grant to aid attendance at C++ Standards meeting.
*95.* Nigel will email local groups asking them to advertise the requirement for a web editor.
*96.* Nigel to create ACCU logo for Albuquerque.

## 4. Reports

### 4.1 Advertising

No report.

### 4.2 Conference

No report.

### 4.3 Local Groups

Report from Nigel Lester:

Since the last committee meeting the local group Meetup membership has grown by just over 7% to 4.3k members. All groups are running sessions except for Greece, and there were no formal committee requests from the local groups.

The highlight is the relaunching of ACCU Cambridge led by Andy Saul, with lots of generous support from his company DisplayLink and from Speakers. Andy has events planned out through to October and his meetup membership is getting close to 45% of ACCU Oxford's which is an amazing achievement. A Big Thank You to Andy and all those who have helped to make this happen.

ACCU Bristol is looking to try out a new venue, but as this costs, is looking for help to identify sponsors. Need help in identifying companies in the Bristol & Bath area who might be interested in partnering with us. If you are aware of potential sponsors please let myself, Emyr and Malcolm know. ACCU Bristol is also looking for help with finding speakers.

At ACCU Oxford we had CodeBar pitch to the group asking for volunteers to teach programming to underrepresented groups. We are delighted to help CodeBar and this seems to have generated a couple leads for them. I have volunteered to give a talk on a micro:bit project for an upcoming micro:bit session they are arranging. Perhaps we might like to invite CodeBar and Code First: Girls to our conference?

At Oxford's recently held lightning talks session, OCC kindly sponsored as a prize a couple of micro:bits, and this seemed very popular.

JetBrains renewed Oxford's sponsorship for a year, but Emyr reported not Bristol's. JetBrains is looking for a certain attendance level for them to provide free product licence vouchers. They are open to sponsoring Cambridge.

Laurence Kirk's talk on the BlockChain was very popular in Oxford and was oversubscribed, and judging from the feedback was much liked in London too. It was a very good talk & very well presented and he is happy to give it elsewhere.

Due to distractions stalled slightly on approaching groups to see if they are interested in the local group affiliation idea.

### 4.4 Membership

Report from Matt Jones:

Membership numbers seem to be creeping up a little. We are seeing a trickle from Cambridge so this could be a very welcome result of the rebirth of their local group. I shall contact all the local groups and offer them a constant supply of magazines to give out. At the moment Silicon Valley get 12 a month, but none of the UK groups do, so I occasionally supply them with parcels of back issues.

We successfully resolved the problem of non-ASCII characters in the magazine address labels.

I have made a first attempt at contacting our honorary members. Of course this weeded out a few whose email address was out of data so I shall write to them the old fashioned way. I expect this will yield a few "I've retired and you can cancel my membership" responses. A number of others have written back with lots of information about the history of ACCU and their roles. I shall add these to our history document, https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YJXdAKB_wdKJvrBpl0NfRMju1g0bxr0ttP3KF70RSPI/edit

I emailed details of the history documentation project to as many of our previous committee members as I could find addresses for. I

expect the response will be patchy and we will have to keep at this project for a few years before we get the full picture. We might have to resort to recording interviews with people in the bar at the conference!

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### 4.5 Treasurer

Report from Rob Pauer:

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The 2016 accounts have been finalised.

We have received £7937 from Archer Yates in respect of the conference

Other than that - it's all quiet on the financial side.

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## 4.6 Publicity

No report (no publicity officer)

### 4.7 Standards

No report.

### 4.8 Website

Report on web hosting by Jim Hague:

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Executive summary - all basically ticking along fine. Investigating periodic reports from my monitoring of occasional slow replies, which so far seems to be due to the server load increasing temporarily due to it running tests that check it is working OK....

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### 4.9 Mentored developers

No report.

### 4.10 Social Media

No report.

### 4.11 Publications

No report.
Report from Roger Orr:

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The *print* media side of things is going along as usual, and I do not know of any new matters for concern.

However we have now lost Martin's sterling efforts on the *web site*, so the latest CVu is not online - either as a PDF nor as individual articles. I hope we can fill this gap sometime....

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# 5. Any other business

### 5.1 Website signup emails

Background: Bob has taken the webmaster email and has noticed a lot of emails from signups that never become members.

Apparently this is common but our system as it is currently implemented does not allow us to filter these out - leave for now.

### 5.2 Webeditor

Still withput a web editor - Nigel will email local groups asking them to advertise this need.

### 5.3 Website - how do we extract existing content

It would be good if we could get the existing static site under some form of version control but we don't know how to do this. Matt/Malcolm will join Bob to do some 'training' on how the current system works.

# 6. Date of next meeting

The date of the next committee meeting will (provisionally) be Saturday 23rd September 2017, via Hangouts.