

UKUUG/FLOSSUK AGM 2017

Council Report

Officers of the Group

The present council comprises of:

Mark Keating Director, Chairman

Quentin Wright Director, Treasurer

Kenneth McDonald Secretary

Gavin Atkinson

Barry O'Rourke

Tim Fletcher

The council is restricted to eight members. There are three empty places on council with two persons expressing an interest to join in 2018 as council members.

Secretariat

Jane Morrison retired as Company Secretary in the first quarter of 2017, her position has been taken by the council and Kenneth MacDonald is now the new Company Secretary.

Newsletter

As agreed in 2016 a single annual review will be published after the AGM and will be made available online and in print in early 2018. Any content for the review should be made available to Mark Keating as soon as possible. There is a submission deadline of 31st December 2017.

Past Events

Events since the last AGM included:

The Spring Conference: Held in March 2017 at The Studio in Manchester. The conference was preceded by a number of workshops including a free to attend Raspberry Pi event.

Barcamp Birmingham: Held in June 2017 at The Studio in Birmingham, another successful day with a number of talks and presentations.

Future Events

2018 Spring Conference: Next year we will return to Edinburgh for a Spring Conference at Dynamic Earth. We will also be holding workshops and another hack event with Raspberry Pi.

Supported Events

Since the last AGM we have supported two main events with sponsorship or administrative help. Student Hack in Manchester was run in March of 2017 to great acclaim as was the return of Open Tech in June. Both of these events were aided by FLOSSUK.

Membership

This year we are re-organising the way we view our membership and it is the council's intention to seek guidance at the AGM on the direction we should take in 2018.

We are also moving to an online system for membership renewal that will rely on members themselves controlling their accounts using the electronic system CiviCRM, as such we have not yet processed all the membership figures for 2017. The figures for membership are currently only as last year's published figures.

Sponsorship

As with membership the council is seeking to refresh and revive how it deals with sponsorship. We have made changes to our current sponsorship levels that are published online at <https://www.flossuk.org/sponsors/>. We have added several new categories including an affiliate membership and sponsorship level.

We are grateful this year to a number of organisations for their support and sponsorship of both the organisations and its events. In alphabetical order they are:

- Suse
- Eligo
- Icinga
- Linux-Pro
- Shadowcat Systems
- University of Edinburgh

In 2018 we are hoping to introduce the idea of patrons and have more sponsors of the organisation.

YouTube

This year we have made an extra effort to push our YouTube site and presence. We started the year with a very low set of statistics. This year we have improved that immensely.

	2016	2017	% Difference
Minutes of Video Watched	6,569	131,657	2,119.65%
Views	800	34,651	4,988.25%
Likes	11	256	2,227.27%
Dislikes	0	5	
Comments	0	27	
Shares	5	81	1,925%
Videos in other people's playlists	26	246	1,792.31%
Subscribers	5	92	1,740%

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UKUUG/FLOSSUK Council Chairman, 12th December 2017