

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Sunday 23 August 2020 at 11am by video conference.

Present: Simon Linford (President), David Kirkcaldy (Deputy President), Mary Bone (Secretary), Andy Smith (Treasurer), Phillip Barnes, Alison Everett, David Smith and Clyde Whittaker. Fergus Stracey (nominated Treasurer) was also present. Vicki Chapman (Public Relations Office) joined the video conference at 11.45am.

1. The Executive received an update on financial matters from the Treasurer. The Treasurer and nominated Treasurer would take steps to ensure a smooth handover in September. The Executive **agreed** that a second authorisation should be required for online banking transactions above a certain amount; this would be implemented after the handover.

2. The Executive **approved** the following additions to the Standing Orders to take effect on **1 December 2020**, subject to approval of the Motion on the Agenda (<https://cccbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/cc2020-agenda.pdf>) for the Annual Meeting on 5 September. [Note - these Standing Order changes should be read in conjunction with, and are subordinate to the controls set out in, the full text of the Motion to be presented at the Council Meeting.] :

S2 Registered Small Societies

S2.1 The Executive may approve an application from a bell ringing society to become a Registered Small Society where such a society satisfies the following conditions to the Executive's reasonable satisfaction:

- it has a written constitution and duly appointed officers;
- it has implemented a policy dealing with the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults which complies with such requirements for safeguarding policy as the Central Council may publish from time to time;
- it has supplied details to the Secretary of its objects, membership and activities together with contact details for at least two of its officers;
- its actions will not unreasonably frustrate the activities of any Affiliated Society or Registered Small Society; and
- it satisfies such other conditions as may be stated in the Council's Standing Orders and Policies.

S2.2 The Executive may only approve an application from a society to become a Registered Small Society in accordance with Standing Order S2.1 by decision at an Executive Meeting provided that:-

- notice of the application including details of the society's objects, membership and activities has been given to Representative Members no later than two months before such a decision is made; and
- the decision shall not take effect until such time as it has been approved by Resolution at a Council Meeting if, within one month of such notice, the Secretary, President and Deputy President receive a request (or requests) from 10 or more Representative Members for such a Resolution.

S2.3 Subject to Standing Order S2.4, the Executive at its absolute discretion may determine that a bell ringing society shall be removed from the Register of Small Societies where (in the Executive's opinion) such a society:

- a) no longer meets the conditions set out in Standing Order S2.1; or
- b) by virtue of its actions, or the actions of its members or its officers, could directly or indirectly bring the Council into disrepute.

S2.4 In exercising its powers under Standing Order S2.3, the Executive shall ensure that a bell ringing society shall be removed from the Register of Small Societies only when:

- a) that society has been given notice of the reasons for its removal; and
- b) one or more of that society's representatives have had reasonable opportunity to state its case in writing to the Executive.

E1 Executive Meetings

E1.1 The Executive may conduct its proceedings as it thinks fit, subject to the Council's Rules, Standing Orders and Policies; but decisions on the following matters may be made only at an Executive Meeting which has been called and conducted in accordance with Standing Order E1.2:

- j) adding or removing any entry on the Register of Small Societies;

F1 Annual Subscription

F1.2 The Annual Subscription of each Registered Small Society shall be £20.

3. The Executive considered the Agenda for the Annual Meeting and discussed ways in which routine matters could be conducted speedily and efficiently in order to leave time for questions, comments and debate.

4. The Executive reviewed a number of outstanding proposals from the CRAG report adopted in 2017, including reducing the size of the Council, direct membership and branding. Consultations would be held to develop a set of proposals with the aim being to have these ready for the 2021 AGM. The President intended to include this work in the 2021 Forward Plan.

5. The Executive held further discussions on possible workgroup re-organisation (*see* note of July meeting). They concluded that additional support for workgroup and administrative activities would be desirable.

6. The Executive received a report on initial arrangements for the 2021 annual meeting to be held in Nottingham on Saturday 4 September. They agreed that current COVID-19 restrictions continued to make detailed planning of future ringing activities uncertain.

7. The next meeting of the Executive will be held by video conference on Wednesday 23 September.

The meeting resumed at 2pm after a short lunch break when those present were joined by the workgroup leaders (Alison Hodge, Graham John, Tim Hine, Mark Regan, Colin Newman, Ian

Roulstone and Chris Ridley). Vicki Chapman represented the Communications & Marketing workgroup.

8. The Executive and workgroup leaders discussed updates on workgroup activities since the May meeting.

9. They continued discussion from the morning on workgroup reviews and re-organisation.

Mary Bone
Secretary
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