

# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

## Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23 September 2020 at 8pm by video conference.

Present: Simon Linford (President), David Kirkcaldy (Deputy President), Mary Bone (Secretary), Fergus Stracey (Treasurer), Phillip Barnes, Alison Everett, David Smith and Clyde Whittaker. Vicki Chapman (Public Relations Officer) was also present.

1. The Executive **approved** the following additions to the Standing Orders to take effect on **1 January 2021**:

### **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 safeguarding arrangements (dealing with the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults) that reflect local best practice for the jurisdiction(s) where that society operates;
  - 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:
- no longer meets the conditions set out in Standing Order S2.1; or
  - 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:

*replace existing E1.1 i) and E1.1 j) with*

- i) rescinding or suspending any Council membership;
- j) adding or removing any entry on the Register of Small Societies; or
- k) any matter likely to delay or frustrate the implementation of a Council Resolution.

## **F1 Annual Subscription**

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

The Executive **withdrew** the changes to the Standing Orders approved on 23 August and which had been due to come into effect on 1 December 2020.

2. The Treasurer provided an update on the General Fund position as at 7 September. Work was in hand to change the signatories for the banking account. As Lloyds Bank procedures did not allow for dual authorisation of online banking transactions the Trustees **agreed** that (1) for amounts less than £100 the Treasurer should seek authorisation from either the President or Deputy President and (2) for amounts above that authorisation should be sought from either the President or Deputy President and one other Trustee in rotation, with the emails forming a trail for the independent examination. It was further agreed that Publications and Library Fund figures should be provided regularly.

3. The President introduced a discussion on the website and proposals for the next stages of work since the launch of this website in early 2019. It was agreed that a new Council member be invited to review the website and provide suggestions. There would be no expenditure on the site without a proper specification.

4. The President briefed members on plans for Mobile Belfry 2.0. An application to the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group for funding had been unsuccessful. A copy of the application document had been circulated; this would be revised in the light of comments received, particularly on the business case for the belfry, operating costs, local support for educational activities and risks.

5. The Executive held further discussions on possible workgroup re-organisation (*see* notes of previous meetings). They concluded that additional support for workgroup and administrative activities, including events, would be desirable. The Secretary had circulated a draft job description for a Membership Secretary.

6. The President informed members of his recent talks with the Chairman of the Ringing World Ltd. They had held regular discussions, taking the place of the pre-2018 pattern of attendance at Board

or Administrative Committee meetings. It was now proposed that board-to-board meeting(s) be held with a sub-set of Council Executive and RW Board members attending.

7. The President reported that David Pouncey had joined the group working on “ringing recovery” during the Covid-19 pandemic.

8. Phillip Barnes updated members on outstanding matters after adoption of the Framework for Method Ringing. He stressed the importance of analysis of shorter performances such as quarter peals and date touches and the useful information contained in analysis of ringer data and footnotes in providing insights into the health of ringing. Two recruits had come forward to help with the expansion of performance analysis to include quarters and the overall approach would also be applied to the peals analysis.

9. The next meeting of the Executive will be held by video conference on Wednesday 28 October.

Mary Bone  
Secretary  
02.10.2020