

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 28 October 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 Treasurer had circulated income and expenditure figures to 30 September and an updated balance sheet prior to the meeting. Work continued on updating signatories to the accounts.
2. The Trustees unanimously **agreed** that a bequest of £25,000 from the late John Barnes, Council Fellow who died in 2019, should be applied to the Bell Restoration Fund. They recorded their deep sense of gratitude for this generous gift.
3. A number of expressions of interest for the position of Membership Secretary had been received. The Secretary would ask for details of their administrative experience and then progress this with the Deputy President. As several workgroups are looking for additional support it was suggested that unsuccessful candidates might offer their skills to the workgroups instead.
4. The Membership / Assistant Secretary would be part of a small central support team. A small group working with both ART and the Ringing World on events management would also form part of this team and report to the Executive. Performance analysis work will also be part of this.
5. Work continued on re-organisation of the existing workgroups with a particular focus on the future work of Communications & Marketing and Volunteer & Leadership. The President agreed to draft an article for media release to elicit interest from people with leadership aspirations in these areas.
6. The President reported on the current round of consultations with Council members on implementing further proposals from the 2017 CRAG report and subsequent Edinburgh motions on direct membership, reducing the size of the Council and branding. Further consultations would be held with other groups of ringers, such as Ringing Remembers recruits or students. A survey would be prepared; an advance draft of this would be circulated to the Executive for comment before publication.
7. The President stated that the Ringing Recovery strategy would be the main business at the 21 November meeting with workgroup leaders.
8. Brief updates were provided on current guidance on ringing during the Covid-19 pandemic, review of the website, the Mobile Belfry 2.0 proposal, and an application form for small societies.

9. The President reported on continued discussions with the Churches Conservation Trust and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild on plans to use St Peter's Northampton and adjoining buildings as a ringing centre.

10. The President reported that a meeting would be held shortly between some members of the Executive and the Ringing World Ltd Board. David Smith declared a possible conflict of interest as a member of both the CCCBR Executive and the RW Board. The meeting would focus on the concerns expressed during the RW annual meeting on the relationship between the Council and the RW and the latter's plans to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

11. The next meeting of the Executive and workgroup leaders will be held by video conference on Saturday 21 November.

Mary Bone
Secretary
05.11.2020