

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Saturday 21 November 2020 at 9.30 am 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) joined the call at 10.30 am.

1. Financial matters

- The Treasurer reported that current year expenditure and income was on target.
- The Trustees **agreed** to allocate a recent donation of £50 from Worplesdon in memory of their late tower captain to the Bell Restoration Fund.
- The Trustees further **agreed** that any donations up to a limit of £500 could be allocated to funds at the Treasurer's discretion if the donor had not previously indicated which fund should benefit.
- The Trustees gave initial **approval** to the proposed budget for 2021. Any expenditure on the various projects will only be incurred after full details of the proposed projects have been submitted to the Trustees and planned expenditure and outcomes have been subjected to robust scrutiny. The budget will be on the website at <https://cccbr.org.uk/about/governance/> – and select the 'Budget' tab.
- The President had provided an updated report on plans for Mobile Belfry 2.0. The Executive **agreed** in principle that a donation of a maximum of £10k could be made towards this project, subject to a satisfactory business plan.
- The Trustees **agreed** that the Central Council should obtain its own Zoom account for use by the Executive and workgroups.
- The Trustees **agreed** that the Treasurer should review the Council's insurance policies to establish that the level of cover was still appropriate.

2. Central Support Group

- The Executive **appointed** Carol Franklin as Membership Secretary with primary responsibility for representative members. The Membership Secretary will report to the Executive via the Secretary.
- The Executive **agreed** that the performance analysis (peals and quarter peals) team will form part of this group and will no longer be part of the Historical & Archive workgroup. The team will report to the Executive via Phillip Barnes.
- The Executive **appointed** the following as members of the Bell Restoration Fund grants panel: Ian Oram (Fund Administrator), Chris Birkby, Keith Brown and Peter Kirby. The Panel will review grant applications and provide recommendations for approval by the Trustees. The Panel will report to the Executive via the Secretary. The Executive **agreed** that the existing criteria for grants should be reviewed and an updated version be on the website.

3. Workgroups

- The President will invite expressions of interest for leadership of the Communications & Marketing and Volunteer & Leadership workgroups, with the proviso that Communications & Marketing may change focus a little and hence be renamed.

- The President will act as interim chair for the Communications & Marketing workgroup. Louise Nightingale has had to withdraw due to the pressure of other commitments. Louise was thanked for all her work leading the group since 2018, and in “shadow” from 2017.
- The Executive **confirmed** the recent appointments of leaders for Schools & Youth Groups, Universities & Colleges, Senior Stakeholder Liaison and Historical & Archive workgroups and noted that all were doing sterling work.

4. The Deputy President reported on the current state of arrangements for the Nottingham meeting on Saturday 4 September 2021. The Executive **re-confirmed** that no Roadshow will be organised in 2021.

Present in the afternoon: Simon Linford (President), David Kirkcaldy (Deputy President), Mary Bone (Secretary), Fergus Stracey (Treasurer), Phillip Barnes, Alison Everett, and Clyde Whittaker. David Smith apologised for his absence. Executive members were joined by Chris Ridley (Historical & Archive), Mark Regan (Senior Stakeholder Liaison), Alison Hodge (Stewardship & Management), Graham John (Technical & Taxonomy), Tim Hine (Volunteer & Leadership), Colin Newman (Young Ringers – Schools & Youth Groups) and Ian Roulstone (Young Ringers – Universities & Colleges). Vicki Chapman (Public Relations Officer) was also present.

5. The President and Alison Everett led a discussion on the interim results from the recent rounds of consultation with Council members and other groups of ringers, including, importantly, young ringers who would form the future of the Exercise.

6. The last part of the meeting focused on the outlook for ringing recovery in 2021 from the Covid-19 pandemic.

7. The next meeting of the Executive will be held by video conference on Wednesday 27 January 2021. An interim meeting may be held in December if necessary.

Mary Bone
Secretary
28.11.2020