

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Sunday 14 February 2021 at 9.00am 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.

The President noted that he had now been appointed as a Director of The Ringing World Ltd.

1. Financial matters

- The Treasurer reported that he had received the Publications and Library accounts for 2020. Sales of Council publications had been affected by the suspension of most ringing in mid-March 2020.
- Affiliation fee payments were now being made by societies. Those societies paying by bank transfer would be reminded that their membership numbers must be submitted to the Secretary by 24 July 2021.
- The Executive noted that no member had volunteered to serve as the Council's second Independent Examiner and recalled the comments on this made during the last annual meeting (item 15, p4, <https://cccbr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/cc2020-minutes.pdf>) . A proposal to change the Rules and relevant Standing Orders would be put to this year's annual meeting.

2. Bell Restoration grants

- The Executive **approved** the criteria for grants from the Fred E Dukes International Bell Fund.
- The Executive **approved** the revised criteria for the Council's Bell Restoration Fund.
- All these documents would be made available on the website.

3. The President reported on the draft of a proposed agreement with ART for co-operation on projects and initiatives. The President further reported that an opportunity had arisen for the new proposed Mobile Belfry to be in action at the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Glasgow in November. The President was working on the business plan for the Mobile Belfry as a precursor to looking for the final £28,000 of funding required.

4. The Executive were joined at 9.45am by the Council's Safeguarding Officers, Dave Bassford and Ann White. Dave and Ann reported on recent issues with the safeguarding@cccbr.org.uk email address since the change to MS 365 addresses. They were actively working on safeguarding guidance for online ringing and developing proposals for training for guild safeguarding officers.

Executive members were joined at 11am by Alison Hodge (Stewardship & Management), Graham John (Technical & Taxonomy), Tim Hine (Volunteer & Leadership), Colin Newman (Young Ringers – Schools & Youth Groups) and Mark Regan (Senior Stakeholder Liaison). Vicki Chapman (Public Relations Officer) was also present. Apologies were received from Chris Ridley (Historical & Archive) and Ian Roulstone (Young Ringers – Universities and Colleges).

5. The President introduced a discussion on the current workgroup structure and suggestions for improvements to aid their activities. A leader was still sought for an events team within the support group. This organigram will be published following one more round of amendments.
6. The President gave a briefing on the results of the consultation exercise with Council members and other groups of ringers during which Paul Jopp, Chairman of The Ringing World Ltd, was present. Young ringers intended to set up their own membership organisation. This is being facilitated by the President and Colin Newman as needed. There was further discussion of the need to ensure that all current online information portals on ringing were secured and viable for the long term.
7. Workgroup leaders gave brief updates on their recent activities. An update from the Historical & Archive group had been circulated. Workgroups were reminded of the need to ensure that updates were published regularly in *The Ringing World* and on the Council's website.
8. The Secretary indicated the initial timetable for production of the Council's annual report and meeting papers.
9. The Executive **confirmed** that the 2021 annual meeting would again be held by Zoom video conferencing as the outlook for a meeting in person, especially for members resident outside Great Britain, remained too uncertain to allow definite plans to be made for this.
10. The next meeting of the Executive will be held by video conference on Wednesday 24 March 2021.

Mary Bone
Secretary
25.02.2021