

# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

## Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23 June 2021 at 7pm by video conference.

Present: Simon Linford (President), David Kirkcaldy (Deputy President), Mary Bone (Secretary), Fergus Stracey (Treasurer), Alison Everett and Clyde Whittaker. Phillip Barnes and Vicki Chapman, Public Relations Officer, were delayed and joined the meeting later. Apologies for absence were received from David Smith.

1. The Executive **agreed** that the 2021 annual meeting would commence at 10.30am. There would be a short break at 12.30 and all business would be concluded before the annual meeting of The Ringing World Ltd, which would be held at 3pm. The Secretary noted that work was in progress to prepare the papers for the annual meeting; two workgroup reports were outstanding. Graham Lay, member of the Ringing World Board, joined the meeting to give a short presentation on business for their annual meeting. The Executive had a brief discussion on the venue and arrangements for the 2022 annual meeting. A leader and more members were still sought for the Central Council events team.

2. The Treasurer updated members on the financial position. A bequest of £11k had been received from the trustees of the estate of the late Philip M Rolle. The Executive **agreed** that these monies would be held as a designated fund pending decisions on their allocation. The Executive **agreed**, with one abstention, a proposal from the Social Care Institute for Excellence ([www.scie.org.uk](http://www.scie.org.uk)) involving expenditure of £1785 inclusive of VAT to conduct a joint assessment of the Council's future role as a provider of advice and support on safeguarding matters, including measures to reduce the risk of online bullying. The Executive **noted** that volunteers had come forward to join the safeguarding team.

3. The Executive held a discussion on public relations, marketing and recruitment in the context of funding bids in progress and the effectiveness or otherwise of previous recruitment campaigns. Mark Regan, Senior Stakeholder Liaison, was present and particularly stressed the importance of recognition of ringing as a performing art and as part of the UK's intangible cultural heritage, rather than a hobby.

4. The President and Deputy President presented further work on risk assessment. This process is nearly complete and will be in force by the time of the annual meeting.

5. The President updated members on current plans for the CCT's Old Black Lion site in Northampton and a proposed ringing centre there.

6. The next meeting of the Executive will be held by video conference on Sunday 25 July.

Mary Bone  
Secretary  
05.07.2021