

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22 September 2021 at 8pm (BST) 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.

1. The Deputy President reported on plans for the 2022 annual meeting. The President had visited the venue and confirmed that the facilities were suitable. A further site visit was proposed for late October. Accommodation would be available on-site, subject to a minimum number of rooms being taken.
2. Phillip Barnes updated the Executive on the governance review proposals presented at the annual meeting. He was in contact with suitable external reviewer(s).
3. The President was working on updating the Strategic Priorities. Volunteers with appropriate skills were needed for workgroups and the central support group. A “situations vacant” list would be compiled and circulated widely to Council representatives, societies, BellBoard, the newly established forums / networks and social media.
4. The main discussion on the Forward Plan was on the need to improve the information flow to members. The Executive **agreed** that the quarterly updates from workgroups would be consolidated into a suitable format for wider circulation. There was further discussion on how to take forward proposals to reduce the size of the Council and the timescale for this before the 2022 annual meeting.
5. The President reported that a website for the Mobile Belfry 2.0 was almost complete. There would be a number of sponsorship opportunities as part of the outstanding funding requirement. The President further reported that a Memorandum of Understanding (relating to the Old Black Lion / St Peter’s site in Northampton) was in preparation with the Churches Conservation Trust. Drafts would be circulated to the Executive for comment.
6. A draft of the Council’s response to GS2222 (Church of England Mission in Revision: a review of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011) would be circulated prior to submission to the Church of England.
7. Alison Everett reported on her work producing a consolidated list of Council policies and their review dates. She urged colleagues to study the lists and notify her of any omissions.
8. AOB: the President reported that he had as yet received no response from Derby City Centre Ringers after he had notified them of the Executive’s decision to defer final consideration of their application to register as a Small Society. The Secretary reminded members that the Railway Guild application would be considered at the Executive’s October meeting; no responses had as yet been received from representative members of the Council. The Executive agreed that the May 2022 meeting with workgroup leaders should be held as a physical meeting at a London venue.

9. The next meeting of the Executive will be held on 27 October.

Mary Bone
Secretary
03.10.2021