

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23 March 2022 at 8pm (GMT) by video conference.

Present: Simon Linford (President), Mary Bone (Secretary), Fergus Stracey (Treasurer), Phillip Barnes, Alison Everett and Clyde Whittaker. Apologies for absence were received from David Kirkcaldy (Deputy President) and David Smith. Ann White, Safeguarding Officer, attended for item 6.

1. Finance: the Trustees approved the grants recommended by the Fred E Dukes Fund stewards. The grant details will be published once parishes have been informed and accepted the offers.
2. Governance and Rules review: the Executive agreed that the results of their March meeting would be published with an executive summary in due course. They were reminded of the timetable for reviewing the Rules and Standing Orders which David Bleby had kindly agreed to conduct. To date, one comment had been received from a representative member, and it had been passed on.
3. The President reported on responses to the consultation on a per capita basis for affiliation fees. A number of societies had questioned the justification for the proposed cap of £300 as this still led to considerable differences in the rate per member, particularly of mid-sized societies compared to the largest. The consultation would close at the end of April.
4. The Executive noted that nominations were now due for the Church Buildings Council's Bells Sub-Committee.
5. 2022 Annual Meeting: the President reported on a recent planning meeting: arrangements for the Council meeting are well in-hand, including Friday daytime and evening ringing, Friday and Saturday evening social events, and the meeting itself. Exhibitors and speakers for the Roadshow on Sunday 4 September were being confirmed. A further planning meeting would be held shortly.
6. Safeguarding: Ann White, Safeguarding Officer, reported on responses from guilds on local training requirements under the new CofE procedures. In most cases it appeared that Leadership training would only be required for tower captains of Cathedral bands and of some larger churches, decided at a diocesan level. Ann and Dave Bassford had identified two organisations offering safeguarding advice, guidance and support; they recommended that the Council subscribe to thirtyone:eight (<https://thirtyoneeight.org/>) to test their services to see if they were appropriate for ringing societies.

The next meeting of the Executive will be held on Wednesday 27 April 2022.

Mary Bone
Secretary
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