

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 April 2022 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. Executive members were joined by the Public Relations Officer, Vicki Chapman.

1. **Finance**: the Treasurer had circulated the first quarter financial figures. Particular attention was paid in discussion to the amount in unallocated funds and potential uses. The Trustees **confirmed** their decision, taken by email in mid-April, to offer a grant of £2,500 to the NW Ringing Course; this will be used for the purchase of simulators and associated equipment which will be available to the Course in future years. The Treasurer advised that the Education Fund could be used for this purpose with the balance coming from the General Fund. The Trustees further **agreed** that funds from the unexpended Ringing Remembers grant could be used by the Public Relations Workgroup to fund the filming costs for professionally produced recruitment videos.
2. **2022 Annual Meeting**: the Deputy President reported that arrangements for the Council meeting are on target; the plans include Friday daytime and evening ringing, Friday and Saturday evening social events, and the meeting itself. A suitable venue for an informal social on the Friday evening had now been identified. Exhibitors and speakers for the Roadshow on Sunday 4 September were being confirmed and other attractions are being arranged. The Executive **agreed** a ticket price for the Sunday Roadshow of £10 (ten pounds) per adult; under-18s would receive free entry.
3. The President reported on further responses to the consultation on a per capita basis for affiliation fees. The consultation was still open for a few more days. The President agreed to contact the largest societies again on a suggestion to increase the cap to £400 before circulating a conclusion.
4. The Executive considered current and forthcoming vacancies in workgroups and the Executive. The President agreed to update the “situations vacant” page on the website (<https://cccbr.org.uk/about/volunteering-with-the-council/>) and to highlight opportunities for involvement in future blogs. Vicki Chapman volunteered to conduct short video interviews with the 3 retiring trustees.
5. **Safeguarding**: as mentioned in his recent blog, the President reported on recent changes to the safeguarding pages on the Council’s website (<https://cccbr.org.uk/safeguarding/>).
6. The Executive agreed the timetable for the 21 May meeting, which will be held by video conference (Zoom). The Trustees will consider the annual report and accounts for 2021. Workgroup leaders will be invited to join the meeting later and have been asked to provide updates on their work before the meeting.
7. AOB: David Smith reported that the North West Ringing Course had received an encouraging number of initial applications.

The Executive noted that the nomination deadline for positions on the Church Buildings Council’s Bells Sub-Committee had been extended.

Mary Bone, Secretary
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