

# THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

## Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27 October 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. The Public Relations Officer, Vicki Chapman, also attended. Dave Bassford, Safeguarding Officer, was present for part of the meeting.

1. Dave Bassford briefed the Executive on actions undertaken since attending the SCIE workshop in the summer. He and Ann White were developing a “mission statement” to underpin the Council’s approach to safeguarding activities; they were also working on job descriptions for the safeguarding officers and an organisation chart. A further SCIE recommendation was that there should be a lead trustee for safeguarding. It was also decided that a paper should be developed to explain how ringing ‘works’ in organisational and safeguarding terms to share with Dioceses.
2. The Treasurer reported on the financial outturn to end September. Workgroup expenditure was under budget as their work was still affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This had also led to delays in bell restoration projects and subsequent grant payments.
3. Phillip Barnes reported on consultations with a potential external reviewer on the scope of the proposed governance review. The potential reviewer considered that such an extensive review was not appropriate at this stage for a small charitable organisation such as the Council. The Executive were conscious of the mandated review timetable (Standing Order G1.1) and intended to comply with the requirement. It was still too early to evaluate the CRAG reforms fully. More work will be done on the scope of the review and investigation of possible third party providers.
4. The Executive **approved** by majority (one against) the application by the Guild of Railway Ringers to register as a Small Society.
5. The Executive noted that a new leader would shortly be required for the Volunteer & Leadership workgroup as Tim Hine wished to relinquish this role. This would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.
6. The Public Relations Officer circulated an updated draft of guidance to societies on Operation London Bridge.
7. The President updated members on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Churches Conservation Trust on the Old Black Lion site in Northampton, and on proposals to contact societies on funding opportunities for Mobile Belfry 2.0.
8. The Deputy President briefed members on further negotiations with Nottingham Trent University to hold the next annual meeting and Roadshow there in September 2022. A contract was under preparation.
9. The next meeting of the Executive and Workgroup Leaders will be held on Saturday 13 November.

Mary Bone, Secretary  
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