

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 December 2021 at 8.30 pm (GMT) 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. Vicki Chapman, Public Relations Officer, also attended.

1. Finance: the Treasurer reported that the outline budget for 2022 was being updated and would then be placed on the website. The quotation to renew the Council's insurance was expected shortly.
2. The Deputy President had held a useful meeting with members of the Publications team. A budget for 2022 had been prepared and submitted. The team expected that storage costs would be lower in 2022 and intended to focus on more selective advertising.
3. Safeguarding: the Executive **appointed** Clyde Whittaker as lead trustee for safeguarding matters. There was further discussion on the new CofE training framework which will come into effect in January 2022. The Executive **noted** that certain decisions, for example on leadership training, will be taken at diocesan level. Further information will be circulated to the societies email list as soon as possible in advance of wider publication in *The Ringing World*.
4. The President introduced a discussion on moving to a per capita basis for the affiliation fee prior to any changes to the number of representatives per society and reducing the size of the Council. He would consult initially with the largest ringing societies before consulting more widely on this proposal.
5. The Executive continued its discussion on the future of the Volunteer & Leadership workgroup and the need for a new leader. A possible change to the Terms of Reference was considered.
6. The Executive **agreed** that external advice would be needed before any changes might be made to the Fred Dukes fund and its current operation as a capital fund and the President agreed to follow this up with some of his professional contacts.
7. The Executive **noted** that David Bleby had kindly agreed to conduct a review of the Rules as part of the governance review. This review is to see whether there are any Rules or Standing Orders which are not quite working in practice or appear to conflict (one had been identified) and feedback would be sought from members.
8. David Smith updated the Executive on the NW ringing course to be held in August 2022. This is about to be announced via *The Ringing World* and social media and funding for the booking would be needed shortly.

The next meeting of the Executive will be held on Wednesday 26 January 2022 by video conference.

Mary Bone
Secretary
19.12.2021