

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Saturday 27 August 2022 at 10.30am (BST) at St James Garlickhythe, London.

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, joined the meeting after the conclusion of Trustee-only business.

1. The Executive **approved** the application from the Lilliputters Guild of Ringers to register as a Small Society.
2. The President briefed members on the financial position of Mobile Belfry 2.0, including the amounts raised from the crowdfunding scheme. The Trustees **approved** a grant of £7,000 (seven thousand pounds), which will be paid to the charity set up to run the mobile belfry. A further grant of up to £3,000 (three thousand pounds) may be made upon final satisfactory completion of the build including the integral trailer.
3. The Executive **appointed** Tina Stoecklin as leader of the Technical & Taxonomy Workgroup. Tina will succeed Graham John with effect from the close of the annual meeting on 3 September. The Executive thanked Graham for his work as leader since 2018, and in “shadow” since 2017.
4. The Executive considered the detailed agenda for the annual meeting on 3 September. Nominations for the post of Secretary will be taken from the floor, with notice of one nomination having already been received. They thanked Fred Bone for again typesetting the papers for the meeting.
5. The Executive thanked Dave Bassford for his work as one of the Council’s safeguarding officers. Dave has now retired from this position. The President would introduce Dave’s replacement, Helen Fuller-Whelan, in his next Blog.
6. Discussions continue on finding a new leader for the Senior Stakeholder Liaison workgroup.
7. The Deputy President highlighted key points for the annual meeting weekend, including the social events on Friday and Saturday evenings, the coffee welcome session on Saturday and arrangements for the Sunday Roadshow.
8. The Trustees **approved** expenditure of £7,000 (seven thousand pounds) plus VAT to the Yellowyoyo consultancy for work on the branding project. This project is one of the outstanding items from the 2017 CRAG report but is building into a much wider consideration of the branding and marketing of ringing generally. There was discussion on the timings of a workshop and survey for the project. The President will include information on this in the Forward Plan to be presented on 3 September. The Executive also discussed possible ways of transitioning to a direct membership organisation as recommended in the CRAG report and agreed that this would form part of the next meeting of the Executive and Workgroup Leaders in November.

9. The Executive considered arrangements for the handover of information from retiring trustees after the annual meeting. Both David Smith and Alison Everett recorded their permission for their cccbr mailboxes to be accessed by future trustees as necessary. The Secretary's cccbr mailbox will be transferred to her successor. The Executive agreed continued use of cccbr email addresses by the retiring trustees for a strictly limited period.

The Executive were joined (by video conference) after a short lunch break by Alison Hodge, Graham John and Paul Wotton. Vicki Chapman was already present.

10. The Executive clarified that no workgroup presentations were needed for item 10 of the AGM agenda as the reports are included with the meeting papers. There will be an opportunity for questions on the reports. Workgroup leaders should submit a maximum of 2 slides for item 11. The Library strategy paper prepared by Chris Ridley will be circulated to members in advance.

11. The Executive and workgroup leaders considered a draft flowchart on document retention prepared by Vicki Chapman. They agreed that (a) important documents should be retained indefinitely and (b) all electronic documents should be retained. Older workgroup / committee papers could be discarded after 6 years.

12. Office 365: the Executive and workgroup leaders agreed to encourage use of cccbr email addresses by themselves and workgroup members and others working on Council business. Documents should be held within 365 in the repository.

13. Paul Wotton agreed that a future project on listening and striking could be based within the Volunteer & Leadership group and he would look to recruit suitable team members.

14. The President mentioned a number of items to be discussed in more detail at the November meeting of the Executive and workgroup leaders. These included the role of volunteers; a direct membership organisation for ringers; the future role of societies; the revised Strategic Priorities; the role of Executive sponsors; and financial matters.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm. The retiring Trustees (Alison, David and Mary) were thanked for all their work for the Council.

Six members of the Executive were joined by Vicki Chapman and Sonia Field to ring a quarter peal at Garlickhythe (<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1537005>). Dickon Love was thanked for his assistance with the arrangements for this and the meeting.

Mary Bone
Secretary
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