

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on 25th January 2023, by Zoom.

Present: Simon Linford (President), David Kirkcaldy (Deputy President), Ernie de Legh-Runciman (Secretary), Fergus Stracy (Treasurer), Beverly Faber, Clyde Whittaker and Catherine Lane.

The Public Relations Officer, Vicki Chapman, was also present.

Apologies were received from Phillip Barnes

1. Financial. The treasurer reported that Amazon Smile is no longer supporting small charities. It is understood a donation would be forthcoming. The treasurer also reported that subscription has been set up with thirtyone;eight (an organisation that provides safeguarding support services with particular expertise in church settings). CC affiliated societies will be able to get support via this subscription for an annual fee of £25.00 – details to be circulated when the service has been tested.
2. Small Societies.. Following representations from the Railway Guild, the Executive are recommending that the annual subscription for small societies be reduced to £10.00/annum. This is in line with the changes for affiliated societies agreed at the 2022 AGM. A proposal for a change to Standing Orders will be made for the 2023 AGM

Some changes to the CC website, to handle small society applications have been proposed. These are to be reviewed.
3. Publications. After a review of the options paper, it has been decided to continue with the current arrangements.
4. Ring for the King enquiries. ART have asked for help to cover the cost of responding to learn to ring enquires, generated by a very successful Ring for the King campaign. The Executive agreed to fund some additional support resource for ART for five months up to May.
5. Mobile Belfry. The President reported that the Mobile Belfries Trust was exploring options for trailer design with trailer manufacturers. There would be delay in the project but there would be options for delivering the Belfry to key events if necessary.

6. National Ringing Centre. Regular meetings are continuing, and the fit out of the NaRC is likely to start in the 1st quarter of 2024. An RFP had been sent to possible providers of the training bells.
7. National Call Change Competition. To be held at Mossley, Birmingham on 3rd June 2023. The CCCBR will be associated with the competition.
8. Succession Planning. Discussion was held regarding the search for nominations for executive officers and work group leaders. A “job spec” is to be drawn up, noting that the next President and Deputy President could preside over a period of consolidation and delivery of strategy.
9. Safeguarding Officer. Following the recruitment of a second Safeguarding Officer (Simon Ridley) to join Helen Fuller-Whelan, Ann White has now stood down as a CC Safeguarding Officer. We recorded our thanks to Ann White and Dave Bassford for all their hard work in the past.
10. Strategic Plan. It was noted that following the strategy meeting in Oxford, the first of a series of three meetings with the Executive and Workgroup Leaders had been held to develop strands of the strategy further. The next meetings would be on 1st and 15th February.

Ernie de Legh-Runciman
30th January 2023