

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2023, by Zoom.

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

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

Apologies: David Kirkcaldy (Deputy President)

1. Financial. A small legacy has been left to the Council, but there are some legal problems related to the legacy and uncertainty as to its value. This is being investigated.

All documentation relating to the 2022 accounts is completed and has been forwarded to the independent examiner.

2. Agenda and reports for the AGM. The agenda for the AGM was approved. This will be published on the Council's website (and sent to all members) on 5th August 2023. The meeting papers and Workgroup reports will also be published at the same time.
3. Governance Review. The final Governance Assessment was reviewed and agreed. In addition, the impact of Small Societies on the Council and its governance was discussed. It was agreed that there had been no adverse and indeed that the inclusion of small societies had had a positive impact on their governance arrangements and had been welcomed positively in some discussions with external bodies such as Diocesan Safeguarding Teams.
4. Revised Strategic Plan. Progress on the new Strategic Plan to support Ringing 2030 was revised and it was agreed that it would be desirable for this to be completed before the AGM, with a summary published in the 2023 AGM meeting papers.
5. Safeguarding Officer. Emma Jarvis (Kent County Association) was appointed to the Council as an additional Safeguarding Officer. The Executive considered the creation of a 'task and finish' workgroup to deal with a number of safeguarding related projects which are in the pipeline, the first of which is writing scenarios for the CofE's safeguarding training. This will be concluded at the August meeting after review of the project list.

6. Ipswich AGM. The arrangements are largely complete, and the booking process is now open. Details will be published to all members and will be available on the Council's website. The Ipswich organising team continues to work on the details.
7. Code for Ringing / Bellringers Code of Conduct. A draft resource for societies to adopt should they wish has been drawn up and is being reviewed by a small number of societies. It is planned to adopt this at the next Executive meeting.
8. National Ringing Centre. The CCCBR is still waiting to obtain the draft lease for review. The President will progress this to a conclusion including post his term of office.
9. Mobile Belfry. Progress is now being made on the design for the trailer.
10. George Perrin video. This has been completed and will be ready for viewing at the CC AGM in Ipswich.

Ernie de Legh-Runciman
28th July 2023