

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on 26th September, by Zoom.

Present: Tina Stoecklin (President), Vicki Chapman (Deputy President), Fergus Stracey (Treasurer), Ernie de Legh-Runciman (Secretary), Peter Harrison, Catherine Lane, Ian Roulstone

Apologies:

In Attendance: Angela Elliot (CCCBR Public Relations Officer)

1. Previous meeting notes. The notes of the Executive meeting, held on 31st August 2024, were approved.
2. Previous actions. The President expressed concern that the current system of recording previous actions in a page attached to the executive meeting One-Note system effective at tracing responses. The Deputy President suggested that a tracking system based on a spreadsheet would be more efficient.
3. Standing Orders. Specific changes approved at the Annual Council Meeting in Exeter have been implemented in Issue 14 of the Standing Orders. These are the change to Stewards length of Service (Motion A) and the increase to subscription to £0.40 (Motion B1). Issue 14 is effective from 1st October 2024 and has been published on the Councils website.

Motion B2 (the increase of the subscription to £1.00) will be subject to an up issue of the Standing Orders in 2025.

Motion B3 & B4 (modification of the Standing Orders to ensure visibility of the statement of accounts & the executives forward plan and budget) require further work. A task group of volunteers is being put together to look at this and other budgetary matters, and the Executive will report back to members in once this is completed.

4. The changes to the Publications team are progressing well, and the Executive approved changes to the signatories of the various accounts. The Publications requested permission to order more printed copies of various beginner's guides and the Manual of Belfry Maintenance for sale.
5. Bell Restoration Fund. The following grants from the Council's BRF have now been paid:
 - Audlem (£750)
 - Rochdale (£2,000)
 - Stoke Prior (£200)
 - Lanteglos by Camelford (£1,550)
 - Barnoldswick (£150).
6. Other financial matters. The loan of £3,000 made in July 2021 to the Young Change Ringers Association be repaid, as agreed. This will leave an operating balance in the YCRA of £1,200.

A cash transfer from the NS&I account to the general fund of £10,00 for cash flow purposes was approved. £5,000 of this is for the BRF grants in item 5 above.

7. South West Ringing Course. A request for funding for the course, together with a cash flow forecast has been received. There is a request for a grant of £5,000 (to pay a deposit) and a 12-month loan of £19,500 to help with cash flow.

The course organisers are in the process of setting themselves up as a limited company, and obtaining a bank account. It was envisaged the £5,000 grant would be repaid in the future, so could be considered as a long-term loan, with an indeterminate repayment date. As this, and the £19,500 loan are to a limited company, it was felt that a written agreement was required with the Council. The Treasurer will draw up an agreement.

The grant and loan were approved by the Executive, on the implementation of the agreement.

8. Stewards. It has been pointed out that The Executive have appointed a Steward of the Felsted Database, when the Council's Standing orders do not reference such a position. As part of the review and update of the Standing Orders, referenced in item 3 above, an update will be brought forward to officially recognise to position of Steward of the Felsted Database.

9. Appointments. The executive confirms the following appointments of Workgroup Leads:

- Historic and Archive – Dickon Love. Dickon also continues in his role as Steward of the Dove Database
- Technical and Taxonomy – Kira Chase

10. The meeting held a discussion of the effects of Motion B and the membership types and society representation to the Council, considering views expressed both at the Council meeting and in further discussions. Several viewpoints were put forward. It became clear in the discussions that much more consideration of this topic was required. As well as the taskforce mentioned in item 3 above (budgetary matters) it is now recognised that we need another small group to look at how various types of society are represented on the Council.

11. Executive Responsibilities and Sponsorship. Due to a change in the membership of the Executive, the opportunity has been taken to re-organise the Workgroup sponsorship and other functional responsibilities. An updated organisational chart is appended to these meeting notes. It will also be published on the Council's website.

12. Review of Ringing 2030. Due to the large agenda at this meeting, the review of the Ringing 2030 project will be held at the next Executive meeting on 23rd October.

13. Membership information packs. Following feedback from Members at the ACM regarding new members not being aware of the background to CRAG and Ringing 2030 the Deputy President is to draw up a draft new members information pack for review.

The next meeting of the Executive will be on 23rd October 2024 at 8pm, by Zoom.

Ernie de Legh-Runciman
Secretary, CCCBR
2nd October 2024.