

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

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

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

In Attendance: Angela Elliot (CCCBR Public Relations Officer)

1. Previous meeting notes. The notes of the Executive meeting, held on 26th September 2024, were approved.
2. Felsted Database Steward. The previously noted discrepancy regarding the appointment of a Steward for the Felsted Database, while there was no provision for this in the Standing Orders was rectified. Section XS6 Terms of Reference – Felsted Database Stewards has been added to edition 15 of the Standing Orders. This will be published on 1st of November 2024 for implementation on 1st February 2025.
3. Updates to the Standing Orders required by the 2024 ACM Motion B (parts 3&3) will be discussed at the November meeting of the Executive.
4. Following the retirement of Alison Hodge as Lead for the Stewardship, Management and Guidance Workgroup, the terms of reference for this workgroup and that of the Ringing 2030 Environments Workgroup were reviewed. It was felt that the work of these two groups should be merged into a single group. The Executive approved this merger, and new terms of reference for the Ringing 2030 Environments were approved. These will be published as Section XW1.2 Ringing 2030 Environments in Edition 15 of the Standing Orders (as mentioned above).
5. University Societies. A meeting of representative of Council affiliated university societies and members of the Executive was held recently to discuss the recently agreed raise to subscriptions. Further discussions will be held in the new year.
6. The formal Independent Examiners report has been received. This has now been submitted and part of the Councils 2024 annual return to the UK Charity Commission.
7. The Publications Team have requested approval to purchase 500 copies of the Ringing Circles book, for sale via the Council's shop, at a cost of £708.00. This was approved.
8. The Steward of the Rolls of Honour, Alan Regin, has informed the Executive of a donation of £2000 to help with the completion of the new Rolls of Honour book. The Executive agreed further funding of up to £2500.00 from the Ringing Remembers fund to complete this project.
9. The Treasure has compiled information in the form of a spreadsheet to form the basis of the publishable budget for the Ringing 2030 project. Input from the Councils Workgroups is awaited. Once this is available it will be reviewed by the newly created financial task group.
10. There will be an open meeting to be held on Sunday 27th October to discuss the use of online membership systems, to gather information about their use, suitability, benefits and drawbacks, with a view to any implementation of such a system by The Council.

11. Workgroup Updates.

- Technical and Taxonomy. Discussions are to be held about the possibility of bringing the Pealbase database under the auspices of the Council
- Ringing 2030 Technology. Recruitment portal is coming together and would shortly need some content to engage with the lay audience and help raise awareness of change ringing. Initial service design has been completed and was ready to be coded and deployed which would handle initial enquires received.
- Recruitment and Development. The South West Ringing Course are in the process of setting up a limited company to manage the course.
- Young Ringers. There will be an article about the work of the Young Ringers Workgroup in the Ringing World on 25th October.
- Ringing 2030 Environments. The noise complaints team are once again fully operational. The WG would like feedback on the Councils publications on tower maintenance.

12. It was noted that the Commonwealth Games will be held in Glasgow in 2026. This was felt to be a suitable event to be marked by ringing. The President will investigate contacts with the game's organisers.

The next meeting of the Executive will be on 16th November 2024 at 10.00am, by Zoom.

Ernie de Legh-Runciman
Secretary, CCCBR
4th November 2024.