

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Charity Registration No 270036

Executive

Notes of the meeting held on 26th March 2025, by Zoom.

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

In attendance: Angela Elliott (Public Relations Officer)

1. Previous meeting notes. The notes of the Executive meeting, held on 22nd February 2025, were approved.
2. Membership Databases. A small task group set up to look at the Council's requirements for a membership database have reported that they feel that commercially available membership databases will not meet the requirements of the Council (specifically in the way they handle members having multiple roles and email address, and the recording of historic information). The group recommend that Executive consider the further development of the existing membership database.
3. It was also noted that the Council's current mailing list system has several limitations (a major one being the integration with the output of the membership database). More information will be gathered regarding available products before a decision is made to implement a new email system.
4. The 2024 draft accounts were presented to the Executive. These will be made available in the usual way, in the meeting papers for the 2025 Annual Council Meeting, in September.
5. Bank Interest. At present, any bank interest received is allocated to individual funds within the Councils accounts, even though the monies for these funds are held within the Council's main bank account. As the Council's Rules and Standing Orders do not specify how this interest should be treated, it was agreed that any interest received on the Councils mail account should be allocated to the general fund.
6. Budget review. The budget for 2025 has been amended to include more information on a number of categories. Several further amendments were suggested. Once completed, this budget will be published on the Council's website.
7. Several invitations to host future Council meetings have been received. The Executive accepted invitations from The St Martins Guild for 2030 and from the Oxford Diocesan Guild for 2031. Venues are being sought for the 2027 and 2028 meetings.
8. Plans for the 2025 Annual Council Meeting and Roadshow in Sheffield are advancing. The venue has been visited, and the planning for the roadshow is in hand. Full details will be published soon.

9. It is noted that three members of the Executive (two ordinary members and the secretary) are due to retire at the 2025 Council Meeting. Elections for these positions will be held at the 2025 Annual Council Meeting in Sheffield in September, and information on how to nominate for these positions will be published.
10. The Executive agreed that storage and fulfilment fees paid to the Council's publications team should be returned to the pre-COVID level of £2500/annum.
11. It is noted with sadness the death in the past week of Derek Sibson. Derek was a past president of the Council and current representative for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The next meeting of the Executive will be on Sunday 27th April 2025.

Ernie de Legh-Runciman
Secretary, CCCBR
9th April 2025