

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
Registered Charity No 270036

The 128th Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on SATURDAY 6th September 2025 at The Niagara Conference Centre, Niagara Road, Sheffield, S6 1LU at 1.00pm

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 12.50pm.

AGENDA

Welcome and introduction

Opening prayer

1. Application to affiliate and other changes to affiliation
2. Welcome to new members
3. Apologies for absence – must be provided in advance.
4. In Memoriam. *Page 5 of the meeting papers*
5. Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting. *Page 6 of the meeting papers*
6. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda
(Please notify the secretary in advance, if possible)
7. Trustees Annual Report for 2024. *Page 16 of the meeting papers*
8. Accounts for 2024. *Page 24 of the meeting papers*
9. Workgroup Reports for 2024 – May 2025. *See meeting papers*
(Please notify the secretary of questions in advance, if possible)
10. Ringing 2030 and Forward Plan for 2026 – *Page 33 of the meeting papers*
11. Financial update for 2025 and outline General Fund budget for 2026.
Page 31 of the meeting papers
12. Governance Review. *Page 22 of the meeting papers*
13. Motions.

Motion A

That the existing Rules of the Council as amended by the changes indicated in The Schedule be adopted as the Rules of the Council in lieu of the existing Rules, and that the Executive be requested to amend the Standing Orders as recommended by the Review.

Proposed: Peter Harrison
Seconded: David Smith

The Schedule can be found on the Councils Website at
<https://cccbr.org.uk/about/annual-meetings/2025-annual-meeting/2025-agm-meeting-papers/>

Motion B

- Creation of a new Associate category of membership to manage Council membership for those groups of ringers who do not collect a regular membership fee from all their members
- For Affiliated Societies, the lower membership limit being fixed at 50, removing the lower limit of 25 for overseas societies. This removes a conflict with Small Societies membership thresholds.
- Allow Small Societies to send one voting member to Council meetings.
- Societies wishing to apply for membership of the Council in any of the three categories of membership will have to satisfy the Council on the criteria set out in Standing Order S2.
- Added an Appeal process where an application for membership is rejected.
- Remove the Rules requiring an annual or triennial election of Council representatives by Societies.
- Annual Subscriptions (Standing Order F1) will be £1 per Affiliated Member, £0.40 per declared Associate member (negotiable); and £10 for a Small Society.
- Amendment of the Rules and Standing Orders of The Council as listed in Addendum 2 of this agenda. *(Page 12 of the meeting papers)*

Proposed by Ernie de Legh-Runciman – Ex-Officio Member
Seconded by Alistair Donaldson – Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Notes on Motion B

1. The class of Associate membership will be open to smaller societies such as University and “themed” Societies such as Doctors, Firemen, Bankers, University Societies, etc.
2. Each Associate Society will be able to send one voting member to Council Meetings. Societies wishing to transfer to the Associate category of membership will have to apply to the Secretary and negotiate their fees at intervals.
3. Annual Subscriptions (Standing Order F1) will be £0.40 per declared Associate member. While this is negotiable the minimum Subscription for an Associated Society shall be £30 – minimum membership of 75 @ £0.40 each
4. There will be no change to Societies present membership category if this motion is passed.
5. Small Societies already have to satisfy the Council on application regarding safeguarding arrangements. New applications to affiliate in all categories

will be required to meet the requirements of Standing Order S2. Note that while this is not retrospective, it is recommended that current Affiliated Societies review how they would meet these requirements.

6. The removal of the rule requiring an annual or triennial election of Council representatives by Societies allows Societies to decide how best to elect their representatives.

14. Election of Trustees: the following nominations have been received.

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Secretary	Ernie de Legh–Runciman	Allison Devine	Eileen Butler
Trustee	Beverly Faber	Jane Wilkinson	Eileen Butler
Trustee	Alison Edmonds	Elva Ainsworth	Zoe Bennett

Supporting statements are given in the Addendum 1 of this agenda. *Page 11 of the meeting papers*

15. Appointment of Independent Examiners (2)

16. Future meetings.

2026: An invitation has been received from the Coventry Diocesan Guild
2027:

17. Any other business.

To be taken if time permits. Items must be notified in advance to the secretary

18. Vote of Thanks

19. Meeting attendance

Ernie De Legh–Runciman
Secretary
9th August 2025