# BELLRINGING

**The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers**

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Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24th September 2025, by Zoom.

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

In attendance: Angela Elliott (CCCBR Public Relations Officer)

- Alison Edmonds was welcomed to the Executive, following her recent election as a Trustee at the Councils Annual Meeting (ACM) in Sheffield.

- Following discussion at the ACM, the Treasurer has been investigating interest rates available from various financial institutions. Following a proposal from the Treasurer, the Executive agreed to open an account with Cambridge and Counties Bank, and to move £60,000 into the account, currently held with Lloyds Bank. The interest rate offered by Cambridge and Counties is 4.35% pa, which is considerably better that the 3% pa being paid on the Councils investments with NS&I.

- The Executive approved Alison Edmonds to act as a signatory for the Council's bank accounts, replacing Catherine Lane.

- The Executive reviewed the John Long Bequest, which will provide 50% of his estate (approximately £100K) for specific bell projects, with terms requiring the money to be spent within 21 years or revert to general funds. The Treasurer to approach Linda Garton for a third trustee, and Rev Max Drinkwater. We will need to create a new stewardship and update the Standing Orders.

- ART Funding for the Universities Recruitment package will end this year, and the Executive will consider taking this over as part of the 2026 budget planning. There was a general positive response to keeping this support going.

- Several changes to the Council's organisational structure were agreed upon:
    - The Publications team will be placed in to the support services section. Vicki Chapman, the Deputy President, will assume Executive oversight of the Publications team.
    - Ernie de Legh-Runciman, the Secretary, will take on Executive oversight of the ICT team.

- There were several questions from the ACM as to what volunteers were required for specific Workgroups, and could these details be published. To begin this process, the Deputy President will be putting together a call for a WG Lead and members for the Marketing Workgroup.

- Following changes made to the Council's membership rules at the ACM, it is recognised that overseas societies were no longer meeting the criteria for affiliated society membership, due to their membership numbers. These were The South African Guild and The Central European Association. After discussion, it was decided by the Executive that, as the change to their membership was affected by a decision of The Council, to transfer their status to that of Registered Small Society. This was approved. It was noted, due to the changes, this does not affect their representation and voting rights but would reduce their subscription to £10/year.

- The Deputy President presented feedback on the recent Annual Council Meeting in Sheffield and a financial balance sheet. It was noted that a small surplus was made over the weekend. The meeting discussed feedback from the recent roadshow event, including exhibitor concerns about potential venues in future years being geographically similar. The group reviewed the success of various exhibitors. noting that the event was well-organised despite some logistical challenges. They also discussed potential improvements for future events, such as more publicity and other activities such as a tech zone for demonstrating apps. Several comments and emails have been received regarding the format of the meeting, and how items are presented. These will be discussed at future Executive meetings.

The next meeting of the Executive will be on Wednesday 22nd October at 8.00pm

Ernie de Legh-Runciman
Secretary, CCCBR
6th October 2025