

Minutes of the Society of Cambridge Youths EGM

Monday 10th June 2019, 8.30pm in the Ringing Chamber with the Master, Liz Orme in the chair

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Adrian Daffern, Helen Atkins, Alessandra Learmount, William Learmount, Akiko Saito and John Sherwood.

2. Minutes of AGM 2018

It was noted that the proposer of the August EGM minutes wasn't present at the meeting in question and there is a suggestion to correct the minutes to show a member who was present as the proposer. It is commented that this fact was known at the time, the proposer was accepted by the chairman of the meeting and the minutes accurately reflect what was discussed.

3. Elections

It is noted that Oliver Bardsley, the current Belfry Maintenance Officer, is leaving Cambridge with this being his last Monday evening. At the AGM Luke Smith agreed to take over in this scenario so, from Monday 17th June, Luke will become the Belfry Maintenance Officer.

Additionally, there were two belfry elections at peals which need to be confirmed at a general meeting. John Peverett conducted a Society peal of Kenninghall Surprise Major and Jimmy Yeoman rang in a Society peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. They are proposed as members by Liz Orme, seconded by Jonathan Shanklin. Elected nem con.

4. New access arrangements at GSM

There is an electronic access system being implemented at GSM. Keyholders have already received their keyfobs and the remainder expect to be issued on Monday 24th June. Keyfobs for the membership will allow access on Mondays only. There is a question about whether they would, for example, allow access on Thursdays for peal attempts. It is confirmed that, as at present, a keyholder will need to be present to open the door.

Michael O'Callaghan asks when the system is due to go live, and the only answer we have is after the 24th June.

5. St Clement's

a. Project update

Barry introduces the project, but says that he doesn't plan to go into great detail as it has been discussed on other occasions. At St Clement's, the PCC yesterday voted to support a faculty application for the bells and the hope is to apply for the faculty next week. The Statement of Need has been circulated to the Society which lays out the aims of the ringing centre. The topic for discussion tonight is the level of involvement of the Society. The intention is that the centre supports grassroots ringing – recruitment and training. The idea is to make the bells very available and easy to ring.

The aim is to create a facility more heavily used for recruitment and teaching than any of the existing towers. The proposal is that the church should be open most days so any member of the public can:

- Find out about ringing
- Have a demonstration
- Book a lesson (or maybe have a go on the spot)

A key proposal is to have a person dedicated to making this happen on a part-time basis.

If the money can be raised, the bells should be installed next year.

The floor was opened to questions. One aspect discussed was ongoing costs, where Barry said that the expectation is £20k per year turnover would be required for financial viability and this is similar to the model of the Mancroft Ringing Discovery Centre. A further question was whether it was acceptable for the St Clement's PCC to manage the fund, to which it was replied there was no obvious alternative group to manage finances, and this is probably the easiest way to allow GiftAid to apply to donations. There is not yet an indication of how available the bells will be for quarters or peals.

b. Discussion of levels of SCY involvement

Liz Orme introduces the motion, referring to a paper provided before the meeting outlining project stages, possible levels of involvement and a few example profiles of involvement. The floor was opened to questions.

During the resulting discussion, it was clarified that the term of commitment was only until the AGM (at which point a fresh judgement can be made), and furthermore the plan is to have another EGM to present a proposal for co-working that the St Clement's PCC is happy with. It is also made clear that a resolution to 'support' this project does not include making a direct contribution from Society funds towards the capital requirements for the project.

An outline of a fundraising plan is given – essentially trying to raise a substantial fraction of the total cost from SCY, CUGCR and EDA members.

Discussion having drawn to a close, a slightly amended motion is put:

As a declaration of intent that the Society is willing to give their full support to the establishment of a new ringing centre at St Clement's until the next AGM

Proposed by Michael O'Callaghan, Seconded: Jonathan Shanklin

10 votes for, none against

c. Fundraising / financial support

Liz Orme introduces a proposal that the Society should pay expenses for fundraising work for St Clements. The expected deliverable would be collection of pledges from individuals as a priority.

Discussion followed in which other sources of funding were considered (grants or the church Patron). The feeling was that individual donors would be an important part of the mix whatever happened.

The issues having been discussed, the motion was put:

That the Society is willing to pay for expenses relating to fundraising for the establishment of a new ringing centre at St Clement's, up to a maximum cost to the Society of £1500

Proposed by Jonathan Shanklin, Seconded: Michael O'Callaghan

7 Votes in favour, none against.

Michael O'Callaghan proposes a vote of thanks to the St Clement's working party.

6. AOB

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.53pm