

**BATH AND NORTH EAST SOMERSET COUNCIL
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Minutes of the meeting held at Bath Spa University College
Monday, 17 February 2003
7.30 – 9.00 pm**

PRESENT:

Christian Denominations and Other Religions Committee

Judith Samuel	Judaism
Edward Hulme	Free churches
Catherine Hewitt	Bath Buddhist Group
Jane Aldred	Baha'i Community

Church of England Committee

Mike Brownbill	Chair
Kevin Tingay	

Teachers' Associations Committee

Jackie Williams	ATL
Mary Dadley	NUT

Local Education Authority Committee

Co-opted Members

Denis Cush	Bath Spa University College
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IN ATTENDANCE:

Fred Ward	Clerk SACRE
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1. Welcome and apologies

The chair, Mike Brownbill, welcomed everyone and reported that Rev Steven Harvey would be joining the C of E Committee and that Raji Wilson would be rejoining. Apologies were received from: Richard Brock, Tony Bradley, Julie Stiddard, Mike Wilkinson, Susan Henderson, Rasha Azazami. Mary Ede tendered her resignation by letter and members expressed their appreciation of her long service, both to this SACRE and when serving the County of Avon.

ACTION: The Chair agreed to write a letter of thanks to Mary Ede and the Clerk to send a welcome pack to the two new members.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2002 were approved.

3. Matters arising

- a) Item 9 correction noted for website of Somerset SACRE lesson notes – <http://schools.gov.uk/re.sows>.
- b) Sec 23 Denominational inspections – the chair is in the process of looking at ways of presenting a summary of reports to SACRE.
- c) Writhlington School OFSTED report – Richard Brock had visited the school and written a letter to the headteacher. It was noted that the matter was being taken seriously but that there could be difficulties in finding a subject co-ordinator to cover RE at KS4.

ACTION: The Chair to write to the headteacher offering to visit the school and advise on the situation.

- d) **SACRE Budget.**
Richard Brock recognised the hard work individuals had put in to help produce the website and that it was in order for an honorarium to be paid from the budget. He also pointed out that outstanding invoices should be submitted by 31 March 03.

ACTION: The Clerk was asked to process payments for the website and arrange payment of £50 to St Julian's Primary School to cover hospitality expenses of the November meeting of SACRE.

4. OFSTED inspection reports

Following discussion about the lack of a RE co-ordinator and the unsatisfactory provision at Castle Primary School, members felt SACRE should offer to help.

ACTION: The chair agreed to write to Richard Brock asking for more information before approaching the school.

5. QCA confernece.

Edward Hulme's report was discussed and members agreed that more time at the next SACRE should be allocated to discuss the five areas to be used by OFSTED in their inspection of LEA SACREs.

ACTION: The clerk to include these areas on the summer agenda for SACRE.

6. OFSTED inspection of LEAs

Following the discussion on the last item, it was noted that the final report could be a useful reference to compare current practice with national recommendations.

7. SACRE Annual report

This was received and discrepancies with AS level actual results and DfES figures noted.

8. Website

It was reported that the contract had been awarded as agreed at the November SACRE meeting and that most of the material had been written as a result of the working party's endeavours. The meeting acknowledged the hard work undertaken by those involved and looked forward to viewing the finished site.

9. NASCREs AGM 7 May 2003

Edward Hulme agreed to attend.

10. Any other business

- a) Members were reminded of the 'Jewish way of life' exhibition at Clifton College, Bristol fin May 2003.
- b) Somerset Agreed RE Syllabus (basis for Bath & NES LEA Agreed Syllabus) was subject to the five –year review and their findings would be taken into account when received.
- c) Bath and Wells Diocese education department has produced a school's pack for KS1 and 2 on Easter.
- d) A conference for secondary teachers of RE was being held in South Gloucestershire.

11. Next meetings

2 July 03	Baha'i Centre, Bristol (Changed to St Mark's C of E Secondary School after the meeting)
11 November 03	St Gregory's RC Secondary School (subject to confirmation)