

**Bath and North East Somerset
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education**

**Minutes for the meeting held at, The Newton Annex, Bath Spa University College
Thursday, 13 January 2005
7 30 - 9 00 pm**

Present:

Christian Denominations and other Religions Committee

Anne Banks	Free Churches
Mike Wilkinson	Free Churches
Kevin McDermott	Roman Catholic
Jane Aldred	Baha'i

Church of England Committee

Kevin Tingay
Tony Bradley
Imogen Woods

Teachers Associations Committee

Mary Dadley	NUT
Jackie Williams	ATL
Neil Baker	NASUWT

Local Education Committee

Co-opted members

Denise Cush	Bath Spa University College
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In attendance

Richard Brock	Assistant Director of Education, Bath and NES LEA
Fred Ward	Clerk to SACRE

As Mary Dadley's term of office as chair had ended, the Clerk officiated at the start of the meeting. After some discussion to establish that no other member wished to stand, it was unanimously agreed that Mary Dadley should serve for a further year as chair.

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from: Mike Brownbill, Marie Mallett, Rashid Azami, Edward Hulme.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 11 October 2004 were approved after some minor amendments.

3. Matters arising

a) Membership:

Bob Coleman of St John's RC Primary agreed to become a member of SCARE. Further enquiries were being undertaken to seek a member from the Buddhist community.

ACTION: Jane Aldred agreed to contact Duncan Tweedale and then give the address to the Clerk so that further information could be sent.

b) Beechen Cliff School OFSTED Report

Timetabling has been increased for Years 10 and 11 for religious education. Further changes are likely with the appointment of a new head teacher.

4. VI Form Conference

A subcommittee of the heads of secondary RE had been formed to plan an event for 15 July 2005 at Ralf Allen School on 'Science, freedom and responsibility' open to all Vith form students.

ACTION: Jackie Williams agreed to report on progress and inform Edward Hulme of arrangements so that he could help publicise the event on the SACRE web site.

5. Resource Centre

The resources purchased are currently stored in Richard Brock's office and will be moved to Keynsham Primary School for access by teachers..

ACTION: Jane Aldred and Edward Hulme will arrange with Richard Brock to purchase additional resources (up to £2000).

Discussion on opening the resource centre in the third week of September 2005 will be included on the next SACRE agenda.

6. Website

An increasing number of people were using the website, including teachers, the public and other local education authorities. Secondary heads of RE were showing enthusiasm for the idea of feeding teaching material into the website.

ACTION: Tony Bradley to remind secondary heads of RE of the opportunity for cover and a small fee for teachers wishing to prepare such material.

Richard Brock will remind primary and special school teachers of the same offer,

7. Locally Agreed Syllabus

It was agreed that a pre-conference workshop for teachers and other interested parties was essential to share ideas and listen to views.

ACTION: A letter would be sent by the chair to all school announcing the need to review the locally agreed syllabus for RE, the status of the QCA framework and the date of the workshop on the afternoon of 23 May 2005.

Members of SACRE agreed to bring appropriate resource material with them.

The Clerk was asked to book a suitable venue, probably Fry's Conference Centre.

8. OFSTED reports

Richard Brock reported that the unsatisfactory provision at St John's Primary School, Keynsham had been resolved fully through specialist teaching.

9. SACRE annual report 2004

Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk was asked to submit the report to QCA.

10. SACRE membership extension

A paper was tabled looking at ways of extending membership beyond representatives of the largest six world religions to reflect the local community's spiritual beliefs.

ACTION: Members will study the paper and discuss at the next meeting following the pre-workshop conference.

9. AOB

- a) Members were reminded that 7 February 2005 was the closing date for applications to the Farrington Foundation for teachers to undertake research into RE.
- b) QCA SACRE conference: Members will need to consider the findings of the recent OFSTED report on SACREs to evaluate their own work and seek developments in the light of the key findings.

10. Next meeting

This will be held in 'The Newton Annex', Bath Spa University College on 15 June 2005.