

**Bath and North East Somerset  
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education  
Minutes for the meeting held at The Newton Annex  
Bath Spa University  
Monday, 30 January 2006  
7.30 – 9.00 pm**

**Present:**

**Christian Denominations and other Religions Committee**

Malcolm Broad                      Free Churches

Jane O'Hara                        Baha'i

**Church of England Committee**

Mike Brownbill

**Teachers' Committee**

Mary Dadley                        NUT

Marie Mallett                      Primary teacher

**Local Authority Committee**

**Co-opted members**

**In attendance**

Richard Brock                      Assistant Director of Education

Fred Ward                          Clerk

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Malcolm Broad was welcomed as a replacement for Edward Hulme, representing the Free Churches.

Apologies were received from Tony Bradley, Jonathon Gay, Denise Cush, Sue Rodford, Imogen Woods, Jackie Williams, Kevin Tingay.

It was felt that the small number attending the meeting was as a result of the agenda being included with the letter inviting members to attend the Ammerdown seminar.

**ACTION**

The clerk to ask members to provide personal email addresses to improve communication and also circulate minutes within a week of meetings.

**2. Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 7 November 2005 were approved.

**3. Matters arising**

a) Membership

Richard Brock reported no response from his letter to schools asking for teacher nominees. Ian Russell has been appointed by NAHT to be their representative.

There was no news on whether Mr R Higgins wished to be co-opted.

**ACTION**

Richard Brock and Mary Dadley to liaise over meeting secondary heads of RE departments to raise issue of membership of SACRE.

b) VI th Form Conference

Richard Brock had received no response from his letter to the area head teacher groups seeking their agreement in principle to fund a conference annually.

**ACTION**

Richard Brock to follow-up with a telephone call.

c) Resource centre

Neil Baker received Richard Brock's request for help in providing a base for the resources at Slatford Primary School favourably and was discussing details with his head teacher.

**ACTION**

On approval, the resources and furniture will be moved and an announcement published on the web site.

d) Website

Tony Bradley will continue to monitor the site and pass on enquiries.

**ACTION**

The Clerk to contact Tony Bradley to find out the number of 'hits' made to the site and any information on the people making enquiries. It was also requested whether it was possible to have a link to NASACRE and one from their site.

The Clerk to contact Bob Coleman to find out if he has been able to find a person willing to act as editor for news items.

e) Locally agreed syllabus

It was hoped to engender more interest from both primary and secondary teachers so as to set up working parties to explore the way forward. It was noted that the DfES was organising a conference to launch the National Framework for Religious Education at Taunton on 1 March 2006.

**ACTION**

Mary Dadley agreed to write to the chair of the Secondary Heads of RE departments asking if she and Richard Brock could attend a meeting to update colleagues on SACRE's work and seek volunteers for the locally agreed working party.

Marie Mallett and Imogen Woods are looking into the possibility of convening a half day session for primary RE co-ordinators to consider how best to monitor and develop teaching and learning, also to use these gatherings to recruit more teachers for SACRE and the locally agreed syllabus working party. They will produce a flyer for Richard Brock's approval.

#### **4. SACRE Developments/Ammerdown Seminar**

The notes and emerging issues raised at the seminar were discussed. The OFSTED self-evaluation concluded that Bath & NES SACRE is mostly developing, with some established areas and only one advanced – ie funding.

In addition to resolving the above issues (forming the agenda of this SACRE meeting), it was felt that SACRE would be more effective if:

SACRE met five times a year with one session at an earlier time and at different venues.

**ACTION**

Defer a decision until the next meeting when more members were present.

There was more involvement of PGCE students in the work of SACRE.

**ACTION**

Consider inviting students as observers to a future SACRE meeting.

SACRE minutes were circulated as soon as possible after meetings.

**ACTION**

This will now take place.

More professional/administrative support was available to SACRE.

**ACTION**

In order to consider the full implications of various options, Richard Brock agreed to circulate a briefing paper covering the current arrangements that meet statutory and local authority requirements. In the meantime, current arrangements would continue.

#### **5. SACRE Annual Report 2005**

As a result of an administrative problem, the report circulated was not complete. The clerk reported that a full report had been submitted to the Qualifications and Curriculum Council by the deadline of 31 January 2006.

**ACTION**

The clerk to circulate the full report with the minutes of this meeting.

#### **6. Next meeting.**

The next meeting is on 12 June 2006 at The Newton Annex, Bath Spa University.