

**Bath and North East Somerset  
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education  
Minutes for the meeting held at The Newton Annex  
Bath Spa University  
Tuesday, 20 March 2007  
7.00 – 9.00 pm**

**Present:**

**Christian Denominations and other Religions Committee**

Anne Banks	URC
Anne Bancroft	Buddhist
Jane O'Hara	Baha'i

**Church of England Committee**

Mike Brownbill  
Kevin Tingay  
Sue Rodford

**Teachers' Committee**

Dave Campbell	Somervale School (Chair)
Mary Dadley	NUT
Linda Hall	Wellsway School
Ann Hatton	Moorlands Junior School

**Local Authority Committee**

**Co-opted members**

Denise Cush	Bath Spa University
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**In attendance**

Fred Ward	Clerk
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**1. Welcome and apologies**

Apologies were received from: Mike Wilkinson, Ruth Haines, Neil Baker, Jackie Williams, Tony Bradley, Chris Hammersley, Sarah Melling and Jonathon Gay

Anne Bancroft was welcomed to her first meeting.

**2. Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 16 January 2007 were approved with minor alterations.

**3. Matters arising**

a) Membership

Further names were suggested as representatives of Sikh and Jewish religions.

**ACTION**

The clerk to write and ask if they would be prepared to serve as members of SACRE.

b) V1th Form Conference

A very positive and appreciative post-conference evaluation was received from Hayesfield School – 210 Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students attended.

- c) Steering group  
As the committee was meeting more frequently, members felt that urgent matters could be dealt with by email and decision deferred to the next meeting.

#### **4. SACRE Developments**

- a) Resource Centre  
The centre will be operational from the start of Term 5, after the Easter holiday.  
ACTION  
The service will be advertised on the SACRE website.
- b) Website  
Changes are underway to make the site more accessible and easier to use. The A3 folded to A4 leaflet to wrap-around the SACRE annual report will be ready for distribution at the start of Term 5.  
Members discussed ways of keeping schools informed of SACRE activities.  
ACTION  
The names of SACRE members and the name and office address of the clerk will be included on the website.
- c) Training and development  
There was a 28.75% return of questionnaires on teachers' views on training and development in religious education. The chair circulated a summary of the responses and a document "30+ things a good SACRE can do".  
Members agreed that both findings should be taken into account in drawing up the SACRE development plan.  
ACTION  
The Chair to produce a list of development priorities to be discussed at the next SACRE meeting.

#### **5. Locally Agreed Syllabus**

Following a meeting with the Interim Head of School Improvement, a revised programme and financial implications briefing paper was circulated. Members recognised the reasons for the reduction in funding.

ACTION

The SACRE working party will meet on 2 May 2007 to draw up a brief for the Locally Agreed Syllabus Conference. This will be presented to the next SACRE meeting.

#### **6. SACRE Annual report 2006 and preview for 2007**

The report was circulated and accepted. SACRE will need to consider how to implement the new process for completion of the report for 2007.

ACTION

This will be considered at the next SACRE meeting.

#### **7. Finance**

A revised financial report was circulated showing that the original figures supplied by the local authority omitted the retained £4,000 costs for professional and administration. Members approved the committed expenditure. The allocation for members to use in 2007/08 is £8,632. Members agreed to continue funding the SACRE developments at the current level of spending.

**ACTION**

The clerk to draw up a contract for the distribution of these funds and present to the local authority for approval.

**8. FCCBF Small Grant Award**

Jane O'Hara was pleased to announce that Bath Inter-faith's joint bid with SACRE had been successful and £2390 had been awarded. A summary paper showing how funds will be spent to promote better understanding of different faiths using the expertise of religious education teachers to produce educational resource material was circulated.

**ACTION**

Jane O'Hara to seek an appropriate venue, book dates and circulate information to SACRE teacher members, seeking representatives for the Inter-faith workshop.

**9. National developments**

**Religious Education Teaching and Training in England: developing a national strategy**

The report has been submitted and it is hoped that funding will be available to develop a National RE Strategy, probably Regionally implemented, in the next financial year.

**10. Any other business**

Sufficient CD-ROMs of "What's it like to be a Christian" were made available to be circulated to all primary schools.

**ACTION**

The clerk agreed to arrange for these to be sent to schools via the local authority.

**11. Next meeting**

The next meeting is from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm on 14 June 2007 at St Julian's CE Primary School, Wellow.

**ACTION**

The clerk will provide directions with the agenda.

**NB This is a change of time and venue.**