

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

**Minutes for the meeting held at The Newton Annex
Bath Spa University
Monday, 7 November 2005
7.30 – 9.15 pm**

Present:

Christian Denominations and other Religions Committee

Anne Banks	Free Churches
Mike Wilkinson	Free Churches
Edward Hulme	Free Churches
Jane Aldred	Baha'i
Jessica Wilker	Buddhism

Church of England Committee

Kevin Tingay
Mike Brownbill
Imogen Woods
Sue Rodford

Teachers' Committee

Mary Dadley	NUT
Jackie Williams	ATL
Ian Russell	

Local Authority Committee

Co-opted members

In attendance

Richard Brock	Assistant Director of Education
Fred Ward	Clerk

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Tony Bradley, Jonathon Gay, Denise Cush.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 15 June 2005 were approved after some minor amendments.

3. Matters arising

a) Membership

It was agreed to increase the number of representatives on the Teachers' Committee.

ACTION

Richard Brock to write to schools asking for teacher nominees.

Ian Russell to seek the agreement of the NAHT to be their representative.

The Clerk to write to the Clifton Diocesan office to ask if Bob Coleman, head teacher of St John's Catholic Primary School could be a Roman Catholic representative on the Christian and other Religions Committee.

After some discussion, it was agreed to invite Mr R Higgins to be co-opted,

ACTION

Kevin Tingay to ask Denise Cush to approach Mr Higgins and provide the Clerk with his contact details.

b) VI th Form Conference

The conference, 'Science, freedom and responsibility', was held on 15 July 2005 and very well received by pupils from Culverhay and Ralph Allen Schools. There are sufficient funds to organise two more conferences. It was agreed to provide opportunities for pupils from all the local authority's secondary schools to attend a repeat of this conference.

ACTION

Richard Brock to write to the area head teacher groups seeking their agreement in principle to offer these conferences annually, funded by SACRE, with a grant of £200.

c) SACRE Workshop for members

An afternoon session at Ammerdown Conference Centre has been booked for 17 January 2006. It was agreed to start the afternoon with lunch from 12.30 pm and finish at 5 pm. Imogen Woods, Mike Brownbill and Mary Dadly agreed to meet and plan a programme.

ACTION

The clerk to write to SACRE members to seek numbers attending.

The planning group to provide the clerk with a programme to be circulated in advance of the workshop.

4. SACRE Developments

Richard Brock circulated the notes of a discussion (Appendix 1) on options for increasing the support for SACRE activities. It was felt that more details were required before a decision could be made. Mike Brownbill, Jane Aldred, Tony Bradley and Ian Russell agreed to look into the matter and report to the next SACRE meeting.

ACTION

The Clerk to provide details of the professional duties of the clerk to the group.

5. Resource Centre

Deferred.

6. Website

With the resignation of Edward Hulme, a replacement was required to provide news items. It was hoped a SACRE member would be willing to take on this role temporarily until more permanent arrangement were in place (see under Minute 4 above).

7. Locally Agreed Syllabus Conference.

The decision of the conference was reported:

The current locally agreed syllabus for religious education is retained.

A locally agreed syllabus conference is convened by September 2007 to review the national situation in relation to Bath and North East Somerset local authority with regard to the teaching of religious education in schools.

SACRE convenes a working party to draw up a guide to using the current syllabus in primary schools and review how schemes of work from the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority inform and support the current syllabus.

ACTION

Richard Brock to write to all schools informing them of this decision, asking for representatives to join the working party.
SACRE members to take the above decision into account at their January workshop.

8. SACRE Annual Report production

Deferred.

9. Any other business.

Jane Aldred and Mike Brownbill expressed interest in attending the National Association of SACRE's annual conference on 6 December 2005 in Bristol.

ACTION

The clerk to submit an application form for Jane Aldred and Mike Brownbill to check whether he can attend and make his own booking arrangements. SACRE will meet the costs and expenses.

10. Next meetings.

The following dates were agreed: 30 January, 12 June and 7 November 2006.