

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

**Minutes for the meeting held at, The Newton Annex, Bath Spa University College
Monday, 11 October 2004
7 30 - 9 00 pm**

Present:

Christian Denominations and other Religions Committee

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

Church of England Committee

Kevin Tingay

Teachers Associations Committee

Mary Dadley	NUT
Jackie Williams	ATL

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

1. Welcome and apologies

A welcome was given to a visitor, Marie Mallett, deputy headteacher, Chew Magna Primary.

Apologies were received from: Mike Brownbill, Tony Bradley, Rashid Azami.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 30 June 2004 were approved after some minor amendments.

3. Matters arising

a) Beechen Cliff School OFSTED Report

Richard Brock agreed to make contact with the school to follow up the enquiry.

b) Membership – a representative was required from the Buddhist community.

ACTION: Jane Aldred would provide the clerk with a name and address so that an invitation could be sent.

4. VI Form Conference

The planning of an event open to all VI formers would be undertaken by the Heads of RE at their next meeting in a few weeks time.

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. Room and a cupboard have been made available at Keynsham Primary School for storage.

ACTION: Jane Aldred and Edward Hulme will arrange with Richard Brock to sort and organise the resources and prepare a list for further purchases.

6. Website

The response from schools for information on successful RE projects and other news has been disappointing. It was recommended that teachers be offered supply cover for an afternoon in order to prepare material for the web site.

ACTION: Richard Brock agreed to email schools with the offer and Edward Hulme would contact Tony Bradley to see if this information could be included in a letter he intended to send to schools.

7. SACRE Development Plan

An interim report was given by Kevin Tingay on how SACRE could have a wider spread of views with representatives from more faiths.

ACTION: Denise Cush and Kevin Tingay agreed to circulate a report before the January SACRE meeting with suggestions.

8. Locally Agreed Syllabus

As a review of the current Bath and NES syllabus needed to begin before September 2005, Mary Dadley circulated a briefing paper showing the similarities and differences between national and local guidance. It was felt by members that no major revision should take place until the national picture was clearer. It was noted that the QCA framework would be available in the New Year and that the LEA, chair of SACRE and clerk would be invited to the launch.

ACTION: Mary Dadley was commended for her presentation. SACRE members agreed to request and require the Bath and NES Council to convene a Locally Agreed Syllabus Conference and provide sufficient funds to enable it to operate during 2005/06. A list of people willing to serve the conference would also be compiled.

9. AOB

Ann Fowler of the Clifton Diocese had expressed an interest in attending meetings.

10. Next meeting

This will be held in 'The Newton Annex', Bath Spa University College on 13 January 2005.