

**Bath and North East Somerset  
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education  
Minutes for the meeting held at Saltford CE Primary School  
Tuesday, 12 September 2006  
4.30 – 6.15 pm**

**Present:**

**Christian Denominations and other Religions Committee**

Jane O'Hara	Baha'i
Bob Coleman	Roman Catholic
Kevin McDermott	Roman Catholic

**Church of England Committee**

**Teachers' Committee**

Mary Dadley	NUT
Louise Pope	Chew Valley School
Dave Campbell	Somervale School
Sarah Melling	Wellsway School
Linda Hall	Wellsway School
Chris Hammersley	Oldfield Park Junior School
Neil Baker	NASUWT
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**

Louise Pope, Dave Campbell, Sarah Melling, Linda Hall and Chris Hammersley were welcomed and invited to join SACRE.

**ACTION**

The clerk to ensure they are sent a letter of appointment from the local authority and a introductory booklet about the work of SACRE.

Apologies were received from Jonathon Gay, Jessica Wilker, Michael Wilkinson and Mike Brownbill.

**2. Election of chair**

There being no member present willing to stand as chair, Mary Dadley agreed to take the position for this meeting only.

Mike Brownbill had indicated by email prior to the meeting that he would be willing to stand as chair for the next three meetings.

**ACTION**

The position of chair to be resolved at the next meeting.

**3. Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 12 June 2006 were approved.

#### **4. Matters arising**

a) Membership

As indicated in the attendance list, the Chair had contacted Heads of RE in secondary schools and representatives were attending this meeting, as was a primary teacher.

The Chair raised the possibility of PGCE students being invited to attend the next SACRE meeting.

**ACTION**

Denise Cush agreed to invite students studying RE at Bath Spa University to attend the November meeting of SACRE.

The matter of a pagan representative for SACRE was raised again.

**ACTION**

Denise Cush to approach Roland Higgins and invite him to the November SACRE meeting and the clerk to send him an introductory booklet.

There was discussion on the composition of SACRE and coverage.

**ACTION**

The clerk to supply a full list of members and vacancies for the November meeting and Mary Dadley to provide the legal background for selection of members.

b) VI th Form Conference

It was reported that a conference was being organised by secondary heads of RE at Hayesfield and Wellsway on 9 November. It was felt that four conferences could be held during the year for a budget of £2000.

**ACTION**

Louise Pope to raise the matter at the next heads of RE meeting and report back in November.

c) Steering group

Discussion on the suggestion for a small steering group to be formed to meet between scheduled SACRE meetings to monitor progress and propose agenda items was postponed to the November meeting.

d) Faith communities capacity building fund

Jane O'Hara explained that the Bath Inter Faith Group wished to explore the possibility of making a bid in partnership with SACRE for funds to raise teachers' awareness about different faiths.

**ACTION**

A small group was formed to put together an initial bid to be submitted by 16 October 2006. If this was successful, the clerk would help prepare a full bid.

#### **5. SACRE Developments**

a) Resource Centre

Storage cupboards had been purchased for Saltford Primary School and resources would be transferred from Riverside in the near future.

**ACTION**

The service would be operational later this term and advertised on the SACRE website as well as through the local authority.

- b) Website  
See below, under Additional Professional Support.

- c) Additional professional support  
The clerk circulated a proposal to provide additional support through a Bath & NES approved contractor:
- the resource service - £600
  - the website - £3000
  - training and development - £3000

**ACTION**

It was agreed to award contracts for these services on a trial basis for this financial year, with SACRE members being involved in the vetting of applicants. Recruitment would be through the local authority and via the website. The clerk to draw up the specifications based on the paper produced by Mike Brownbill and Jane O'Hara discussed at SACRE meeting earlier this year.

**6. Locally Agreed Syllabus**

It was agreed to draw up a schedule of working party sessions for primary and secondary teachers to ensure that the deadline for convening the Locally Agreed Syllabus Conference of September 2007 could be met.

**ACTION**

Members set dates and agreed to report back at the November SACRE meeting.

**7. Any other business**

- a) The RE Council for England and Wales was currently collecting information on the support being given to religious education. In the near future an e-questionnaire would be sent to the clerk for completion.

**8. Next meeting**

The next meeting is at 7.30 pm on 7 November 2006 at The Newton Annex, Bath Spa University.