

**CUMBRIA STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 2 NOVEMBER 2016
CONTROL ROOM, PENRITH FIRE STATION**

| | Committee A: Other Faiths/ Denominations | Committee B: Church of England (CE) | Committee C: Teacher Associations | Committee D: Local Authority | Others; Georgia Prescott Vicky Bunter |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Present: | David Pitkeathly Karen O'Donoghue Rob Martin Sheila Gewolb Wendy Ridley | Deborah Smith Penny Hollander | James Douglas Jane Yates | Brenda Gray Roger Bingham | Minute Taker Sue McGaw LA Officer David Salmon |
| Apologies: | Dai Cowles Mohammed Dhalech | Susan Davies | Brian Eaton Carolyn Reade Irene Roberts- Green | Eileen Weir Elizabeth Mallinson | Karen Shankland Richard Cox |
| Vacancies: | HinduSikh Baptist | Pentecostal Unitarian | United Reformed Orthodox | Society of Friends | Salvation Army |

1. Welcome and introductions

Apologies for absence and substitutions – as above

The Chair welcomed everyone. The meeting was Quorate.

Welcome was extended to new member Karen O'Donoghue - a Baha'i representative.

It was noted that parking at the Fire Station had been very, very difficult. Other venues were discussed.

2. Living Islam RE support for Schools and Colleges

Imran Kotwal from Muslim Learner Services gave a talk on his visits to schools. He has already visited three of our primary schools with appointments to visit another four. His presentation is attached.

3. Minutes of previous meeting on 7 June 2016

Amendment Fischy Music misspelt as Fisher Music in the notes.

The minutes were approved.

4. Matters arising not covered in the agenda

SACRE membership. DS has had an email from Karen Shankland to say she needs to resign from SACRE. This means we will need to get a new Academy Rep. DP had a conversation with Jane Taylor, a secondary teacher from Trinity, Carlisle, who may be interested in joining SACRE. It was suggested she could be asked to become the new Academy Rep.

DS spoke to Father Luiz, to ask if Tina Battle ex headteacher, who had previously substituted for Jacqueline Hampson, would be interested in becoming our Catholic representative.

Brian Eaton (VOICE) hasn't attended the last three meetings. He will be asked if he still wants to remain on SACRE or whether a new rep should be sorted.

Question raised at previous meetings – Can we have a Humanist Rep as a full SACRE member?

JY reported that 25 SACREs have a Humanist Rep on Committee A, 4 have them on Committee B and 3 have them on Committee C. This question has been raised currently because Katherine France, head of RS at Queen Katherine School, has expressed an interest in joining SACRE as a union rep so she could replace Jane on Committee C and Jane could become the Humanist rep.

After discussion, the meeting split into their 4 committees and a vote was held. Committee A voted against, Committee B voted against, Committee C voted in favour, Committee D voted in favour. As the result was 2-2, under the constitution, the status quo will apply.

Annual Report – this will be ready shortly. SMC will email a copy to all members.

SACRE/RE Conference – RC has secured a date with Lat Blaylock of Monday 19 June 2017. DS/SMc to follow up with RC. Suggested that the conference could be used to launch the new Agreed Syllabus.

5. Understanding Christianity

DSm and PH have launched this with church schools. However, they are happy to involve community schools as well. SACRE would like the LA to send information about this out to all schools. DSm to send flyer to SMC. Cost for the training is £153.50.

6. SACRE Resources.

RC has some resources which have been used when running courses in the past. It was suggested that these should be passed to CDEC (Cumbria Development Education Centre) in Ambleside.

7. New Agreed Syllabus 2017-2022 update from working group

As a result of apologies the working group was much smaller. The group looked at the progress of

DP
DS

DS

DS

SMc
DS

DS
DSm

RC
DS

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <p>revisions made by Cath Smethurst. JY agreed to edit the KS3/4 appendices. Helen Thwaites will be asked to share her work on KS2. DS/SMc to reformat the document, add new logos and front cover. Ideally the new syllabus will be ready for the end of January, and will be sent to members for comments/suggestions. Members strongly suggested that schools should receive a hard copy as well as an electronic version. DS to find out if SACRE can obtain any funds to do this. Thanks were expressed to the working group, with special thanks to Cath Smethurst.</p> | <p>JY SMc DS</p> |
| <p>8. National Update (WR) paper already distributed WR spoke about the update. Members were asked to promote the RE Quality Mark. Items included updates on RE Council, NATRE, RE Recruitment, APPG, Uptake of RS GCSE and A Level, Response to Brexit and Understanding Christianity.</p> | <p>DS</p> |
| <p>9. Development Plan (Supporting and promoting best practice) How can SACRE fulfil this? Carry forward to next meeting</p> | <p>SMc</p> |
| <p>10. AOB</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WR feels it is time our SACRE has a new Chair as she has held that role for 6 years. She asked for volunteers/nominations for a new Chair for SACRE, and suggested Jane Yates. Anyone wishing to put a name forward please contact DS. To be discussed at the next meeting. • DP mentioned Prayer Spaces – a way of communicating faith ideas to children and young people of all faiths and none. Schools set up a space for prayer/reflection sometimes just for a week, sometimes full time. 30 primary and 9 secondary schools signed up in Cumbria. • Theme for the next SACRE conference was discussed, Prayer, Justice, Fairness, What really matters? Could we arrange a Prayer Spaces session to involve primary while secondary have workshop from Lat Blaylock on Assessment? Then swop over. Session on Assessment was requested at this year's conference, which may then attract more secondary schools to attend. Ask for children from one of the schools involved with Prayer Spaces to take part. DS to talk to RC. DP to ask about date with Prayer Spaces. | <p>DS</p> <p>DS/DP</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SG mentioned a resource for Judaism GCSE Religious Studies authored by Clive Lawton, £9.99 online copy or £14.99 hard copy. SG asked if she could bring copies to sell at the next SACRE/RE conference and that was agreed. | <p>SG</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddy system – WR asked JD to buddy new member KO'D. • JY attended a response to Brexit meeting – JY to email letter and response from Justine Greening to the members. • DP and JY are both involved in a project funded by the National Lottery – Refugee Action. 30 families locating to Cumbria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ project will offer education to the community through the distribution of leaflets ○ offer drop in centre to offer help/advice to the families ○ offer training for teachers. | <p>JY</p> |
| <p>11. Arrangements for future meetings Spring term - Thursday 2 March 2017 – possible venue new council offices Cumbria House in Carlisle Summer term - Wednesday 7 June 2017 – SMc to look at a Kendal venue RM said that the Thornleigh Christian Hotel and Conference Centre in Grange would provide us with a room free of charge, only refreshments would be charged for. Autumn term – Tuesday 17 October 2017. Members thought it would be great if a meeting was held in a school, possibly Queen Katherine School?</p> | |