

**CUMBRIA STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 2 MARCH 2017
CCC OFFICES, CUMBRIA HOUSE, CARLISLE**

	Committee A: Other Faiths/ Denominations	Committee B: Church of England (CE)	Committee C: Teacher Associations	Committee D: Local Authority	Others; Georgia Prescott
Present:	David Pitkeathly Karen O'Donoghue Sheila Gewolb Tina Battle Wendy Ridley	Susan Davies Penny Hollander	Brian Eaton Carolyn Reade Irene Roberts- Green James Douglas Jane Yates	Roger Bingham	Minute Taker Sue McGaw LA Officer David Salmon
Apologies:	Dai Cowles Mohammed Dhalech Rob Martin	Deborah Smith		Brenda Gray Eileen Weir Elizabeth Mallinson	Richard Cox Vicky Bunter
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. Members introduced themselves. DC has finished his treatment and hopes to attend the next meeting. SACRE sends him very best wishes.

Members were reminded to arrange for a substitute if they are unable to attend, whenever possible. SMc to look at how many meetings MD has missed.

SMc

2. Minutes of previous meeting on 2 November 2016

The minutes were approved.

WR has now given the boxes of SACRE RE resources to CDEC, Ambleside.

3. Matters arising not covered in the agenda

- DS had spoken to KS about her membership and she is keen to continue. SG will make contact.
- Elections on Thursday 4 May will also determine the representatives of Committee D.
- JY & WR have been planning the RE SACRE Conference to be held on 19 June at North Lakes Hotel with Lat Blaylock doing most of the sessions (including one on assessment for secondary teachers). JY will do the introductions on the day. Beaconside Primary School have been invited to bring a group of pupils to use the Prayer Space which will be set up by Emma Richardson. Members to email DS if they are interested in attending, but we may not have money to fund places this year. Budgets are increasingly tight.
- RC is retiring on 31 March 2017, WR will send a card to pass on SACRE members' best wishes.

SG

ALL

WR

4. New Agreed Syllabus

It was agreed that this will be launched at the RE conference on 19 June. The document needs a few amendments and the foreword added. It will then be resent to members of the working group and once approved sent to all SACRE members for their approval (send out with date for responses).

One paper copy will be made available for LA schools, but SACRE will need to decide how to get these out to schools. The SACRE conference and HT meetings were suggested. DS to ask if Diocese want printed copies for Church schools. SMc to email SG copy with working group.

DS

SMc

5. New SACRE Chair

WR had announced at the last meeting that she wanted to step down as Chair of SACRE. She suggested that JY may be prepared to take over, and asked members to forward any further suggestions or nominations. No responses had been received so WR proposed JY, seconded by SG. On a show of hands, JY was elected to take over as Chair, from the next meeting, subject to approval by the Local Authority.

DS

WR asked if members had anything to report from the groups they represent:

- BE - as Chair of Governors at James Rennie School, Carlisle he has previously suggested that SACRE could hold a meeting there. Check this out for autumn meeting on 17 October and the possibility of members observing Collective Worship
- SG - Jewish members from SACRE groups holding conferences in London and Manchester.
- JY - free booklet available for schools – What is Humanism? See WR's update Item 6. JY will

BE/SMc

<p>also forward PowerPoint on Humanism to members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH - DSm has asked if SACRE would be interested in a slot on the feedback from schools who have taken part in the Understanding Christianity project. Add as future agenda item. • WR suggested that, as part of SACRE members CPD & interfaith dialogue, members with a particular faith or belief could give a 10 minute talk on their faith group. Add to future agenda. • JD - merger of ATL and NUT unions – ballot taking place. • CR - University of Cumbria willing to provide free room for SACRE meetings although refreshments will have to be paid for. Suggested that Ambleside could be booked for the summer meeting, if Thornleigh is unavailable. • DP - Bibleworld is no longer running. Fischy Music running sessions based on Wellbeing for local schools in July at St Aidan's Church, also public concert open to all to be held in the Church of Scotland. • DP - Churches Together have an annual discussion day, this year the topic is Education. DP asked if anyone would like to volunteer to join in, 1 hour on Saturday, 24 June in Penrith. DP will contact VB. 	<p>JY</p> <p>SMc SMc</p> <p>SMc</p> <p>DP</p>
<p>6. National Update (WR) paper already distributed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First item, new guidance on assessment in RE, look at this in our New Agreed Syllabus. • Second item, Westhill/NASACRE Award, Cumbria SACRE have never applied. KO'D expressed an interest in pursuing this. As the closing date is 31 March it was suggested that KO'D could research and apply next year, for a project on RE or CW. • Update on the RE Quality Mark. PH is re-assessing Dowdales as it is 3 years since they gained their award. Other schools in Cumbria with the award are The Queen Katherine School and The Bishop Harvey Goodwin School. Bridekirk Dovenby CofE also being assessed for the award. 	<p>KO'D</p>
<p>7. GCSE RE Full Course 2014-2016 results.</p> <p>DS has been passed the results for the County. It was agreed that he will email these out to members and a discussion can take place at the next meeting. Add to agenda.</p>	<p>SMc</p>
<p>8. Development Plan (supporting and promoting best practice)</p> <p>In line with the Development Plan we are on time to issue the New Agreed Syllabus. The next action in the plan is - supporting and promoting best practice, how can SACRE fulfil this? DS asked for volunteers to form a working group to meet before the SACRE meeting in the summer. CR, JD, GP, SG, JY, WR, SD and KO'D volunteered. SMcG will arrange for a room – 10am on 7 June</p>	<p>SMc</p>
<p>9. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JY has set up a Cumbria RE teachers' Facebook page. Lat Blaylock has already posted on it. Members to email JY so she can invite them to join. JY will also mention this at the RE/SACRE Conference. 	<p>JY</p>
<p>10. Arrangements for future meetings</p> <p>Summer term - Wednesday 7 June 2017 – Thornleigh Christian Hotel, Grange over Sands Autumn term – Tuesday 17 October 2017 – possibly James Rennie School, Carlisle</p>	