

PETERBOROUGH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Venue: Forli Room, Town Hall
 Tuesday 10th February 2015, 6.00 p.m.

Minutes of meeting

Present

Philip Davies (PD)
 Adrian Peters (AP)
 Ian Forsyth (IF) - Chair
 Lucia Hawes (Clerk)
 Sue Ward (RE Advisor) (SW)
 Vivienne Fleet (VF)
 John Flack (JF)
 Cllr Brian Rush (BR)
 Cllr Mohammed Jamil (MJ)
 Cllr Nick Sandford (NS)
 Sukaina Manji (SM)
 James Groombridge (JG)

Apologies

Nick Senior (NSr)
 Dave Roberts (DR)
 Iain Simper (IS)
 Stephanie Pedlar (SP)
 Gurdev Singh (GS)
 Farat Jhamillah (FJ)
 Barbara Crellin (BC)

In attendance for item 4:
 Kathryn Wright, Culham St Gabriel's

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1	Welcome and apologies for absence	
1.1	New SACRE member (NASUWT representative) was welcomed by the Chair.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting (Tuesday 14th October 2014)	
2.1	The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by AP. Seconded by PD.	
3	Matters arising from the minutes	
3.1	Item 1.1 – SW said that a Roman Catholic faith member who is also a teacher had shown interest in joining SACRE. The Roman Catholic Diocese requires a conversation with this teacher before they will nominate her to represent the faith. This has not yet happened.	
3.2	Item 3.1 & 4.1 – After an email vote, it was confirmed that IF had been elected as Chair and Sukaina Manji had been elected by Vice Chair. Both votes were unanimous.	
3.3	Item 6.1 – All Councillors were in attendance at this meeting.	
3.4	Item 6.3 – Action: Development Sub Group to look at the procedure of co-opting members and dealing with public attendance at meetings and bring a proposal to the next meeting.	Dev Sub Group
3.5	Item 6.4 - still outstanding. Action: GS to convene and lead cross curriculum material development working party.	GS
3.6	Items 6.5, 6.6 and 6.7 – have been actioned. Item 7.1 – actioned.	
3.7	Item 9.1 – still outstanding. Action: IS to give a report at the next meeting detailing which schools go to which places of worship, which year groups and what time of the year. Also to report if there are any barriers stopping schools from conducting such visits.	IS

3.8	Item 10.1 – actioned.	
3.9	Item 11.1 – It was confirmed that the tea and talk was not going ahead. SW reported that she had contacted the Bharat Hindu Mandir on Rock Road to ask for a Hindu representative but has had no response as yet. Action: MJ to get a contact name for SW. A NASUWT representative has now joined SACRE.	
3.10	Item 13.1 – Still outstanding. Action: IF to send list of schools for members to research. Clerk to circulate to members.	IF/Clerk
4	Teach RE – Peterborough SACRE pilot	
4.1	<p>Kathryn Wright from Culham St Gabriel’s explained that NASACRE had agreed for 3 SACREs (including Peterborough) to take part in the Teach RE pilot course. The course will help members have a better understanding of the nature and purpose of RE in schools. Kathryn explained that 3 members from Peterborough SACRE could embark on the course at a total cost of £150. There are three modules to complete and over 12 months. For those that take part in the course, there is the expectation that they pay it forward in some way.</p> <p>In response to question, Kathryn said that the course is distant learning. Three tasks are set on the first module. Each task is completed online and then there is a requirement to complete the first piece of work which is then submitted. The further two modules are more structured in what needs to be done. The course is flexible and lots of support is available.</p> <p>*6.22pm Sukaina and Zulfikar joined the meeting at this point.</p> <p>SW asked if the course could be used as a recruitment tool for SACRE e.g. to offer to interested members of the faith community. Kathryn confirmed that this was a possibility. She also confirmed that it is also fine for teachers on SACRE to do the course also.</p> <p>The Councillors present had no objections of the SACRE budget being used to pay for the course.</p> <p>Both JF and AP expressed an interest in joining the course.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to email the presentation to absent members to see if anyone else would like to take part in Teach RE.</p>	Clerk ✓
5	Correspondence	
5.1	<p><u>Letter from Lord Nash to SACREs</u></p> <p>The letter, along with public responses, was circulated to SACRE members prior to the meeting. SACRE members were asked to consider their views on having a centrally determined RE curriculum. SACRE members expressed their views and identified the pros and cons of having the curriculum centrally determined. SW said how teachers have valued the locally agreed Peterborough syllabus.</p> <p>*VF arrived at 6.55pm.</p> <p>It was decided that the Chair would draft a response and to include the following views of SACRE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be 6 world faiths; • Locally Agreed syllabus has had much positive feedback from schools; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE should be taught in schools; Request examples of what a central framework would look like. <p>Action: Chair to write a letter to Lord Nash on behalf of SACRE.</p>	IF
6	Development Plan	
6.1	<p><u>Survey results on school faith visits</u> This item has been deferred to the next meeting due to absent member.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to add to the next agenda.</p>	Clerk
6.2	<p><u>Members to discuss one item of the plan</u> This item has been deferred to the next meeting due to absent member.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to add to the next agenda.</p>	Clerk
7	Budget 2014-15	
7.1	<p>The budget expenditure and income to date was circulated to members prior to the meeting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members thought that the amount of budget allocated to Local Authority and Clerking costs were high; The Development Plan Sub Group had discussed using some of budget to provide transport for schools to visit places of worship and other projects for future development; The King's School lecture may not happen within this financial year; SM asked if there was some budget to pay for the Chief Examiner from one of the exam boards to give a presentation to A-level students and RE teachers; Members wanted to know the budget allocation for 2015-16. <p>Action: Budget to be discussed again at the next meeting with reference to the Development Plan.</p>	Clerk
8	Report from sub-groups	
8.1	<p>There were no reports from sub groups.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to re-circulate the sub group list.</p>	Clerk ✓
9	Annual SACRE report	
9.1	<p>SW explained that the delay in producing the annual report was due to difficulty in receiving the correct data from the Local Authority.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to email the annual report to members when it is complete.</p>	SW / Clerk
10	Teaching Islam after the Charlie Hebdo murders and the Hyper Casher hostage deaths – statement from NASACRE	
10.1	<p>The statement from NASACRE was circulated to members prior to the meeting and it had also been sent to RE co-ordinators in schools.</p> <p>Members discussed how this is affecting the teaching of Islam in schools. SW reported that primary teachers fear that they might say the wrong thing.</p> <p>It was decided that SACRE would put a statement out to schools (for the attention of Headteachers and governors) to offer support on various faiths.</p> <p>Action: SW to draft a letter to schools on behalf of SACRE and also to bring the issue up at network meetings.</p>	SW
11	Prevent Violent Extremism Strategy?	
11.1	<p>The SMSC Guidance for Maintained Schools was circulated to members prior to the meeting. This item was covered in previous discussions.</p>	

12	Monitoring of RE and Collective worship	
12.1	SW continues to monitor Ofsted reports and she has noticed that there are increasingly more references to RE in the reports. Iain Simper is researching school faith visits.	
13	Primary School RE network meeting – verbal report from Jewish representative	
13.1	VF reported that two representatives from Jewish community attended the recent RE network meeting for Primary schools. Teachers valued making links with the Jewish community and the evaluations were good/excellent. However, evaluations did show that teachers require further support on assessment and require more links to places of worship. SW asked for 1 or 2 SACRE faith members to attend the network meetings: 5 th March primary network meeting – 4pm – 5.30pm 3 rd March secondary network meeting – 4pm – 5.30pm 5 th May primary network meeting – 4pm – 5.30pm.	
14	Local School research	
14.1	Action: Clerk to circulate the spreadsheet of which allocates SACRE members to schools to research RE. Members to feedback at next meeting.	Clerk / All ✓
15	Any other business	
15.1	JF volunteered to attend the NASACRE AGM on 21st May in Birmingham. Action: Clerk to book JF a place and book train tickets. Action: Clerk to inform members of the NASACRE login and password to all members.	Clerk Clerk ✓
16	Date and venue for next meeting	
16.1	After discussion, it was decided that meetings should start at 6.30pm because many people were unable to get to the meeting on time. Therefore, the next meeting will take place on 19th May 2015 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall . NS and AP gave their apologies for the next meeting.	

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed: _____
Chair of SACRE