

## **CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, TREDOMEN ON 28TH JANUARY 2000 AT 2.00 P.M.**

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PRESENT:

Councillors:

D.M. Gray, Mrs A. Parsons and J. Taylor.

#### **Representing Teachers Associations**

Mrs C Anthony - (NAHT)

Ms E. Hawthorne - Valley's RE Teachers Association

Mrs S. John (UCAC)

#### **Representing Religious Bodies**

Rev. AD Ireland - Baptist Church

Rev. P. Mc Mullen - Church in Wales

Together with:

Head of Professional Services, ESIS Religious Education Adviser (VT), Associate Religious Education Adviser (CT), Assistant Solicitor (RT) and Committee Services Officer (KW).

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs K.R. Baker, R.W. Gough and K.R. Snell and Miss P. Brown (ATL) and Miss N. Thomas (NUT).

#### **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman informed the meeting that Reverend D.J. Carpenter (Church in Wales) had indicated that he was moving from the area and had therefore tendered his resignation from Caerphilly SACRE. The Chairman then introduced his replacement, Reverend Philip Mc Mullen and welcomed him to the meeting.

#### **SA 18 MINUTES**

It was noted that Mr P. Sass was a representative of the NASUWT and not the SHA as stated in the minutes and that Councillor R. Gough's apologies had not been recorded in the minutes of the Standing Conference held on 8th December.

Subject to these amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December (minute nos. SA 17 - SA 22) and of the Standing Conference held on 8th December (minute no. SC 1) were

received and noted.

### **SA 19 Presentation - Mr. R. Paterson - British Humanist Association**

The Chairman introduced Mr. R. Paterson of the British Humanist Association and reminded those present that Mr. Paterson had asked that consideration be given to granting him a co-opted place on Caerphilly SACRE. This request had been considered at SACRE's meeting held in September when it was agreed that Mr. Paterson be invited to attend a future meeting to outline the Humanist philosophy and to explain what positive contribution he felt he could make to Caerphilly SACRE. Notes prepared by Mr. Paterson had been circulated to SACRE members.

Mr. Paterson thanked the Chairman for the opportunity afforded to him to address the meeting and then proceeded to make a short presentation on the contribution he felt the British Humanist Association could make to Caerphilly SACRE.

Members, Officers and representatives of the other groups were also given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. Mr. Paterson was then asked to leave the room and each group retired to separate rooms to discuss the matter before a formal vote was taken.

After lengthy deliberation, the groups returned to the meeting and the Chairman asked each group for its decision.

Mr. Paterson was then called back in and the Chairman thanked him for attending and announced the following decision -

RESOLVED that Mr R. Paterson's request for a co-opted place on Caerphilly SACRE be not granted.

Mr. Paterson thanked the Chairman for giving him the opportunity to address SACRE members and left the meeting.

### **SA 20 Inspection of Religious Education : ESTYN Newsbrief 9/99**

Consideration was given to the additional guidance offered on the inspection of Religious Education as a supplement to the Handbook for the Inspection of Schools.

It was noted that the newsbrief had recently been issued to all registered inspectors and SACREs and addressed comments and concerns which had been made to ESTYN (and previously to OHMCI) by SACREs and schools in Wales.

Consideration was given to an executive summary of the document and it was-

RESOLVED that the report be noted and copies of the guidance be issued to schools to help them prepare for inspection.

### **SA 21 Induction Training**

Vicky Thomas, the ESIS Religious Education Adviser and Carys Thomas, the ESIS Associate Religious Education Adviser distributed detailed notes and gave presentations on the following subjects -

- \* The Roles and Responsibilities of SACRE;
- \* Religious Education and the Agreed Syllabus;
- \* Collective Worship.

Members and representatives were also afforded the opportunity to ask questions and the Chairman thanked Vicky and Carys for their informative presentations.

Meeting closed at 4.05 p.m.