

## CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, TREDOMEN ON 22ND MARCH 1999 AT 2.20 P.M.

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PRESENT:

Councillors:

W.H. Coleman, Mrs. M.J. Ellis, D.M. Gray, Mrs. J. Summers

Representing Teachers Associations

Mrs. C. Anthony - (NAHT)  
Mrs. S. John - (UCAC)  
Miss P. Brown - (ATL)

Representing Religious Bodies

Rev. A.D. Ireland - Baptist Church

Together with:

ESIS Religious Education Adviser (TG) and Committee Services Officer (KW)

#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M.W. Thomas, Miss N. Thomas and Mr. P. Sass and Mr. D. Hopkins (Head of Professional Services) and Ms. Vicky Thomas (ESIS Religious Education Adviser).

#### **S1 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 1999 were noted.

#### **S2 WASACRE's Report on the Symposium on Collective Worship**

Consideration was given to WASACRE's report on the Symposium on Collective Worship which had been previously circulated and it was noted that many of the points raised had been included in Caerphilly SACRE's Draft Policy on Collective Worship.

#### **S3 Results of the Survey on Collective Worship**

Copies of the report were circulated to SACRE members and the ESIS Religious Education Advisor outlined the results of the survey conducted during the Autumn Term for the Primary and Secondary

sectors.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**S4 Teacher Presentations on Collective Worship Practices**

Mrs. C. Anthony gave an informative presentation on collective worship practices in Cefn Fforest Junior School and distributed copies of the school's Policy on Collective Worship and samples of assemblies from the Primary Assembly File for the lower and upper schools.

A general discussion ensued and the other teacher representatives outlined the practices in their schools.

The Chairman reminded SACRE members that Mr. P. Sass, the teacher representative for the secondary sector had tendered his apologies for the meeting but had submitted a discussion document on practices in St. Cenydd School and consideration was given to the document. The Chairman then thanked Mrs. Anthony and the other teacher representatives for their contributions and it was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Sass thanking him for submitting the discussion document.

**S5 SACRE Guidance on Religious Education at Key Stages 1-3**

SACRE members were reminded that Religious Education must be taught in accordance with the locally agreed syllabus at all five key stages and should receive sufficient time allocation to fulfil the programmes of study in the locally agreed syllabus and also be adequately staffed and resourced. Consideration was then given to the report which outlined proposed guidance to be issued to schools on Religious Education at Key Stages 1-3.

During discussion, it was agreed to take out the reference to the "Mid Glamorgan Syllabus" under the heading "Scheme of Work". Reference was also made to school inspection reports in respect of religious education and it was agreed that this item be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

**S6 Millennium Celebrations - Update**

The Chairman reported that a meeting of the Millennium Sub-Committee would be held in April and it was anticipated that the suggestions made by Caerphilly SACRE would be discussed at that meeting.

**S7 Study Day - The National Assembly and Religious Organisations in Wales**

SACRE members were circulated with an invitation to attend a Study Day organised by the Centre for Law and Religion in Cardiff, entitled "The National Assembly and Religious Organisations in Wales".

RESOLVED that the Chairman be nominated to attend.

**S8 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of Caerphilly SACRE would be held on Friday, 9th July 1999.

S9 **Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman indicated that this would be the last meeting of Caerphilly SACRE before the May Elections and he wished to place on record his gratitude to Council Members, teachers and religious representatives and officers for their contributions to meetings during his term of office. Members of SACRE responded and thanked the Chairman for the courteous and efficient manner in which he had conducted meetings.