



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, TREDOMEN
ON TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2005 AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor D.M. Gray - Chairman

Councillors:

D.G. Carter, G.G. Hibbert

Together with:

Mrs. V. Thomas (ESIS Religious Education Advisor), G. George (Committee Services Manager)

Representing Teacher Organisations

Mrs. E. Hawthorn (VALRETTA), Mrs. S. John (UCAC), Miss H. Bartley (ATL)

Representing Religious Organisations

Mr. D. Brooks (Independent)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. R. Passore and Mrs. D. Price, Mr. P Sass (NASUWT) Ms. H. Owen (SHA), Mrs. J. Jones (Church in Wales), Captain J. Jepson (Salvation Army) Mrs. M. Wade (United Reform Church) and B. Howells (Head of School Effectiveness).

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations on interest made at the meeting.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 8th June 2005 be approved as correct record.

3. ARISING THEREFROM

Pontlottyn Primary School

The schools attention had been drawn to the facility available for the loan of religious artefacts.

Lewis Girls Comprehensive School

A letter had been received (and referred to the agenda under correspondence) enclosing a copy of the School Development Plan that incorporated the Post Inspection Action Plan which in turn addressed concerns raised during the inspection.

Cwm Ifor Primary School

The matter relating to KS1 pupils not studying religious other than Christianity had now been clarified with the school.

4. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2005 – 2006

The schedule of meetings for the academic year 2005/2006 was agreed as follows:-

- Monday 5th December 2005 (Crosskeys Methodist Church by kind invitation of the Chairman Councillor D.M. Gray)
- Wednesday 8th February 2006
- Thursday 8th June 2006

Other dates were:-

- Wednesday 27th September 2006 (provisional)
- Thursday 7th December 2006 (provisional) Venue to be arranged.

5. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Details of the level of attendance at SACRE meetings during the last academic year were noted. It was agreed to write to the Secondary Headteachers Association regarding their representation at meetings and to Roman Catholic Church and St. Helens Primary School asking if that faith wished to have a representative on SACRE.

6. SACRE ANNUAL REPORT

This was the Annual Report from Caerphilly SACRE and outlined the activities of SACRE during the academic year 2004-2005. It followed the guidelines laid down by ACCAC.

Members noted and approved the report which would now be sent to ACCAC by 30th December 2005.

7. CAERPHILLY SACRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2005 – 2008

The report set out issues relating to Caerphilly SACRE Development Plan.

It was necessary for Caerphilly SACRE to discuss the elements of the Development Plan in order to ensure that the business with which they deal was current and future developments were identified.

By way of correction it was noted that in the plan of action point 4.2 the scheduled date should read "Summer 2007".

It was agreed to note the content of the Development Plan and progress reports would be received throughout the year.

8. INSET NEEDS AND PLANS 2005 - 2006

The report gave details of in service training provided for Caerphilly schools during the academic year 2005-2006. The aim of the training was to promote and support:-

- The raising of the standards of pupils' attainment in religious education;
- The highest quality provision of religious education.

Members noted the content of this in-service programme and the level of attendance from local authorities at various courses

9. WASACRE MEETING ON 22ND JUNE 2005 IN CONWY

Members noted the issues and feedback from this meeting. The next meeting would be held on 19th October 2005 at Newport Civic Centre. Caerphilly SACRE representatives would be Councillor G.G. Hibbert, Mr. D. Brooks and Councillor D.M. Gray and Mrs. V. Thomas and the organiser informed accordingly.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Members considered the following items of correspondence:-

- (a) Letter from National Advisory Panel for Religious Education regarding ELWA Funding for Post 16 Education – Members would be kept informed of future developments.
- (b) Lewis Girls Comprehensive School – response to inspection report and School Development Plan and Action Plan.
- (c) Presbyterian Church in Wales – appointment of Chaplains in Community Schools – a response would be sent fro SACRE (written in consultation with Mr. D. Brooks and using an example from a local school) but the overall view was that it was a matter for individual schools to decide.

CHAIRMAN