



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CROSSKEYS METHODIST CHURCH
ON MONDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 2005 AT 2.00 PM**

PRESENT:

Councillor D.M. Gray - Chairman

Councillors:

J. Taylor, G.G. Hibbert

Together with:

Mrs. V. Thomas (ESIS Religious Education Advisor), G. George (Committee Services Manager), B. Howells (Head of School Effectiveness).

Representing Teacher Organisations

Mrs. N.L. Boardman, Mr. P. Sass (NASUWT) Miss H. Bartley (ATL)

Also Present:

Rev. Pam Simmonds (Crosskeys Methodist Church)

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D.G. Carter, Mrs. D. Price, Mrs. R. Passmore and, Mrs. J. Jones (Church in Wales), Captain J. Jepson (Salvation Army) Mrs. M. Wade (United Reform Church) and Mrs. E. Hawthorn (VALRETA) and Miss S. John (UCAC)

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 27th September 2005 be approved as a correct record.

3. QUORUM

It was noted that there although were no representatives from any religious organisations present it was agreed by those present that the meeting should proceed as no decisions were being made relating to RE and collective worship

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Schedule of meetings 2005/2006

Councillor J. Taylor offered the use of Cwmaber Infants School as a venue for the next meeting in February 2006. The time of the meeting would be coordinated with an act of collective worship at the school.

(b) Members Update

Mr. T. Crosse from St. Helen's Roman Catholic Primary School had taken up the invitation for membership of SACRE.

5. ANALYSIS OF EXAMINATION RESULTS 2005

Members considered the analysis of examination results for 2005 for GCSE Full Course Religious Studies, GCSE Short Course and GCSE A Level together with comments and conclusions.

It was agreed to write to all secondary schools congratulating them on this years examination performance particularly indicating the very good performance at GCSE full course again this year.

It was also noted that:-

- Short course standards were being maintained, comparable with previous performance and All Wales figures.
- Improved results at A-C Level at A level this year.
- AS results better than previous performance and ALL Wales figures
- Significantly increased uptake for Short Course, A Level and AS Level.

6. ANALYSIS OF KS3 TEACHER ASSESSMENT 2005

Members considered and noted the results of teacher assessment at KS3. for 2005

7. WELSH ASSOCIATION OF SACRE (WASACRE)

Members noted the following matters relating to WASACRE: -

- Report on WASACRE meeting of 19th October at Newport
- Representation at WASACRE at Port Talbot on 7th April 2005. Up to 4 representatives could attend. Councillor D.M. Gray, G.G. Hibbert, Mrs. V. Thomas and Mr. D. Brooks.
- Special Conference to be held on 20th May 2006 at LLandrindod Wells.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2006 – Update. Schools to be reminded of promotional material available to be used either during an act of collective worship or during curriculum activity. Ms Helen Bartley RE Teacher at Newbridge informed members of their school visit to Poland in Oct 2005 and she has been invited to give a presentation on this visit to a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.56 p.m.

CHAIRMAN