



## **CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CWMABER INFANTS SCHOOL ABERTRIDWR  
ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 2006 AT 10.00 A.M.**

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PRESENT:

Councillor J Taylor - Vice Chairman

Councillors:

D.G. Carter, G.G. Hibbert, Mrs R Passmore.

Together with:

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

Also present

Mrs S. John (UCAC,) Miss H. Bartley (ATL), Mrs. E. Hawthorn (VALRETA) Mrs. A. Fitzgerald and Mr. D. Brooks.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D M Gray (Chairman), Mrs. D. Price, Mrs. J. Jones (Church in Wales), Captain J. Jepson (Salvation Army) Mrs. M. Wade (United Reform Church), Mrs. N.L. Boardman and Mr. P. Sass (NASUWT)

### **ACT OF COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

At the last meeting Councillor J. Taylor had offered the use of Cwmaber Infants School as a venue for the next meeting in February 2006. Before the meeting commenced members and officers joined the staff and pupils of the school in their morning worship. The Acting Head and her colleagues were thanked for allowing the committee to be present at the school during the morning worship and to hold their meeting afterwards.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005 be approved as a correct record.

**3 MEMBER UPDATE**

Members were reminded that Mr. T. Crosse from St. Helen's Roman Catholic Primary School had taken up the invitation for membership of SACRE. Unfortunately he was unable to attend the meeting but was represented by Mrs A Fitzgerald, the RE Coordinator at that school. Councillor J Taylor welcomed her to the meeting

**4. NATIONAL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY**

Members received a presentation from Helen Bartley RE Teacher at Newbridge following a visit by a party of pupils to two Concentration Camps, Auschwitz and Birkenau in Germany and Poland in October 2005. She recounted some of the pupil's experiences and reactions to the places events and people they had meet with direct experiences of the Holocaust and circulated examples of the pupils work written as a result of the visits.

This was then followed by a presentation from Vicky Thomas entitled "One Person Can Make a Difference" on individuals whose actions, beliefs and ideals throughout history had made an impact on society and the world we live in.

Both were thanked for their informative presentations

**5. WELSH ASSOCIATION OF SACRE (WASACRE)**

Members noted the following matters relating to WASACRE: -

- Representation at WASACRE at Port Talbot on 7th April 2006. It was noted that up to 4 representatives could attend – the representatives being agreed as Councillor D.M. Gray, G.G. Hibbert, Mrs. V. Thomas and Mr. D. Brooks. Cllr Hibbert indicated that he would now not be available
- Special Conference to be held on 20th May 2006 at Llandrindod Wells. Jane Davidson was the keynote speaker and each SACRE could send four representatives plus up to twelve teachers from primary and secondary schools. Anyone interested in going should inform the Clerk to SACRE

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held at the Council Offices Tredomen on Thursday 8th June at 2pm. On the agenda for that meeting would be an analysis and details of inspection reports for the period April 2005 to April 2006.

The meeting closed at 10.50 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN