



CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – 29TH SEPTEMBER 2009

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update members on the current membership of Caerphilly SACRE.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 There have been two recent retirements from the committee; Sian Puw John (UCAC) and Carolyn Cook (NASUWT).

2.2 Two letters have been sent to NASUWT, Cardiff (dated 9th June and 17th August) and one to UCAC, Aberystwyth (dated 17th August), requesting assistance in finding a replacement, but no response has been received to date.

2.3 Recent correspondence suggests a significant Buddhist community in the Caerphilly County area, and a new Tibetan Buddhist centre has recently opened in Caerphilly town centre. Brian Pearce, Chairman of the Buddhist Council of Wales has indicated that he will raise the matter of SACRE membership at their next meeting (in September). Following this, he may be able to nominate a candidate for the Committee to consider, should the Committee decide it appropriate to have a Buddhist join the group.

3. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The Education Authority

- Councillor DG Carter
- Councillor Mrs A Collins
- Councillor DM Gray
- Councillor Mrs R Potter
- Councillor Mrs D Price
- Councillor J Taylor

3.2 Teachers Associations

- Miss H Bartley (ATL)
- Mrs NL Boardman (NUT)
- Ms K Mathias (VALRETA)
- Mrs C Thompson (NAHT)
- Vacancy (NASUWT)
- Vacancy (UCAC)

3.3 **Christian and Other Religious Denominations**

- Mr D Brooks (Independent)
- Mr T Crosse (St Helens Roman Catholic Primary)
- Mrs E Hawthorn (United Reformed Church)
- Mrs J Jones (Church in Wales)
- Captain R Waters (Salvation Army)

4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the current membership of Caerphilly SACRE and action taken to maintain/increase membership levels.
- 4.2 Members are asked to consider the inclusion of a Buddhist member to the Committee.

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