



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022 AT 3.00 P.M**

PRESENT:

Councillor J. Taylor - Chair  
Mrs. J. Jones (Church in Wales) - Vice Chair

Representatives of Faith and Belief: Mr M. Gray (The Methodist Church)

Teacher Union Representative: Miss H. Bartley (ATL)

Together with:

Ms H. Jones (EAS Curriculum Partner - SACs and RVE), V. Bodenham (School Improvement Officer), J. Lloyd (Committee Services Officer), M. Afzal (Committee Services Officer), and J. Thomas (Committee Services Officer).

### **RECORDING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS**

SACRE was reminded that the meeting was being filmed and would be made available following the meeting via the Council's website – [Click Here to View](#). It was noted that voting on decisions would take place by way of Hands Up and roll call.

Due to technical difficulties the meeting was not live-streamed.

### **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENT – RESIGNATION OF MRS ENFYS HAWTHORN**

The Chair advised SACRE that Mrs Enfys Hawthorn (United Reformed Church) had recently resigned from her role on Caerphilly SACRE. Members were advised that Mrs Hawthorn had served on Caerphilly SACRE in several capacities since its inception in 1996, initially as a RE teaching representative and in later years as a faith representative through her work with the United Reformed Church. The Chair expressed his appreciation to Mrs Hawthorn for her long service and observed that her input and contributions to the meetings would be greatly missed.

It was noted that the Clerk to SACRE would write to Mrs Hawthorn following the meeting to express the thanks of SACRE for her long service and dedication to the work of the committee.

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs K. McCullough (NASUWT), Mrs M. Jones (UCAC), Mrs T. Lloyd (NAHT), Mrs C. McLaughlan (NASUWT), Mr K. Chamberlain

(Humanists Wales), and Major P. Hubbard (The Salvation Army).

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

## **3. MINUTES OF CAERPHILLY SACRE – 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022.**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 be approved as a correct record and by a show of Hands Up this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Caerphilly SACRE meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (minute nos. 1-10) be approved as a correct record.

## **4. MINUTES OF STANDING CONFERENCE (AGREED SYLLABUS) OF CAERPHILLY SACRE – 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022.**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 be approved as a correct record and by a show of Hands Up this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Standing Conference (Agreed Syllabus) of Caerphilly SACRE meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (minute nos. 1-4) be approved as a correct record.

## **5. TO CONSIDER ACTIONS AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

It was noted that there were no matters arising on this occasion.

## **6. UPDATE FROM THE RE ADVISOR.**

Ms Hayley Jones (EAS Curriculum Partner - SACs and RVE) updated Members on developments across Religious Education matters since the last meeting of SACRE and advised Members that the new Agreed Syllabus for RVE had been officially approved by the Local Authority on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and they are in the process of providing training and an introduction to the new Agreed Syllabus which commences on 7<sup>th</sup> July. A presentation on the new Agreed Syllabus had also been provided to CCBC Officers.

Members were informed that a termly newsletter would be going out to schools in the Caerphilly Borough and would look to raise the profile of SACRE in the humanities newsletter. Members were advised that they would be included in the circulation list for this newsletter and were also offered the opportunity, if they wished, to have some input into the information provided in the newsletter.

Members were advised that EAS had created a partnership with the Church in Wales and have launched a spirited arts competition for the summer term. Schools were invited to enter pieces of work including, art, dance, and music on a specific theme. EAS will be judging the entries with the results being announced in September.

Members were also informed of the ongoing work and sharing resources on the EAS twitter page and preparation for the new term in September.

There were no questions received and SACRE noted the details of the update.

## **7. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CAERPHILLY SACRE**

Ms Hayley Jones (EAS Curriculum Partner - SACs and RVE) updated Members on the proposed revisions to its Terms of Reference ahead of the implementation of the new Curriculum for Wales in September 2022. Members were advised that Religious Education will be renamed 'Religion, Values and Ethics' and in line with this change, SACREs will be re-named Standing Advisory Councils (SACS) on Religion, Values and Ethics. As from September 2022, Caerphilly SACRE will become known as Caerphilly Standing Advisory Council on Religion, Values and Ethics (or Caerphilly SAC on RVE). Members were advised that there would be some minor revisions to the Caerphilly SACREs Terms of Reference to reflect the forthcoming change of name and to increase the term of service from 4 years to 5 years to realign with local elections.

A Member queried whether the change of name would reflect any changes to the content of the curriculum. Members were advised that there were no changes to the curriculum but that the change of name reflected the existing content.

A Member also queried whether the content of the Terms of Reference needed to be amended to reflect the changes and Members proposed that there will be a rolling review of the terms of reference in relation to Religion, Values, and Ethics, which will be followed by a further report in due course.

It was moved and seconded that the proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference as attached to the report be approved, subject to being noted that there will be a rolling review of the Terms of Reference in relation to Religion, Values and Ethics, which will be followed by a further report in due course and by a roll call this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that the proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference as attached to the report be approved, subject to being noted that there will be a rolling review of the Terms of Reference in relation to Religion, Values and Ethics, which will be followed by a further report in due course

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE.**

Members were referred to the report which provided an update on the correspondence received by Caerphilly SACRE and/or circulated on behalf of Caerphilly SACRE since the last meeting.

A Member referred to the training opportunities for new Members of the Committee and requested that this information be circulated to the Committee. It was confirmed that this information would be circulated to SACRE Members in due course.

SACRE noted the details of the correspondence update.

## **9. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2022/23.**

Ms Hayley Jones (EAS Curriculum Partner - SACs and RVE) advised Members that Officers are looking to arrange SACRE dates for the whole of the academic year 2022-23 and will update SACRE Members once confirmed.

A Member wished to note that the multi-locational meetings were beneficial to those who were attending the meeting remotely and were able to attend from their place of work. Members were advised that all future meetings would continue to be multi-locational.

SACRE noted the details of the schedule of meetings update.

**10. FEEDBACK FROM THE VIRTUAL WASACRE SPRING MEETING HOSTED BY NEATH PORT TALBOT ON 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022.**

There were no questions received and Caerphilly SACRE noted the details of the feedback from the WASACRE Spring meeting.

**11. FEEDBACK FROM THE VIRTUAL WASACRE SUMMER MEETING AND AGM ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022.**

Ms Hayley Jones provided an update to Members and advised that Swansea Council gave an update on issues in their local authority, including the monitoring of the provision of RVE, which had been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Members were also advised that Head Teachers had been requested to include a specific section on RVE, and how it is being monitored, in their termly reports to Governors, together with teacher audit and pupil voice.

Members were advised that the new Caerphilly Agreed Syllabus needed to be sent to Welsh Government for information purposes and storage. Welsh Government were also looking into the legal section of the RVE Guidance for clarification.

Members were informed that the right to withdraw from RVE was also discussed at the meeting and is no longer an option under the new curriculum. Welsh Government intend to communicate with parents on this matter, with information due to be sent to schools before the end of the summer term and again in September.

Hwb resources are being prepared to support RVE, and the first of 5 modules is due to be released in September, together with an RVE policy which is being produced by NAPfRE to assist schools in the provision of RVE.

A Member queried whether there was still provision to withdraw from collective worship in schools. Members were informed that withdrawal from collective worship was still an option although withdrawal from RVE will no longer be an option. Members were also informed the delivery of RVE is compulsory in primary schools.

Caerphilly SACRE noted the details of the feedback from the WASACRE Summer meeting and AGM.

**12. EXECUTIVE VOTING 2022 - WASACRE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS.**

Ms. Hayley Jones advised Members that the results of the elections had not yet been released but would be disclosed to Members in due course. It was noted that nominees were being contacted by WASACRE this week.

Caerphilly SACRE noted the information in relation to the voting for the WASACRE Elections 2022.

**13. REPRESENTATION AT FORTHCOMING WASACRE MEETINGS.**

The Chair advised Members that the Autumn meeting date has yet to be confirmed but the Committee Clerk would contact Members nearer the time to confirm if any Members wished to attend and would provide meeting papers and the link to attend online. A Member queried who would be hosting the Autumn meeting and Members were advised that this information would also follow as soon as possible.

The Chair thanked all attendees for their participation and advised Members that they would be informed of the date for the SACRE Autumn Term meeting in due course.

The meeting closed at 3.40 p.m.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

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CHAIR