



## **CAERPHILLY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGION VALUES AND ETHICS**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN PENALLTA HOUSE AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 AT 3.00 P.M**

#### **PRESENT:**

Councillor J. Taylor - Chair

Councillors: Mrs E.M. Aldworth, M. Chacon-Dawson, B. Miles, and T. Parry.

Representatives of Faith and Belief: Mrs. J. Jones (Church in Wales and Caerphilly SAC on RVE Vice Chair), and Mr K. Chamberlain (Wales Humanists).

Teacher Union Representatives: Miss J. Davenport (NEU), and Miss H. Bartley (NEU).

Co-opted Member: Mr E. ap Llwyd Dafydd.

#### **Together with:**

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

Also in attendance: K. Erzen (Jewish History Association of South Wales).

### **RECORDING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS**

Caerphilly SAC on RVE was advised that the meeting was not being live-streamed and only recorded for the purposes of the minutes. It was noted that voting on decisions would take place by way of Hands Up and roll call.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Whitcombe, T. Lloyd (NAHT), K. McCullough (NASUWT), and R. Meyrick (Co-opted Member).

#### **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 – 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023.**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 be approved as a correct record, and by way of a show of hands this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Caerphilly SACRE meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (minute nos. 1-13) be approved as a correct record.

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

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

### **5. UPDATE FROM THE RVE ADVISOR (VERBAL UPDATE).**

Ms Hayley Jones (EAS Curriculum Partner - SACs and RVE) updated Members on recent developments across Religious Education matters since the last meeting of SACRE.

Members were advised of the ongoing work on progression and assessment with Caerphilly schools and were shown a presentation which included examples of a progressive curriculum and information in relation to this work. Members were advised that the schools taking part included English and Welsh medium schools.

A Member queried when the current trial would be expected to include all Caerphilly schools. Members were advised that this was expected before the end of the current academic year, but the information was available to any schools who wished to be involved at this stage.

A Member requested a copy of the presentation. Members were advised that this was still a draft document and would be circulated to Caerphilly SAC on RVE Members following the meeting. Members were also advised that examples of the work currently ongoing would also be circulated to Members.

A Member sought clarification on the appropriate level of teaching for each age group, and how this was determined. Members were advised that the work included input from teachers' experience, expert sessions, and feedback.

A Member queried whether the document was likely to change with regards to further feedback received going forward. Members were advised that depending on feedback, this was a working document that is likely to change in the future.

A Member queried whether the age appropriateness included consideration for pupils with additional learning needs. Members were advised that work had been done in these educational settings and that a separate modified document would be more appropriate. Members were also advised that this subject would be taught to meet the needs of individual pupils with additional learning needs.

Members were advised of the ongoing webinars on different faiths and were shown examples of the presentations that were being given. A list of the dates and links to the webinars would be circulated to Members following the meeting. Members were also advised that following the completion of all the scheduled webinars, recordings would be circulated to Members.

Members were informed of the ongoing work to set up a Youth Forum for SAC on RVE, covering the five local authorities. Teacher Union representative members were invited to nominate any pupils who they thought would be interested in this role. Members were advised that information would also be circulated to all schools to request nominations, possibly 2 to 3 from each school nominating. A Member noted the existing Youth Forum within CCBC, and the possibility of existing RVE representatives within this group. Members were advised that it would be preferable for the Youth Forum to be set up by September 2024.

Caerphilly SAC on RVE noted the details of the RVE Advisor update.

## **6. MEMBERSHIP OF CAERPHILLY SAC ON RVE (VERBAL UPDATE).**

Ms Hayley Jones (EAS Curriculum Partner - SACs and RVE) welcomed the new co-opted Member and referred to the Membership List that had been circulated to Members, showing the current vacancies on the Caerphilly SAC on RVE.

Discussion followed regarding potential new members, and these would be chased up by Caerphilly SAC on RVE Members following the meeting. It was also noted that a 'new members' leaflet had been circulated following the last meeting, as requested by one of the Teacher Union Representatives, to forward on to any colleagues that may be interested in these vacancies.

Caerphilly SAC on RVE noted the details of the Membership update.

## **7. JEWISH HISTORY RESOURCES – PRESENTATION.**

K. Erzen, from the Jewish History Association of South Wales, gave a presentation to Members on the work of the Jewish History Association, the educational resources and training available on Jewish history, and how the resources align with religion, values, and ethics. Members were requested to complete an evaluation survey following the presentation.

Discussion followed in relation to the walking tours available in the Cardiff area and the benefits of these to teachers and pupils.

Members thanked Klavdija for the presentation and were advised that a copy of the presentation would be circulated to them following the meeting.

Caerphilly SAC on RVE noted the details of the presentation.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE.**

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

Mrs V. Bodenham, Lead School Improvement Officer, advised Members that a contact list of RVE teachers/Headteachers was being compiled so that, going forward, emails sent on behalf of Caerphilly SAC on RVE could be circulated directly to those relevant persons, in addition to the schools' general email address.

Members were also advised that the collective worship survey had been completed and was ready to be circulated to schools.

Caerphilly SAC on RVE noted the details of the correspondence update.

**9. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2024.**

Members were advised that the Summer Term meeting was scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and the Autumn Term meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Meeting invites had already been circulated to Members.

It was noted that the Summer Term meeting would now be scheduled to start at the earlier time of 1pm due to pupils' attendance at the meeting, and an updated invite would be circulated following the meeting.

Caerphilly SAC on RVE noted the details of the schedule of meetings update.

**10. FEEDBACK FROM THE VIRTUAL WASACRE AUTUMN TERM MEETING HOSTED BY RHONDDA CYNON TAFF ON 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023.**

Ms Hayley Jones (EAS Curriculum Partner - SACs and RVE) referred Members to the minutes from the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023, which were included in the agenda pack.

Caerphilly SAC on RVE noted the details of the update.

**11. FEEDBACK FROM THE VIRTUAL WASACRE SPRING TERM MEETING HOSTED BY CARMARTHENSHIRE ON 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024 (VERBAL UPDATE).**

Ms Hayley Jones (EAS Curriculum Partner - SACs and RVE) advised Members of the conference to be held in July at Wrexham and would circulate a link to Members who wished to join sessions remotely.

Caerphilly SAC on RVE noted the details of the update.

**12. EXECUTIVE VOTING 2024 – WASACRE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS (VERBAL UPDATE).**

The Chair introduced this item and noted that no Member of Caerphilly SAC on RVE wished to be nominated for the WASACRE Executive Committee Elections.

Caerphilly SAC on RVE noted the details of the update.

The Chair thanked all attendees for their participation.

The meeting closed at 4.25 pm.

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> June 2024.

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CHAIR