

Time commenced - 7.35 pm  
Time finished - 9.00pm

## **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2004**

Present:

### **Committee A**

Arshid Rafiq (Islamic Faith)  
Raj Bali (Hindu Faith)  
Phil Royle (Methodist Church)  
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon (Sikh Faith)  
Mair Bradley (United Reformed Church)  
Ruth Dolby (Jewish Faith)  
Maryam Djavid (Bahai Faith)

### **Committee B (Church of England)**

Rosemary Wibberley  
Viv Lawrence  
Alison Brown  
Anne Johns

### **Committee C**

Joan Hodgkinson (NUT)  
David Nichols (SHA)  
Marilyn French (NASUWT)

### **Committee D**

Councillor Smalley  
Councillor Turner  
Councillor Wynn

### **Co-opted Members**

Eileen Fry (Multi Faith Centre)

### **Apologies**

Kate McRae (NAHT)  
Joan Price (Pentecostal Church)  
Wendy Jordan (Salvation Army)  
Rev Roy Ninkovic (Serbian Orthodox Church)  
Mohammed Riaz (Islamic Faith)

01/04      Appointment of Chair

**Resolved to appoint Councillor Turner as Chair for the ensuing year.**

## 02/04 Vice Chair

**Resolved to appoint Mair Bradley as Vice Chair for the ensuing year.**

## 03/04 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

## 04/04 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 05/04 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8 June 2004

The minutes of the SACRE meeting held on 8 June 2004 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments.

### **Collective Worship in Schools - Minute no 46/03 refers**

Remove the word 'secular' from the fifth paragraph.

## 06/04 Matters Arising

**SACRE representation and Derby City Faith Forum and Council of Faith**  
Eileen Fry would speak to a representative from the Council of Faith to check whether it was possible for SACRE to receive the minutes.

## 07/04 Brief on the Multi-Faith Centre

Eileen Fry gave members of SACRE a tour of the Multifaith Centre which had been opened for two and a half months. The centre was used by people from all faiths and included reading rooms, a meditation room and three meeting/worship rooms.

## 08/04 Presentation on Sikhism by Hardial Dhillon

The Council received a presentation from Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon, on the Sikh Faith detailing the history and meaning of Sikhism.

The Chair thanked Dr Dhillon for his informative presentation.

## 09/04 Determinations

SACRE considered applications for exemption from broadly Christian collective worship from Peartree Infant School, Peartree Junior School, Dale Primary School, Hardwick Primary School, Arboretum Primary School and Rosehill Infant School.

**To approve the applications for determination from Peartree Infant School, Peartree Junior School, Dale Primary School, Hardwick Primary School, Arboretum Primary School and Rosehill Infant School with effect from the expiry of the existing determination - 31 July 2004.**

## 10/04 Annual SACRE Report 2003/04

Graham Falgate advised that the SACRE report was produced each year and was sent to the Secretary of State via the QCA. Colleagues have been asked to provide information to be included in the 2003/4 report. During this academic year 15 schools have been inspected and these reports will be included in the report. Graham asked for volunteers from SACRE to proof read the report.

**Agreed that Councillor Wynn, Maryam Djavid and Ruth Dolby would volunteer to proofread the report.**

## 11/04 Faith in Young People

Members discussed a booklet published by the interface network for the UK, which looked at young people and faith issues. The guide was designed to engage young people in building bridges of respect and understanding between people of different faiths and beliefs. The guide contained good practice examples from around the UK. It was primarily designed for young people but would be of interest to those working in youth service provision and on community issues.

Members agreed that this booklet should be available to schools in Derby. Graham Falgate was asked to make enquires to see if an order could be placed to provide 2 or 3 copies per secondary school, which could be sent out with the school circular. The publication could also be found on the internet at [ifnet@intersaith.orb.uk](mailto:ifnet@intersaith.orb.uk).

Graham Falgate advised that he had met with a representative from Bradford City Council who had been involved in setting up a Youth SACRE. In the first year it had been very successful, during the second year 15 people were members, and in the third year they had 10 members. It has been very difficult to get a sustained group of young people. They had approached schools with a good RE Department for members of the Youth SACRE.

Graham advised that in Derby we already had a youth forum, which was a multi faith and multi ethnic body, and perhaps they could be encouraged to receive items from SACRE.

Eileen Fry advised that she would be interested in talking to the Youth Forum and interested in working with them, as there was funding available. It was agreed that Graham Falgate would approach the Derby Youth Forum asking if members of SACRE could visit and discuss SACRE with them. Marilyn French volunteered to attend a meeting of the Derby Youth Forum with Graham Falgate.

## 12/04 Spirited Arts Competition

Graham Falgate informed members that a competition was being held for this school year, titled "Art in Religion, Religion in Art competition 2005", which would be opened to all schools in the city. Details of the competition could be found on the Council's website. The deadline for entries for the competition was Friday 29 April 2005.

## 13/04 QCA Conference for SACRE

Graham Falgate asked for members to nominate someone to represent the Derby City SACRE at the QCA conference in York on 7 December or London on 9 December 2004.

**Agreed to nominate Arshid Rafiq as a representative for Derby City SACRE at the QCA conference.**

## 14/04 SACRE Representatives on Derby City Faith Forum and Council of Faiths

Graham Falgate advised that SACRE needed to nominate a representative to sit on the Derby City Faith Forum and Council of Faiths as an observer.

Eileen Fry commented that the Council had met on three occasions and the Multifaith centre attended as an observer. The Council looked at how faith had worked together in the future.

Ruth Dolby and Councillor Wynn volunteered to attend meetings of the Derby City Faith Forum and Council of Faiths as representatives of the Derby SACRE.

## 15/04      Feedback from NASACRE Annual General Meeting – AGM

Marilyn French reported on the NASACRE AGM, which took place on 20 April 2004. She advised that the agenda for the day was full, which included reports from officials, nominations from the Executive Committee and news from QCA delivered by Graham Langtree.

One of the recommendations from the AGM was that teachers be trained in Religious Education.

Graham Langtree placed the inter-faith work of local SACRE's but queried the effectiveness of them in challenging the RE provision in schools. He suggested that this important aspect of SACRE work might be hindered by lack of funding. He clearly stated that QCA would like to work towards nationally agreed standards and entitlements for RE.

The Chair thanked Marilyn for her presentation and for representing the Derby City SACRE at the NASACRE AGM.

## 16/04      Islam: Truly a Great Religion

Arshid Rafiq distributed a copy of his book Islam: Truly a Great Religion, to members of the SACRE. Members commented on the excellent work that Arshid had put in to producing this publication. Graham Falgate suggested that this was an excellent educational tool for use in schools. Arshid advised that three copies had been distributed to each secondary school in the city.

The Chair thanked Arshid for producing this publication and providing copies to Members and local schools.

## 17/04      Arrangements for Future Meetings and Dates for Chair's Briefing Meetings

The following dates were agreed for 2005:

Tuesday 8 February 2005  
Wednesday 8 June 2005

Meetings to commence at 7.30pm at the Multi-Faith Centre, Kedleston Road, Derby.

Chairs briefings to be held on:

Tuesday 25 January 2005 and Wednesday 18 May 2005 both to start at 3pm at the Council House.

18/04      Any Other Business

**Jewish Faith**

Ruth Dolby advised that she had been asked by Grampian Primary School in Sinfin to teach three classes on Judaism. She had received information from ? if anyone was interested she could forward the contact details.

MINUTES END