

Time commenced - 7.30 pm
Time finished - 8.50 pm

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2005**

Present: **Committee A**
Reverend Mair Bradley (United Reformed Church)
Maryam Djavid (Bahai Faith)
Arshid Rafiq (Islamic Faith - Jamia Mosque)
Ruth Dolby (Jewish Faith)
Wendy Jordan (Salvation Army)
Phil Royle (Methodist Church)
Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon (Sikh Faith)
Reverend Roy Ninkovic (Serbian Orthodox Church)
Joan Price (Pentecostal Church)

Committee B (Church of England)
Alison Brown
Anne Johns
Viv Lawrence

Committee C (Teachers' Associations)
David Nicholls (SHA)
Joan Hodgkinson (NUT)
Marilyn French (NASUWT)

Committee D (Local Education Authority)
Councillor Turner
Councillor Wynn

Apologies
Councillor Smalley
Councillor Hird
Councillor Higginbottom
Raj Bali (Hindu Faith)
Kate McCrea (NAHT)
Rosemary Wibberely (Church of England)

01/05 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

The Chair introduced the following late item

**AGM of the Regional Forum of Faiths – Report from Councillor Wynn,
Minute Number 09/05.**

02/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

03/05 Minutes

The minutes of the SACRE meeting held on 8 February 2005 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

04/05 Matters Arising

Minute Number 32/04

Welsh Joint Examining Board

Phil Royal updated the Committee that three days after the last meeting the examining board relented and videos were sent off to the examining board from Deaf children for their RE GCSE.

Restricted Access for Children in Wheelchairs to Religious Buildings

Graham Falgate reported that he had spoken to the community involved and was advised that there wasn't a problem with children in wheelchairs having access to certain areas of religious buildings, although this was something to be vigilant about. Graham advised that this could perhaps be an issue needing internal clarity within communities and needed to be addressed.

05/05 Proposal to Derby SACRE for a Bid to NASACRE for Funding

Members received a presentation from Ann Johns and Paul Johns, who was a representative of a group called Sana, a group working with Bosnian people to re-build communities after the war. Sana was a charity that was firmly based in multicultural and multi-faith sounding principals. One of it's projects was the twinning of schools in Bosnia and England, with eight such twinings already firmly and successfully in place, and a ninth in preparation. Two of these were in Derby schools – Derby Moor Community Sports College and Leesbrook Community Sports College, who were twinned with schools in Banovici and Maglaj. The project was developed in three phases. The identification and introduction of schools to each other, the development of communication between individual pupils and staff, and promoting and extending the partnership scheme.

The grant from NASACRE would go to specific partnership activity, especially pupil and teacher exchanges, supported by agreed criteria and expected outcomes. It was noted that pupils themselves, with the co-operation of their teachers in schools were already considering how they may also raise funds for this.

Initial teacher exchanges were funded by the British Council and Sana. Sana had also received a £15,000 donation from the Bishop of Southwark's Lenten appeal which made it possible for the project to expand from the initial two or three to the current nine twinning. The oversight of the project continued to rest with Sana and a consultant identified to oversee the project would be Maggie Tennant, Sana's School and Education Manager, who had developed the scheme from its inception.

Members thought that this was an interesting idea and would want to support this scheme if other more suitable ideas were not brought forward for Derby SACRE to consider supporting.

Resolved that Members bring proposals for other projects to be considered for recommendation to NASACRE for support funding, at the development day in September. If further schemes were not brought forward then SACRE would support this scheme from Sana.

06/05 Feedback from the NASACRE Annual General Meeting

Members considered a report from Alison Brown who attended the NASACRE Annual General Meeting on behalf of Derby SACRE. Alison's report gave a brief overview of the meeting. Graham Falgate advised that some of the issues raised in the report discussed by Graham Langtree at the Meeting would be used for part of the development day in September.

Resolved to note the report.

07/05 SACRE Development Day 24 September 2005

Graham Falgate confirmed that the SACRE development day would take place on Saturday 24 September 2005 at the Catalyst Centre on London Road, Derby. He distributed to members a self evaluation document to be completed on the day. Members suggested the following for consideration on the day:

- Interfaith dialogue
- the differences between assemblies and collective worship
- displays from faith groups.

08/05 Feedback from the Judaic SACRE meeting

Members considered a report from Ruth Dolby about the Jewish SACRE annual conference that she attended on 22 May 2005. The report gave an overview of the contents of the conference.

Ruth advised that she would fully recommend the Holocaust training programme if any schools would be interested in attending. Graham Falgate

asked that Ruth send details on the training to him and he would include it in the next RE newsletter which is distributed to all schools.

09/05 Annual General Meeting of the Regional Forum of Faiths

Councillor Wynn advised that he attended the Annual General Meeting of the Faith Forum East Midlands. Councillor Wynn advised that although he was familiar with the Derby Faith Forum, he had never had any involvement in the East Midlands Regional Faith Forum. He did not find the regional meeting of much benefit to SACRE but would continue to attend the Derby Faith Forum meetings on behalf of Derby SACRE.

10/05 Arrangements for Future Meetings

Members were advised that the next meeting of Derby SACRE would be held on Thursday 24 November 2005 at 7.30 pm and the following meeting on Wednesday 15 February 2006 at 7.30 pm. Both meetings would be held at the Multi Faith Centre.

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