

Time commenced - 7.20pm  
Time finished - 8.20pm

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
10 NOVEMBER 2009**

**Present: Committee A (Christianity and Other World Faiths)**

Rev Mrs Mair Bradley (United Reformed Church)  
Raj Bali (Hindu Faith)  
Arshid Rafiq (Islamic Faith)  
Ruth Dolby (Jewish Faith)  
Wendy Jordan (Salvation Army)  
Phil Royle (Methodist Church)

**Committee B (Church of England)**

Viv Lawrence

**Committee C (Teachers' Associations)**

Kate McRae (NAHT)

**Committee D (Local Authority)**

Councillor Higginbottom (Chair)

**Co-opted Members**

Laura Connolly (The Open Centre)  
Jacq Dobson (Derbyshire Pagans)

**Also present**

Jane Oldershaw (ATL)

**15/09 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Care and Councillor F Khan, Dr Hardial Singh Dhillon, David Ginns, Alison Brown, Maxine Bull, Dr Phil Henry and Mike Lake.

**16/09 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

**17/09 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **18/09      Minutes of the Inquorate meetings Held on 16 March 2009 & 2 July 2009**

The minutes of the meetings held on 16 March 2009 and 2 July 2009 could not be confirmed by SACRE as the meeting was again inquorate.

Agreed that a letter be sent to all members encouraging to attend future meetings.

## **19/09      Presentation by The Open Centre**

Laura Connolly updated SACRE on the situation with the Open Centre. It was reported the short-term lease at the St James Centre, in Malcolm Street, had two to three years remaining but that the location was not ideal as parents and children struggled to get to it. The rent to lease the room had increased but as the room was smaller the number of children accommodated had decreased. It was reported that the Open Centre accommodated 10,000 children last year.

The meeting was informed that the centre was working with consultants with a view to identifying a permanent location on Normanton Road. The process was expected to take two years to complete. Applications for funding had been made to Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council.

Laura Connolly also informed SACRE of the Twilight events, which were free to everyone and were designed to encourage children, young people, parents and teachers to learn about different faiths, communities and cultures through workshops, presentations and discussions.

## **20/09      SACRE Action Plan 2009 - 2012**

Graham Falgate asked SACRE to think about ideas for the new action plan to prepare for the new syllabus. It was suggested that the last action plan be used as a starting point.

Agreed to hold an event to assist this at 1pm on Saturday 6 February 2010, at a central venue to be confirmed.

## **21/09      Annual SACRE Report**

Graham Falgate informed SACRE that the annual report was yet to be submitted to schools as it required approval by SACRE and the Secretary of State. All GCSE and A-Level results would be attached to the appendix.

All SACRE members present were happy with the report.

## **22/09      Vacancies on SACRE**

Graham Falgate informed SACRE that Jane Oldershaw (ATL) and Dr Phil Henry (Multi Faith Centre) needed to be confirmed and approved by Full Council.

Other vacancies included Afro-Caribbean Council of Churches, Bahai Faith, Sikh Faith, NASUWT and Baptist Faith, although it was reported that a potential candidate for the latter had been identified.

Agreed for Graham Falgate to investigate and report back on possibility of changing quorum for SACRE to avoid repeated instances of the meeting being inquorate.

Agreed that SACRE members would henceforward be able to give apologies retrospectively within a few days by advising the Constitutional Services Officer.

## **23/09 SACRE website**

Graham Falgate reported that colleagues within the council's IT section were looking to transfer information on to the council website with a link from the existing Children and Young People's Services Religious Education website.

Noted and agreed that arrangements would be confirmed at a future meeting.

## **24/09 Holocaust Memorial Day/Week events 2010**

SACRE were reminded that the memorial day was scheduled for 27 January 2010 and that the Quad was booked. The programme, from 7.45pm to 9.45pm, included a talk from a Holocaust survivor and a film.

SACRE were informed that a Multi Faith Worship was planned at the Cathedral, from 6pm to 6.45pm.

## **25/09 Any other business**

There were no items.

## **26/09 Date of the next meeting**

Agreed that the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 10 March 2010 at the Multi Faith Centre, and that the subsequent meeting would take place on Tuesday 22 June 2010 at the same venue.

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