

Time commenced - 7.30 pm  
Time finished - 9.10pm

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION  
16 NOVEMBER 2006**

Present: **Committee A**  
Rev Mair Bradley (United Reformed Church)  
Wendy Jordan (Salvation Army)  
Joan Price (Pentecostal Church)  
Ruth Dolby (Jewish Faith)  
Lucy Care (Religious Society of Friends)  
Maryam Djavid (Bahai Faith)  
Debra Perry (Bahai Faith)

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

**Committee C (Teachers' Associations)**  
Joan Hodgkinson (NUT)  
Kate McRae (NAHT)

**Committee D (Local Education Authority)**  
Councillor Ginns  
Councillor Higginbottom

**Apologies**  
Councillors Bolton and Khan (Local Education Authority)  
Phil Royle (Methodist Church)  
Rev Roy Ninkovic (Serbian Orthodox Church)  
Raj Bali (Hindu Faith)  
Hardial Singh Dhillon (Sikh Faith)  
Marilyn French (NASUWT)  
Rosemary Wibberley (Church of England)  
Eileen Fry (Co-opted member)

**12/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

**13/06 Declarations of Interest**

Name	Type of Interest	Reason
Councillor Higginbottom	Personal	Vice Chair of Governors – Ashgate Primary School

		Governor – Brackensdale Junior School
Kate McRae	Personal	Head Teacher – Griffield Primary School
Anne Johns	Personal	Previously employed as the Education and Visitors Officer at Derby Cathedral

## 14/06 Minutes

The minutes of the SACRE meeting held 13 June 2006 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair subject to the following amendment:

To include Joan Hodgkinson in the list of those present at the meeting.

## 15/06 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## 16/06 SACRE Action Plan

### **Standards and Achievements**

SACRE received a presentation from Christine Smith, Head of RE at Chellaston School. The presentation focused on the transition from primary to secondary school, and achievement and attainment at Chellaston School.

**Resolved to note the presentation.**

### **Recruitment and Retention – Analysis of Secondary School Questionnaire**

Graham Falgate distributed the results of the recruitment and retention questionnaire that had been sent out to secondary schools. Nine out of a possible 13 schools had responded.

**Resolved to note the results of the questionnaire.**

## 17/06 Arrangements for SACRE Meetings

Graham Falgate, Education Officer, asked members to consider the usefulness of having a pre-meeting half an hour before the SACRE meeting.

Generally members felt that this time was useful to discuss any issues that were highlighted as this saved time on discussion during the meeting. This time was also useful to talk to other members on other issues and was an informal opportunity to get to know people.

Councillor Higginbottom suggested having an informal 7.00pm start for those members who wished to use this time. If there were any particular issues to discuss these could be highlighted on the agenda for discussion in groups before the meeting.

## **18/06      Concerns for Community Cohesion and Support for SACRE Members**

Mair Bradley stated that she was concerned that every time she turned on her television she saw conflict between different faiths. She asked if it would be appropriate for SACRE to put out an affirmation stating that there was such a lot to gain through recognising differences and there were benefits to be gained through appreciating and sharing each others faiths.

Lucy Care added that the vast majority of people in Derby would not know what SACRE is or does. Kate McRae suggested that it might be useful to speak to the Derby Telegraph to ask them to write a popularist piece on religious education and SACRE which might capture parent's interest.

Maryam Djavid suggested that the message could be put across the message that SACRE sit as a group and that by sitting together members respect and understand each other.

Lucy Care added that it was also important to get across younger people's message.

Maryam suggested having an annual SACRE award for schools – perhaps for most improvement. Councillor Care commented that the Mayor could present such an award at the annual council meeting.

### **Resolved**

- 1. To ask Graham Falgate, Education Officer, to look at opportunities that would be media friendly to highlight the work of SACRE and to consider a draft at the next meeting**
- 2. To ask Graham Falgate, Education Officer, to consider the development of an Annual SACRE award and to receive a draft report at the next meeting.**

## **19/06      Annual SACRE Report**

Graham Falgate, Education Officer, advised that the Annual SACRE report needed to be sent to the Secretary of State in January 2007. Graham encouraged members to submit an article about faith, their views of Religious Education, views on SACRE or the body they represent for inclusion in the report. He also asked that anyone that had been on an official course to provide written feedback.

## 20/06 Arrangements for Holocaust Memorial Week/Day

Graham Falgate, Education Officer, advised members that the Holocaust Memorial Day would be held Thursday 25 January 2007 as the day itself fell on the Sabbath – 27 January - there had been a view nationally that events would be brought forward. The main event would be a multicultural service at the Cathedral at 6.00pm and after in the Darwin Suite at the Assembly Rooms. There would also be a stone laying ceremony at Bridge Street Chapel on 27 January 2007.

The next meeting of the working group would take place during week commencing 20 November 2006.

Councillor Higginbottom asked that information on the events taking place be sent to members. Graham Falgate advised that he would ask the Civic Services department to provide information to be sent to members.

Ruth Dolby advised members that a service would be taking place at 11.00am in Lloyd Street, Nottingham, to celebrate the two survivors from Auschwitz and to remember children that lost their lives. Any member wishing to attend should contact Ruth Dolby.

## 21/06 Correspondence

Members received details of correspondence received since the last meeting relevant to SACRE.

### **Child Protection in Places of Worship**

Graham Falgate, Education Officer, suggested that members might want to discuss this issue in more detail at a future meeting. Mair Bradley added that the Methodist church had produced leaflets on this issue and she could supply copies of these for members.

**Resolved to consider this issue at a future meeting.**

### **The future of school visits at Derby Cathedral**

Anne Johns advised members that at the last SACRE she was under notice of redundancy and had been told that school visits would end. A letter was sent to the Cathedral from SACRE voicing members concerns about this. The Cathedral then realised that they could not stop school visits. By the Autumn term volunteers had organised themselves as a stand alone team. Only three school visits had been cancelled and the Cathedral day had had to be cancelled. All other visits had taken place. The number of school visits would have to be reduced and there would have to be a maximum number of visits per year.

It was suggested that SACRE may wish to invite a representative from the Cathedral to reassure SACRE. Anne recommended inviting one of the volunteers.

**Resolved to monitor the attendance of Derby City Schools using Derby Cathedral and possibly invite in the future a representative of the Cathedral to a SACRE meeting to discuss school visits.**

## **22/06 Any Other Business**

### **Rwandan Theatre Company**

Members were advised that a Theatre Company from Rwanda would be visiting Derby on 5 December at 7.30pm at Derby University – Mickleover campus.

### **Mayors Citizenship Assemblies**

Members were advised that the Mayor had made a commitment to try and visit each School during his Mayoralty to give an assembly on citizenship with a religious theme. Schools were being encouraged to complete an evaluation of these visits. Feedback so far had been very positive.

## **23/06 Arrangements for the Next Meeting**

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held at the Multi faith Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6 February 2007.

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