

Time commenced - 7.30 pm
Time finished - 9.20 pm

**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
24 NOVEMBER 2005**

Present: **Committee A**
Reverend Mair Bradley (United Reformed Church)
Maryam Djavid (Bahai Faith)
Arshid Rafiq (Islamic Faith - Jamia Mosque)
Phil Royle (Methodist Church)
Reverend Roy Ninkovic (Serbian Orthodox Church)
Joan Price (Pentecostal Church)
Raj Bali (Hindu Faith)

Committee B (Church of England)
Alison Brown
Anne Johns

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

Committee D (Local Education Authority)
Councillor Turner
Councillor Higginbottom

Co-opted Members
Eileen Fry (Multi Faith Centre)

Apologies
Councillor Smalley
Councillor Wynn
Councillor Hird
Ruth Dolby (Jewish Faith)
Rosemary Wibberely (Church of England)
David Nicholls (SHA)
Marilyn French (NASUWT)
Viv Lawrence (Church of England)
Wendy Jordan (Salvation Army)

11/05 Appointment of Chair

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

12/05 Appointment of Vice Chair

Resolved to appoint Anne Johns as Vice Chair for the ensuing municipal year.

13/05 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

The Chair introduced the following late item

Presentation from the Bahai Faith Representative – Minute Number 17/05

14/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

15/05 Minutes

The minutes of the SACRE meeting held on 8 June 2005 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the following amendments:

To include Eileen Fry (Multi Faith Centre) in the list of apologies.

16/05 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

17/05 Presentation from the Bahai Faith Representative

Maryam Djavid introduced members to Poppy, Ellie and Dave who were younger members of the Bahai Faith. Poppy and Ellie performed a song relating to the main beliefs of the Bahai Faith. Dave presented a short film on the principles of the Bahai Faith. Following the informative presentation questions were answered regarding the history of the faith.

The Chair thanked Maryam, Poppy, Ellie and Dave for their moving and informative presentation.

18/05 Resignations and Vacancies

It was reported that notice of resignation had been received from Tarsem Singh Bhogal who had represented the Sikh community on the SACRE for a number of years. His nominated replacement was Mr Mohan Singh Manku.

Members were advised that the following vacancies existed:

- Baptist Church
- Catholic Diocese
- Buddhist faith

Resolved

- 1. to recommend that Council approve the appointment of Mr Mohan Singh Manku as the Sikh representative on SACRE for a four year term.**
- 2. to contact the Baptist Church, Catholic Diocese and the Buddhist Faith asking if they wish to provide a representative to represent their group on SACRE.**

19/05 SACRE Bid to NASACRE for Funding

The SACRE were asked to consider whether to support the proposal from Sana for submission as the bid for NASACRE funding.

It was suggested that Sana could also look into applying for funding from the Council through the Community Grants budget or through the Area Panels.

Eileen Fry added that Sana could hold an event at the Multi Faith Centre free of charge, which could be classed as match funding in kind.

Resolved to support the bid for funding from NASACRE and to consider the final bid document at the next meeting.

20/05 SACRE Development Day: Self Evaluation Outcomes

Graham Falgate advised that the Development Day that was held on 24 September had been a success. 14 members had attended the session. On the day members expressed an overwhelming desire to create opportunities for SACRE members to get to know each other.

The outcomes of the self evaluation were considered and the Key Priorities were discussed and the order that each would be looked at was determined. The action that needed to be taken was noted against each Key Priority.

Resolved to consider issues that need addressing and formulate an action plan for each issue at future meetings.

21/05 Preparation of Annual SACRE Report 2004/5

Graham Falgate advised that each year local authorities produced an annual report. This years report needed to be submitted to the Secretary of State by the 31 December 2005. Members were advised that reports from any Conferences they had attended in the last academic year would be included in the report.

Graham advised that a volunteers were needed to scrutinise the last academic years OfSTED reports.

Resolved to set up a working party comprising of Councillor Higginbottom, Phil Royle, Arshid Rafiq and Eileen Fry, who would meet to discuss their findings with Graham Falgate.

22/05 SACRE Members Contact and Networking Arrangements

Members were asked to provide the clerk with their email addresses. This would enable the clerk to forward information received from groups about events taking place.

23/05 NASACRE Conference

Resolved to nominate Maryam Djauid to represent Derby City SACRE at the NASACRE Conference on 6 December 2005.

24/05 Any Other Business

Graham Falgate advised that the event organised by Alison Brown, to bring together Derby Church Schools had been a great success.

It was suggested that at the next meeting the Council should give a presentation to SACRE.

25/05 Arrangements for Future Meetings

Members were advised that the next meeting of Derby SACRE would be held on Wednesday 15 February 2006 at 7.30 pm and the following meeting on Tuesday 13 June 2006 at 7.30 pm. Both meetings would be held at the Multi Faith Centre.

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