

Time commenced - 7.30 pm
Time finished - 9.45 pm

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 19 NOVEMBER 2007

Present:

Committee A

Raj Bali (Hindu Faith)
Rev Mair Bradley (United Reformed Church)
Ruth Dolby (Jewish Faith)
Wendy Jordan (Salvation Army)
Rev Roy Ninkovic (Serbian Orthodox Church)
Debra Perry (Bahai Faith)
Joan Price (Pentecostal Church)
Phil Royle (Methodist Church)
David Ginns (Buddhist Faith)

Committee B (Church of England)

Alison Brown
Viv Lawrence
Rosemary Wibberley

Committee C (Teachers' Associations)

Kate McRae (NAHT)
Joan Hodgkinson (NUT)

Committee D (Local Authority)

Councillor Ginns
Councillor Higginbottom
Councillor Turner

Co-opted Members

John Hey (representing the Open Centre)
Mike Lake (British Humanist Association)
Carrie Edwards (Multi Faith Centre)

Apologies

Lucy Care (Religious Society of Friends)
Councillor R Khan (Local Authority)
Mr Mohan Singh Manku (Sikh Faith)
Councillor Willoughby (Local Authority)

01/07 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair for the
2007/08 Municipal Year

Resolved to appoint Councillor Higginbottom as Chair and David Nichols as Vice Chair for the ensuing municipal year.

02/07 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/07 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

04/07 Presentation by Member of the Buddhist Faith

The SACRE received a presentation from David Ginns about Buddhism and showed a video.

Members thanked David for his presentation.

05/07 Minutes

The minutes of the SACRE meeting held on 21 May 2007 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

06/07 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

07/07 Correspondence

Graham Falgate, Education Officer, reminded the members of SACRE that the RE newsletter Autumn Term 2007 had been circulated previously. He also presented a guidance document on the duty to promote community cohesion.

Agreed to note the correspondence.

08/07 Child Protection Issues in Places of Worship

The SACRE received an update report from Mark Sobey, DSCB Policy Officer, on progress with the safeguarding children in places of worship guidance.

Resolved to note the report and ask Mark Sobey to attend the next meeting to provide a further progress report.

09/07 A SACRE website

Mike Lake, British Humanist Association demonstrated a possible design for a Derby SACRE website. He told the SACRE that he had purchased the website name www.DerbySACRE.org and was happy to donate this to the SACRE.

Some concern was expressed by members of SACRE that a website would create additional work for Graham Falgate, Education Officer. Concerns were also raised about the IT support and supervision of the site's content.

It was suggested that a working group be formed to discuss these issues with Graham before the next meeting. Ruth Dolby, Rev Mair Bradley, Viv Lawrence, Carrie Edwards and Councillor Robin Turner offered to form the working group.

Resolved to

- 1. thank Mike for his work on the demonstration**
- 2. ask the people listed above to meet with Graham Falgate, Education Officer, to discuss the development of the website before the next meeting.**

10/07 SACRE Action Plan

Resolved to note the action plan.

11/07 Annual SACRE Award - Update

Graham Falgate, Education Officer, informed the meeting that three schools had expressed an interest in the Annual SACRE award and said that he would bring a further update to the next meeting.

Resolved to note the update.

12/07 Holocaust Memorial Events in Derby 2008

Members of SACRE were invited to mark the Annual Holocaust Memorial Event in Derby. The SACRE was informed that the civic day would be held on Monday 28 January 2008 at 6.15pm in Derby Cathedral followed by a reception at the Assembly Rooms.

Further details would be sent to members of the SACRE via the clerk.

Resolved to note the information.

13/07 A National Strategy for Religious Education

The SACRE received a copy of the Government's draft proposals on a national strategy for religious education. Graham Falgate, Education Officer, informed the meeting that it was unlikely this strategy would be pursued since the change of Prime Minister earlier in 2007.

14/07 Operation Christmas Child

Graham Falgate, Education Officer, informed SACRE that he had been approached by a school for advice on whether to support the Operation Christmas Child campaign as they had heard that some parcels had been opened prior to sending and extremist Christian literature included.

Some members of SACRE expressed surprise and concern to hear these claims, but agreed that it was not within their remit to tell schools whether to support the campaign or not. However they agreed that schools should be advised to consider other similar campaigns before deciding whether to support it.

Resolved to ask Graham Falgate to pass the SACRE's advice to Derby schools.

15/07 Request to join Derby SACRE from Derbyshire Pagans

Members of SACRE were asked to consider the appointment of Jacqueline Dobson as a co-opted member representing Derby Pagans.

Resolved to invite Jacqueline Dobson to attend the next meeting to give a presentation on Paganism.

16/07 Any Other Business

Graham Falgate, Education Officer, asked members to send him items for the newsletter by Christmas.

The SACRE noted:

- Anne Johns' resignation.
- Kate Tippen's nomination as a representative of the Roman Catholic Faith

Resolved to

1. Thank Anne for her contribution

- 2. recommend that Council appoint Kate Tippen Roman Catholic Faith, for a four year term.**

17/07 Arrangements for Future Meetings

Members were advised of the following dates for future meetings to be held at the Multi Faith Centre at 7.15pm, with a pre-meeting at 6.45pm:

- Tuesday 12 February 2008
- Wednesday 7 May 2008

MINUTES END