

**Bath and North East Somerset  
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education  
Minutes for the meeting held at The Newton Annex  
Bath Spa University  
Wednesday 19 January 2010  
7.15 – 9.00 pm**

**Present:**

**Christian Denominations and other Religions Committee**

Jane O'Hara	Baha'i
Gary Webber	Jewish
Anne Bancroft	Buddhist

**Church of England Committee**

Kevin Tingay  
David Williams

**Teachers' Committee**

Dave Campbell	Somervale School (Chair)
Mary Dadley	NUT
Margaret West	ATL
Sylvia Such	NAHT
Anne Hewitt	Norton Radstock Cluster

**Local Authority Committee**

**Co-opted members**

Denise Cush                      Bath Spa University

**In attendance**

Fred Ward                      Clerk

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Apologies were received from: Mukhtiar Singh Gill, Neil Baker, Mike Wilkinson, Sue Rodfford, Tony Bradley, Anne Hutton and Yvonne Aburrow

**2. Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 7 October 2009 were approved..

**3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4. SACRE Developments**

a) Resource Centre

Neil Baker reported in writing that he had shown the resources to teachers who attended the Primary and Secondary in-service courses held in early October 2009. Gary Weber and Anne Bancroft agreed to look into finding representatives who would be able to talk to teachers about the specific resources held for their religions. It would be then possible to organise and fund a half day event before the end of this financial year to promote the resources and possibly link this to some discussion about the new government guidance due to be published on 28 January 2010.

**ACTION**

The Clerk will liaise with these two members and seek a date that is convenient to both the school and prospective contributors; he will then recruit for the session by targeting specific schools.

b) Website

Unfortunately, Tony Bradley could not be present so his report will be deferred to the next meeting.

c) Training and development

The chair circulated his report and discussion centred on: VI Form Conference 2010 when contributions from SACRE members would be much appreciated – a planning group is meeting on 25 February 2010; the NASACRE free training event in Bristol on 1 February 2010; the forthcoming government guidance on Religious Education due on 28 January 2010; the Bi-national celebration of Religious Education in 2011.  
ACTION

Gary Webber indicated he would consider attending the Bristol free training event. The Clerk will attend the London briefing on the new guidance on 24 March 2010.

### **5. SACRE Development Plan**

The development Plan was updated to reflect recent decisions; a new draft will be circulated before the next meeting.

### **6. Locally Agreed Syllabus developments**

The chair attended a Somerset SACRE meeting on 22 October 2009 where it was proposed that local SACREs joined with others to participate in a national initiative to produce a collaborative Agreed Syllabus. A further meeting, to be attended by Kevin Tingay and David Williams is being held on 28 January 2010.

ACTION

It was agreed that Bath & NES SACRE would join in this initiative and Kevin Tingay will inform the planned meeting.

### **7. Finance**

The revised spending plans were agreed, namely to support the planned primary half day on promoting the resource centre.

ACTION

The Development Plan will be updated.

### **8. National developments**

Denise Cush circulated brief notes and discussion centred on: the forthcoming OFSTED long report on religious education, due early 2010.

### **9. Any other business**

- Jane O'Hara reported that the job description of the Faith Development Worker was being drawn up.

- Kevin Tingay reported he was retiring in April 2010. Members expressed their great appreciation for his contribution to SACRE.

ACTION

David Williams will inform the Clerk of Kevin Tingay's replacement.

-Anne Bancroft also reported her resignation and is seeking a replacement. Members also thanked her for her support and advice.

### **10. Next meeting**

The next meeting will be on 12 May 2010 from 7.15 pm at Bath Spa University.