

East Sussex SACRE
Minutes of meeting held on 17 February 2011
County Hall, Lewes



- Present** Cll Matthew Lock (Chair), Councillor Pat Rodohan, Mr Kevin Fossey, Ms Ros Gillies, Mr Martyn Relf, Father David Smith, Mrs Rebecca Stutters, , Dr Brenda Vance, Dr Derek Bastide , Mr Martin Lloyd Mrs Pat Lock, Ms Jill Bell, Mr Andrew Jervis Mr Mike Rundle
- Also Attended** Margaret Cutting (Clerk), Lilian Weatherley (Advisor to SACRE), Lesley Wickham (LA Advisor) and George Jelliss (Humanist Observer)

1 Business Meeting

- 1.1 **Apologies had been received from:** Councillor Trevor Webb Councillor Brian Gadd, Councillor Richard Stogdon, Revd Martin Batstone, Mr Ashwin Soni, Dr Paul Kitchenham, Mr John Court, Mr Bev Devaux
- 1.2 **A Reflection** was given by Rebecca Stutters

2 Minutes of previous meetings

- 2.1
 - Minutes of the meeting of the meeting of 15 November 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

2.2 Matters arising

- Item 7. Lesley Wickham advised that she would be meeting with Headteachers next term and would bring their reply to the next meeting.
- MC advised that 8 sessions had been arranged to train teachers in the new RE syllabus. The take up by Primary Schools had been very good.

LeW

3 Structural Review – SACRE Constitution and Code of Conduct

- 3.1
 - Members had previously received copies of the East Sussex and Bournemouth Constitutions. LW explained the reasoning behind the size and structure of the Bournemouth constitution, and advised that a working group had been set up to design this.
 - Councillor Lock agreed to take attendance by Councillors back to ESCC.
 - It was agreed that the constitution should be kept to one side of A4.
 - It was agreed that a working group should be set up to look at where the current ES constitution was weak, quorate figures to be included, whether to have substitutes, being realistic regarding the number of members per group needed to be quorate. It should also look at the timing of meetings, supply cover for teachers, the availability of the clerk and accessibility of venue.
 - Councillor Lock, Ros Gillies, Mike Rendle, Father David and Rebecca Stutters agreed to serve on the working group. This will meet on Tuesday 3 May at 10am in County Hall.

Cllr Lock

Action: The group to report back to the next meeting.

4 SACRE Conference Budget

- 4.1
 - There is £3750 remaining in the general SACRE budget.
 - LeW has now been advised that £7k had been allocated for printing the new syllabus. This will be used to print a small number of copies and to burn CDs. Money would also be needed to pay the Isle of Wight for the copyright for the schemes of work which were written by LW.
 - After discussion it was agreed that the material, including part 3 (planning) would be placed onto Czone and onto CD. Hard copies would be printed for schools containing only parts 1 and 2. There would however, be cost implications for this amount of printing. The planning material has been written for use on interactive whiteboards.
 - There is a small amount of money in the core allowance to pay for the copyright. The material has to be adapted because ESCC had asked for 10 faiths to be included in the syllabus. LW was negotiating the cost with the

LW

Isle of Wight.

- It was queried whether the scheme of work would be compatible with the previous Advisor's work. LW felt that this would be. Legally the LA had to provide a syllabus and a scheme of work but in the past this has not happened. It was agreed that this would be a step forward and be easier for schools as the format of the work would be up to date.
- Noted that the £5k suggested for the copyright is the cost of 25 days supply cover for one school and would be good value. This money is for KS1 and 2. KS3 still had to be written and the costs could be offset by selling the copyright for KS3 to the Isle of Wight.
- Cllr Lock advised that he had spoken to Penny Gaunt regarding paying for LW's time after 31 March 2011. PG will be discussing this with LeW. **LeW**
- Discussion took place over the allocation of SACRE budget. Should there be a separate budget for the syllabus? The LA has a statutory obligation to have a SACRE so core funding must be allocated. There is a need to look at the work programme and find ways of going forward. It might be possible to trade training.
- It was agreed that in future budget figures would be presented at the meeting and officers would be held to account.

Action: Budget and accounts to be item at meeting 29 June 2011.

MC/LeW

5 What is the role of RE in assisting areas of social deprivation?

5.1 It was agreed that Cllr Lock would write a letter of thanks to Stephen Lloyd MP for tabling his Early Day Motion. **Cllr Lock**

5.2 Cllr Lock noted that attainment in areas of deprivation was poor. He felt that work around differences could be tackled through religion. Cllr Lock posed a series of questions for thought:

- He wondered whether there were things that could stop abuse happening?
- Was SACRE about qualifications and targets or about social humanities?
- Should it be included in all lessons?
- Could teachers do more with the syllabus?

LW advised that the last government had allocated funding for REsilience to help secondary RE departments deal with difficult issues. The funding had been honoured for November 2010 – March 2011 and schools were being sought to sign up for taster sessions. Mike Rendle (Priory School) agreed to host a session. **MR**

Action MC to liaise with MR and to sent invitations to schools

MC

6 Update on White Paper/E-Bacc

- 6.1
- LW advised that it was a legal requirement for LAs to have a SACRE. The law had not changed despite there being no RE requirement in either the White Paper or the EBacc. The RE Council had been lobbying for either RE to be included in the EBacc or inspected by Ofsted. Concern was expressed that schools would be putting all their efforts into EBacc results and moving RE staff to other roles. It was agreed that social deprivation and radicalisation would increase through ignorance if RE was not taught properly.
 - Agreed that Cllr Lock would write to Michael Gove recommending that RE be part of the EBacc. **Cllr Lock**
 - It was also agreed that Cllr Lock would write to local MPs asking them to support Stephen Lloyd's Early Day Motion. **Cllr Lock**
 - It was suggested that there be a cross curricular RE day in schools in term 1 to raise the profile of the subject.

7 ASC update

- 7.1
- LW advised that after the last working group she had added a glossary on

the 6 major faiths. The syllabus had been checked for Plain English. It was proposed that Section 3 – planning/delivering and assessment would only be available on the CD. It would be easy to continually update the schemes of work via Czone for teachers to upload. Thanks were expressed to schools and others who had provided pictures.

- It was agreed that the partial meander picture should be used for the cover.
- It was agreed that there be a special SACRE on Friday 4 March at 9.30am to be held at Ashburnham Place, Battle to make final amendments to the syllabus. A minimum of 1 member of each constituent committee must vote on the completed syllabus before it can be published.

Action MC to send the latest draft of the syllabus to all SACRE members on 18 February by email. Members are requested to send any amendments to either LW or MC by Tuesday 1 March. These will then be incorporated into a definitive copy to be worked on on 4 March.

MC

Cllr Lock

Action Cllr Lock to check availability of Ashburnham Place

8 **Launch of ASC**

- 8.1
- This has been arranged for 21 March in the Council Chamber, County Hall. Flyer invitations will be distributed to schools during the half term break.
 - MC to liaise with Becky Shaw's PA for the names of those leading prayers before Council and sent invitations
 - MC to invite local MPs

MC

MC

9 **Items to be considered for next meeting**

- 9.1
- Debrief on the launch and training
 - Budget
 - Forward planning
 - Report back from Constitution Working Group, to include whether the Humanist Observer be adopted as a member of SACRE
 - Confirm dates and venues for the following year

10 **Any other Business**

- 10.1
- Reflection Rota – Father David agreed to lead the reflection at the next meeting
 - Members were asked to confirm that contact details held for them were correct

Date of Next Meeting

- 29 June 2011 The Magnet Centre Chapel Training Room, Warrior Square, St Leonards
- 17 November 2011 Committee Room, County Hall, Lewes
- 29 February 2012 Ashdown Room, Uckfield Civic Centre
- 26 June 2012 The Dental Practice Board, Eastbourne
- 21 November 2012 Committee Room, County Hall, Lewes