

# Nottinghamshire County Council

## SACRE Meeting

Teams online meeting  
Groups meeting 6.30pm then full SACRE meeting 7pm

Monday 7 December 2020

### Minutes

Present	Representing
Alan Darlington	D Methodist
Bryony Charnock-Walmsley	NCC
Kate Charlesworth	B Church of England
Russell Davies	Pagan Society
Mike Follen	C NAHT
Cllr Boyd Elliott	A Chair
John Graham	B Church of England
John Heard	D Methodist
Caroline Hornsby	D Roman Catholic
Dr Anne Lumb	B Church of England
Craig Moxham	B Church of England
Deb Martin	D Quakers
Hafiz M Muntazir	D Muslim Community
Gemma Pettifor	D Assemblies of God
Godfrey Nix	Baha'i faith
Irfan Malik	Ahmadiyya Muslim Community
Cllr Phil Rostance	A Council member
Graham Jennings	D United Reformed Church
Gurjeet Singh	D Sikh Community
Rev Ken Johnson	Secretary
Richard Linford	C Primary teacher
Val Jones	NCC/minuter
Naomi Waring	D Roman Catholic
Louise Stafford	Holocaust Centre
Dr Jeetendra Rathod	D Hindu
Lat Blaylock	Guest
Fiona Hunter	C Trent University

- 1 **7pm Welcome by Cllr Boyd Elliott**
- 2 **Apologies from James Wale and Andrew Whitehouse**
- 3 **Minutes of the previous ASC and SACRE meeting were accepted**
  - a) Election of vice chair from Group B **Craig Moxham elected**
  - b) Membership situations update according to the current constitution (Buddhist and 1 Church of England/NASUWT not filled)

c) John Heard was thanked for his many years of service to SACRE from the Chair and by several members. Chair asked for a letter to be sent to him

4 **Any matters arising not itemised below;**

a) SACRE leaflet – nothing has developed on this due to the current situation, Deb Martin offered to assist in this This would be returned to in a future meeting

5 **Draft Annual Report**

**Unanimously agreed to section 9 (GCSE results not being available for Notts) and section 10 (targets for further improvement)**

6 **Agreed Syllabus update**

Lat Blaylock gave excellent feedback from the launch, with some positive comments from delegates. Lat pointed out that was one of the largest Syllabus Launches which has taken place online with some schools accessing this who would not have come to a face-to-face launch event.

Graham noted the change of the date of the syllabus from 2020-2025 to 2021 – 2026. Lat explained this was due to the delay of the launch from July to November, so the date was modified. Graham asked that this be noted in the minutes

Ken acknowledged the part of the working party not only with the syllabus but also their part on the webinar workshops.

Cllr Elliott thanked all in city and county SACRE for their part in producing the syllabus

Lat gave the following comment.;

*Colleagues, it has been a source of professional pride to me to be involved in your syllabus development and I do believe you should take considerable satisfaction in a job well done. The overwhelming response – both in numbers and commentary and evaluation – has shown that you have genuinely helped your teachers to give good RE across the county.*

Louise Stafford from the Holocaust centre said thank you for the opportunity to be involved. *It is such a privilege for the centre to share our work with city and county schools in this way.*

The written report offered challenges which SACRE needs to consider

- ✓ How do we further support teachers with the Agreed Syllabus?  
Have a network meeting scheduled March / Conference June 18<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Could supply more units from REToday Units fully planned, like the 7 have sent, can be done going forward for just £350 each or 3 for £1000
- ✓ EYFS support after new guidance comes out in 2021
- ✓ Should SACRE commission unit recording sheets to assist teachers?

It was thought that for the next year perhaps a target could be with regard to New Early Learning Years New Goals.

7 **SACRE Effectiveness Plan 2020-2025** – information document  
Ken explained the 5-year plan, information about what we should be doing as a SACRE and Collective worship planning was going to be a focus of NASACRE

8 **Review of the Constitution** – focus being membership page 2 section 4 and 5  
If alterations are made, then 15.1 would need considering as a consequence. Last altered in 2015

Cllr Elliott explained we may need to discuss the constitution in groups and come back to vote on new proposals, ie Ba h'ai representation, Pagan representation, Humanist representation and Holocaust representation

Graham highlighted the problems around further members joining group D. Cllr Elliott asked for further clarification by Ken. The constitution was amended in 2015.

Graham said we need to be conscious of how well the group works depends on the response of its members. We have had less productive members in the past.

Lat said that the Working Party on the Agreed Syllabus group had benefited from the humanist input from city Sacre on the syllabus..

Pagan representation not large in this area but large in Cornwall. Group D should represent the local faith in the community.

Any change would go to the young people committee

Gemma asking in group D if there were 15 people how would it effect the quoracy numbers ?

Ken says a third need to attend to become quorate in a group.

Russell has been attending for 3 years now and was asking to become a full member, as a co-opted member he cannot vote.

Craig said his point was picking up on quoracy, it could go up to 15 and wouldn't affect quoracy on the group

Godfrey said as a co-opted member, was told a number of years ago he would have to wait until the constitution changed to become a full member, but he has been with SACRE a long time now and wonders how much longer to wait to become a full member.

Ken said we would need to vote and take to NCC for approval

Graham asked if we were voting for the Pagan Federation, the Baha'i Community and a representative from the British Humanist Association.

**Councillor Boyd Elliott Proposal was – to make full members of the Pagan Federation , the Baha'i faith and the British Humanist Association. The revised Constitution would then go to the Young People Committee for approval**

Groups met to decide on the proposal for 5 minutes      Lat left the meeting

Group D voted in favour of the proposal

Group A voted in favour

Group B voted in favour

Group C voted in favour

**This would then free up the co-opted membership**

Dr Jeetendra Rathod said on the chat - *chair, I would also suggest that there has to be provision in the constitution for a reduction in religious membership if need be from a particular religion to have balance and equal representation of all religious groups*

## **Unanimously agreed to the proposal, now going to the Young People Committee**

- 9 **Determination Policy** result of the working Party  
Craig, the chair of the working party put forward as a recommendation with Russell and John Heard. just a question who the advisor is – a local authority advisor or an external advisor  
**Action: This would need clarification**

### 10 **Local & National Developments**

Ken gave an overview of the content of the document, RE conference which Lat is leading and will bring a colleague if large numbers book  
Cllr Elliott thanked Ken for all the hard work in producing this  
Hampshire had asked about seeing our work on the Determination Policy

Cllr Elliott asked if there was any news to share?

Russell said a couple of heritage sites been vandalised - could Notts SACRE say they do not condone these actions, also a church roof damaged. Endorsed by Cllr Elliott  
Anne Lumb wanted to share they are partnering with RE today with the Understanding Christianity training which would be aimed at Community schools and working with Lat  
Godfrey had an interesting comment on the opening of a conference centre for all faiths in Banborough just before lockdown, holding children's classes on Zoom for nine months now - so now quite experienced

Louise said 27 Jan 2021 is the holocaust Memorial Day and she will send through what they will be doing locally and will ask schools if they need any assistance

### 11 **Date of next meeting**

Cllr Elliott asked about next meeting is it arranged? Ken asked if we can email out some proposed dates for spring term 2021 to members and go with the majority, it will be a teams meeting again.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Date of next meeting 1 March 2021