

# Nottinghamshire County Council SACRE Meeting

Gurdwara Bana Budha Ji

Thursday 30 June 2022

Groups meet at 6.30pm - 7pm

Full SACRE at 7pm – 8.30 pm

Present	Representing
Ian Coles	D Methodist Church
Bryony Charnock-Walmsley	NCC
Cllr Tracey Taylor	A Council
Cllr Richard Butler	A Council
Craig Moxham	B Church of England
Dr Anne Lumb	B Church of England
Liz Wiggins	D Baha'i Faith
Graham Jennings	D United Reformed Church
Gurjeet Singh	D Sikh Community
Jon Hoover	C Secondary Teacher
Kate Charlesworth	B Church of England
Mike Arnold	D Baptist
Naomi Posner	D Jewish Community
Rev Ken Johnson	Secretary
Richard Linford	C Primary Teacher
Russell Davies	D Pagan Society
Tom Drew	D Society of Friends
Val Jones	NCC/minuter
Will Richardson	D Humanist

## Welcome

Richard Linford as acting chair opened the meeting and as we had a few new faces everyone introduced themselves.

Gurjeet Singh gave us a warm welcome and gave us a brief history of Sikhism, ending with a tour around.

- 1 Apologies received** from Gemma Pettifor, James Wale, Steph Smar, Rebecca Soulsby-McCreath, Dr Jeetendra Rathod, Irfan Malik, Cllr Boyd Elliott and Hafiz Muntazir Mohammed.  
Membership – Ken said the membership was very good, a new Roman Catholic rep was now needed, and our Muslim rep Muntazir said he cannot make the meetings now. Mike Arnold suggested we now have a rep from the RS Resource centre as we have representatives from universities and the holocaust centre? Ken said he will pass this to the RS Resource Centre. Ken said Fiona Hunter from Trent University is retiring and she is trying to get a colleague to attend the SACRE meetings.
- 2 Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 28 March 2022 approved, nothing further to add
- 3 Matters arising Joint City & County SACRE meeting proposed** – Ken said he has tried to contact city SACRE but has received no reply, there has been a change of staff, Bryony has offered to pursue with her contacts in the city  
**ACTION: Bryony to make contact with city SACRE**  
Separate budget for SACRE this was to be pursued by the chair, Boyd, but he has sent his apologies **will be on the next agenda.**

**West Hills Film Project** – Ken gave an update on the project, Ken wanted to thank Graham for all his hard work on this, films were shown to the teachers at the RE conference and were very well received, they were amazed. Graham has set up a SACRE site on Youtube and put the completed films there, suggested would be useful with year 7 children. Hoping all will be completed by the end of July. Ken had to complete a lot for the report to Westhills, they loved the children's comments and asked for more! Richard said the feedback from Westhills pleasing, the results are brilliant. Bryony also voted we all thank Ken and Graham for all their hard work and Richard endorsed this

**Viability of SACRES** discussed by NASACRE report, Ken gave an overview – SACRES should consider reviewing their membership, have more diversity in membership, continue to build on the funding of SACRE. The 2018 report suggested SACREs consider adding universities, pupil voice, etc. To be involved with toolkit, next syllabus etc. Richard felt this SACRE is quite proactive and keep up to date of current issues. Ken made reference to the Education White Paper which aims all schools to become academies or part of a MAT by 2030. Cllr Taylor referred to the 173 primary schools and 1 secondary school to be academised. Will be difficult to see the LA map in the future. Bryony has the diocesan reply to the white paper.

**Supportive Collective Worship** Ken has the guidance on this, we had a working party guidance on this, document to be put on the SACRE website

**ACTION Collective worship document to be put on the SACRE website**

- 4 **Any Matters Arising not itemised below** None recorded
- 5 **NASACRE conference reports** Ken provided NASACREs summary on this, has links to the presentations, analysis of annual reports, ppt, format of annual reports, 22% of SACREs monitored collective worship. Some SACREs have clearly defined budgets. Discussed the importance of a separate budget, ongoing issue with NCC. GCSE RE at A Level decreasing in schools, needs to be looked at, we should have exam results to be looked at. Advise to LA. Bryony has always taken anything needed to be taken to LA. Determination forms, Ken has not received in his time in office but we do have a policy in place. Post-16 work – Bryony disseminated at Post-16 Network meeting. Richard said this was a good barometer from NASACRE. Discussed level of support from LA, Richard said we are fortunate to have Bryony and Ken, as yet there is no successor for Ken's role as secretary, the post is being readvertised to a wider audience.  
**Analysis of Annual Reports** Ken has received no comments, just received acknowledged receipt of NCC SACRE report and now on NASACRE website. Hoping to take pictures tonight to add to the report. Could have a 5-year summary of development plan which Bryony agreed to be a good idea  
**Report card for RE** Ken had a report, state of RE is quite frightening. Richard said the number who think RE is important is 64% is interesting. Ken said also a study by children think RE is not important but children taken to a Hindu temple didn't want to go home, similar with visit to a Gurdwara, need to make RE exciting and different. Richard said we need to enable teachers to do that and to empower them. Embassadors from secondary schools gives the children a voice. Ken said it seems to have died down recently. Richard highlighted the need to work together for high quality education in RE. Ken has a ppt which includes links to parts of the 56 page document which teachers may find useful. Bryony said Ofsted are now picking up on RE, need to go beyond Christianity. Comes down to being comfortable teaching other faiths, also how do I encourage my colleagues to teach this well? RE being taught by TAs in some schools. Ian said some RE coordinators soon move on, we need to be looking at this in the future.  
**White Paper - document G** any comments? Discussion over RE being disbanded, although a change of government may overrule this paper.
- 6 **Local Developments** – Ken provided a summary of the RE conference, one of the smallest attendances, partly due to covid impact, teachers really enjoyed the meeting, being face to face and sharing resources, all enthusiastic, said the West hills filming really worth it. Richard said we had sharing of resources pre covid, may have more ready soon. Richard thanked Ken for all his work.

- 7 Group sharing of news – nothing to report. Richard brought up Ken's retirement, over to Bryony in Cllr Boyd Elliott's absence. Bryony gave a warming thank you speech as a tribute to Ken's 12 years as secretary to NCC SACRE and presented Ken with his gift and card.

**Date for next SACRE meeting** to be held in November, any schools or faith buildings willing to host? Bryony said Southwell Minster was an option, not been for some time. Following meetings in March and June, the holocaust centre is a venue we book for the June meeting.

Richard closed the meeting at 8.27pm