

ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

15 June 2016

PRESENT: MIKE GAMAGE (CHAIRMAN), KAREN BUTLER (VICE CHAIRMAN), COUNCILLOR NATASHA AIREY, SAGHIR AHMED, ANNE ANDREWS, LOUISE CESKA, ILA GONGOTRA, FELICITY GUNN, HILARY HARRIS, REV JOAN HICKS, LIZ JENKINS, BARBARA MEANEY, ANTHEA WEST AND RAVINDER SINGH ZANDU.

Officers in attendance: Shilpa Manek

ACTION

1 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kellaway and Gary Homewood.

3 Minutes Of The last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting on 14 March 2016 were unanimously agreed.

The Members went through the matters arising as follows:

Action	Responsibility	Progress
To make amendments discussed at meeting and to send to Members again for clearance.	Clerk	Completed.
To send budget information to Members as soon as it is available.	Clive Haines	Clive Haines updated Members.
To contact Secondary school heads to respond. To prepare draft email for Louise Ceska to send to all secondary school heads.	Louise Ceska Anne Andrews	Not a great response. However training is viable.
To write a letter positively responding to its coordinator, Jan Lever.	Chairman	Completed.
To collate Anne Andrews work to date and the conclusion of the self evaluation, together with the teacher survey results, in advance of discussion on a SACRE development plan at the next meeting in June.	Chairman	Anne Andrews to revisit the development plan after Hub work started.
To try and find a Baptist Church representative to join SACRE.	Clerk	Contacted Boyn Hill Baptist Church. They will advertise position in their weekly newsletter.
To rearrange dates, meetings not to be on Mondays and aligning them with other councils.	Clerk	In Hand.

4 Membership Update

Looking for representatives for all vacancies.

Karen Butler offered to contact Melody Erasmus, who was supposed to be a Member of SACRE but has never attended any meetings.

ACTION: Karen Butler to contact Free Church.

5 Hub update including dates for next meetings - Karen Butler and Anne Andrews

Karen Butler attended the meeting.

It was good to meet colleagues of other SACREs and discuss many points. Further work needs to be done and more places of worship need to be visited.

It was great to see that all SACREs were committed to the funding.

Karen Butler discussed the aims, terms of reference and principles from page 21 of the Hub minutes.

A conference has been organised on Wednesday 28 September 2016, 6.00pm – 9.00pm in the Holiday Inn, Winnersh Triangle. The cost would be £35.00 per head and each SACRE could fund four people. This conference would bring teachers together with new SACRE members. It was a holistic approach with teacher input.

Jan Lever offered to put bid in for £4000 to Westhill Award Application and also prepare an action plan together for next year.

The Members unanimously agreed that we could commit to four places for the conference.

The Chairman was delighted that there was a high level of commitment from everyone.

Karen Butler went through the key points from the action plan.

A half day training course for SACRE Members would be useful to disseminate information in faith communities. Anne Andrews would run the training for the host communities.

Liz Jenkins requested that the training should include the different needs of secondary schools in terms of visits to places of worship and not focus solely on the needs of primary colleagues.

6 Report from NASACRE - Barbara Meany and Anne Andrews

See attached Barbara Meany's note of meeting and activity that took place at the conference and was repeated at the meeting.

ACTION: Anne Andrews to collate all responses from the activity and then circulate to Members for approval before sending to NASACRE.

7 Brief verbal report on the British Values Conference in Bracknell - Anne Andrews

Anne Andrews informed Members that thirteen schools had attended which was a great turnout and excellent feedback was given.

8 Report on sponsorship funding initiative - Michael Gammage

The Chairman updated Members on the response received from the WAM Get Involved team. They had suggested requesting assistance from Rotary or Lions. It would also be worth contacting Churches Together.

ACTION: The Chairman to contact Rotary and Lions groups.

9 Feedback on this term's training (NB Primary training not scheduled till 20/06/16)

The training at the Mosque was very successful, very helpful and everybody who attended, thoroughly enjoyed.

It was noted that general messages to schools were not working well and that personal contact worked much better.

ACTION: Clive Haines to ask Elaine Norstrom to collect RE contact at each school.

ACTION: Clerk to add to next meeting Agenda.

10 Feedback from any recent reports - SIAMS or OFSTED - Anne Andrews & Clive Haines

An update note provided for Ofsted attached for information.

11 Dates Of Future Meetings

Members noted that the next meeting was on 8 November 2016.

AOB

Karen Butler informed Members of an excellent book by the Bible Society which was produced as a tribute for the Queens 90th birthday.

The meeting, which began at 6.00 pm, ended at 8.15 pm

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