

**SACRE Meeting  
Wednesday, November 3, 2010  
County Hall**

**Present:**

Cllr Allen Clarke  
Cllr Lynn Sykes  
Anne Lumb  
David Maddison  
Kerry Palmer  
John Heard  
Stephanie Smart  
Mike Wilson  
Gail Brockway  
Helen Wyton  
Judith Moffatt  
Graham Jennings  
Julia kurcin  
Arthur Summerfield  
Rev Ken Johnson  
Alison Fawley

**Representing:**

Nottinghamshire County Council  
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Church of England  
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ATL  
NASUWT  
Secondary teacher  
Baptist  
Jewish  
United Reform Church  
Buddhist  
British Humanist Association  
Secretary to SACRE  
NCC (minutes)

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr Rev Tom Irvine, Hilary Craik, Rev Terry Nowell, Nijran Santokh Singh, Karen Strachen, Naomi Posner.

A warm welcome was extended to Gail Brockway from Kimberley School who will join group C.

**2. Presentation**

Apologies were also received from Professor Richard Bell who was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Ken Johnson agreed to contact Professor Bell to try and rearrange for February meeting.

**3. Appointment of vice chair from group D**

Helen Wyton was confirmed as vice chair.

**4. Minutes from the previous meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held June 14, 2010 were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

**5. Matters arising from the minutes**

- Membership:  
Resignations have been received from Catherine O'Connell (Assemblies of God) and Valerie Stone (NAHT). The Secretary will request nominations for membership.

Vacancies – The Secretary will pursue the nominations from Afro-Caribbean United Council of Churches and Religious Society of Friends.

New members to group C were confirmed as:  
Gail Brockway, Kimberley School  
Dave Corbett, Arnold Mill Primary

- Request from British Humanist Association that their representative be made a full member of SACRE  
A letter had been sent from the BHA but had not been received by all members. Secretary to follow this up and ensure distribution to all members.  
Graham Jennings reminded the meeting of the decision in February 2010 to renew the BHA as a co-opted member for a further year and suggested that this item is considered when the year has expired.  
It was agreed to put this item on the agenda for the February 2011 meeting.

**6. Matters arising not on the agenda**

- Cllr Clarke to follow up attendance of councillors.
- Secretary requested the return of the training CD
- RS Resource Centre – funding is a major issue. Membership has declined and support will not be available from the Schools Forum. Approximately £5,000 p.a. is required. Any fund raising suggestions should be sent to the secretary.

**7. SACRE draft effectiveness plan**

Members were asked to review the plan and to keep it as a working document. It was noted that there were several areas that needed completing. Members discussed the impact of legislative changes and agreed that clarification was needed. Secretary to take advice from NASACRE and DoE.

It was agreed to put this item on agenda for February meeting.

**8. Draft SACRE annual report**

Members discussed the draft annual report. It was agreed that distribution to schools and stakeholders would be electronically via WIRED, NCC website and email.

**9. SACRE questionnaire results**

Despite being sent out twice, the response was very low and the sample returned was not large enough to draw any conclusions from.

**10. National Developments in RE**

- 21 -27 November Interfaith Week – information sheet from NASACRE was distributed

- Celebrating RE, March 2011 – members were encouraged to visit the website [www.celebratingre.org](http://www.celebratingre.org) for details of competitions, resources and events.
- 'What's worth fighting for in RE?' – a presentation and symposium on the future of RE in London on 19 March 2011
- Self evaluation in RE tool is available online at NASACRE

#### **11. Group news**

- Query from Jewish community re policy for allowing children time off for religious observance. Cllr Clarke offered to clarify.
- Ann Lumb highlighted that the Diocese is celebrating 200 years of church schools. There will be celebrations at Southwell Minster and at Westminster.
- Members were encouraged to log on to [www.brf.org.uk](http://www.brf.org.uk) for details of events to celebrate 400 years of King James' bible.
- BHA gave details of a non religious remembrance ceremony at Mansfield Crematorium, November 7, 2010 at 10.45 am.
- Stephanie Smart is now licensed as a lay reader.
- Mike Wilson recommended the BBC programme on Divali which was shown on November 2, 2010. This can be viewed through BBC iplayer
- Mike has recently returned from an 8 day visit to the Holy Land.

#### **12. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, February 10, 2011 at Karimia Institute, Nottingham