

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING

SACRE MEETING

TUESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY, 2014

PRESENT: Councillor E Galsworthy (In the Chair)
Councillor G Davies, Lucy Draper, Carys Pritchard and Ann Star
Karen Vokes (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1325	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence received from Councillor Kate Moran and Julie Symes.
1326	Declaration of Interests	No declarations of interest were made.
1327	Minutes of the last meeting	RESOLVED that: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 th October 2013 were submitted and approved.
1328	Matters Arising	In relation to minute number 545 'People Beliefs and Questions', Carys Pritchard advised members that this document has been removed from the Welsh Government website and she is awaiting a response on the reason why.
1329	Religious Examination 2013 Studies Results	Carys Pritchard advised members of the examination results for GCSE, GCSE Short Course and A levels. Discussion ensued in relation to the successful A level results which are now above the all Wales average, and it was RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the 3 schools congratulating them.

1330	SACRE Monitoring of Secondary Schools: Self Evaluation Findings in Religious Education	<p>Carys Pritchard gave an overview of the three responses received in relation to the request to secondary schools to share their self evaluation of religious education, and outlined the good factors and also areas for development.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Copies of the self evaluation reports be sent to the Head of Departments of the three secondary schools.</p>
1331	Estyn Overview of Inspection Reports: Autumn 2012 to Summer 2013	<p>Carys Pritchard outlined the information available in relation to the school inspection reports for Trelewis, Bedlinog and Ynysowen for the period autumn 2012 to summer 2013.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The reports be received.</p>
1332	Update on National Curriculum Review and Assessment	<p>Carys gave an update on Phase 1 of the review of assessment and the National Curriculum in Wales, but advised that no information has been received on Phase 2.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The report be noted and any future implications for the Merthyr Tydfil agreed syllabus be considered at the appropriate time.</p>
1333	Religious Education Quality Mark (REQM)	<p>Carys Pritchard advised members of the availability of the Religious Education Quality Mark which celebrates high quality religious education in primary, secondary and special schools and outlined the process for schools that would be interested in applying.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A letter be sent to all schools informing them of the availability of the Religious Education Quality Mark.</p>
1334	WASACRE Issues:	<p><u>Representation at next meeting on 27th March 2014 at Caerphilly</u></p> <p>Councillor Ernie Galsworthy to attend this meeting.</p> <p><u>Nominations to WASACRE</u></p> <p>Following discussion it was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Councillor Ernie Galsworthy be nominated by Merthyr SACRE for membership of the Executive Committee of WASACRE.</p>
1335	Correspondence	No correspondence received.
1336	Any other business as deemed urgent by the Chairman	Councillor Graham Davies congratulated Ann Star as she has recently been appointed as an Elder at Hope Chapel.