



MERTHYR TYDFIL  
County Borough Council  
Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol  
MERTHYR TUDFUL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

# SACRE MEETING

TUESDAY, 10TH JUNE, 2014

**PRESENT:** Councillor K Moran (In the Chair)

Councillor G Davies

Carys Pritchard, Lucy Draper, Ann Star, Lynda Maddock and Dorothy Haines

Matthew Phillips (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
1	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence received from Councillor Ernie Galsworthy, Councillor Gareth Lewis and Julie Symes.  The Committee voted that Councillor K. Moran take the chair in absence of Councillor E. Galsworthy and J. Symes.
2	Declaration of Interests	No declarations of interest were made.
3	Minutes of Meeting of the 11th February 2014	<b>RESOLVED that:</b>  The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 were submitted and approved.
4	Update on Religious Studies at Merthyr Tydfil College - Lynda Maddock	Lynda Maddock provided the members with an update on Religious studies at Merthyr Tydfil College and provided members with the Religious Studies Handbook for the AS level classes and AS Level examination papers.  Discussion ensued about the class size, the gulf between GCSE and AS Level examination papers, the number of students who will progress to A Level and the current applications received for academic year 2014/2015.

5	SACRE Monitoring: School Self-Evaluation	<p>Carys Pritchard led the members through the SACRE MONITORING response and outlined the information received.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding the lack of responses from the Primary Schools and what SACRE could do to engage more with schools in the Local Authority. The membership of the group was discussed and in particular the difficulty of involving people in SACRE in such a small area as Merthyr Tydfil.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that:</b></p> <p>SACRE will contact all schools within the Local Authority through Dorothy Haines in the Education Department inviting all Religious Studies teachers to attend a twilight meeting to discuss what they want from SACRE as a group with the possibility of holding regular twilight meetings were teachers can share best practice.</p>
6	Review of SACRE Reports 2008 - 2011	<p>Carys Pritchard lead the Committee through the review and highlighted the significant points.</p> <p>Questions were raised by the committee and answered by the appropriate officer.</p>
7	Lessons from Auschwitz	<p>Carys Pritchard provided the Committee with an update on the Lessons from Auschwitz which saw sixth form students and teachers partake in two seminars and a one day visit to the former Nazi extermination camp.</p> <p>It was noted that the college would be invited to partake in future as school sixth forms no longer exist.</p>
8	RE Quest	<p>It was agreed that this item be brought to the future teacher's twilight meeting and that Dorothy Haines would add it to the bulletin for distribution.</p>
9	WASACRE Issues:	<p>Carys Pritchard explained to the Committee that seven nominations had been received for two positions on the WASACRE Executive Committee.</p> <p>The Committee took a vote and agreed to support both Councillor Ernie Galsworthy (Merthyr Tydfil SACRE) and Gill Vaisey (Monmouthshire SACRE).</p>
10	Feedback from RE Council of England and Wales Meeting on 7th May 2014 at Cardiff	<p>Carys Pritchard provided the Committee with feedback on the Religious Education of England and Wales Meeting on May 7 2014 where Huw Lewis gave his first public speech since becoming the Minister for Education.</p>
11	Central South Consortium: Update	<p>Carys Pritchard provided the Committee with a verbal update in relation to the Central South Consortium and explained that the CSC is currently undergoing a restructure and will service the SACRE for the foreseeable future. The Committee was advised that there would be a further update at the next meeting.</p>

12	SACRE Development Plan 2012 - 2015: Review of Progress	<p>Carys Pritchard provided updates in relation to the Merthyr Tydfil SACRE development Plan 2012-2015 (Academic Year) – Review of Progress.</p> <p>Discussion ensued and questions were raised and answered by the appropriate officers.</p>
13	Schedule of Meetings 2014 - 2015	The Committee agreed that the date of the next SACRE meeting will be Tuesday 4 November 2014.
14	Correspondence	Correspondence was received from the Chair Councillor E. Galsworthy and the Vice-Chair J. Symes.
15	Any other business as deemed urgent by the Chairman	The Chair advised there was no other business deemed as urgent.

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