



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
MERTHYR TYDFIL
County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

SACRE MEETING

TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 2019

PRESENT: Councillor E Galsworthy (Chair)
Rev. M Prevett (Vice Chair)

Councillors: M Jones and I Thomas

Professional Associations:

J Jones and L Draper

Faith Communities:

D O'Keefe and A Star

Officers:

S Bowen (Inclusion and Wellbeing Manager) and A Hill
(Consultant for Merthyr SACRE)

K Reddy (Democratic Services Officer)

| ITEM NO. | AGENDA MATTER | DECISION |
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| 514 | Election of Chair and Vice Chair | RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillor Ernie Galsworthy be formally re-elected as Chair.• Rev. Mark Prevett be formally re-elected as Vice Chair. |

Councillor Ernie Galsworthy took the Chair

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| 515 | Apologies for absence | Apologies for absence received from Councillor David Hughes, Sian Bernard Henderson, Lee-anne McCarthy and Andy Pitt. |
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| 516 | Declaration of Interests | No declarations of interest were made. |
| 517 | Introduction by the new Advisor | The Chair welcomed Angela Hill to her first meeting. Angela Hill thanked members and gave a background of what her involvement will be with SACRE's throughout Authorities. |
| 518 | Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 4 June 2019 | RESOLVED that: The minutes of the meeting held on 4 th June 2019 were submitted and approved as a correct record. |
| 519 | Matters Arising | Mark Prevett advised members that he was not appointed to the membership of the Executive Committee at WASACRE. |
| 520 | Constitution / Membership Update | Angela Hill referred to the Constitution for the SACRE Committee which was attached to the agenda and discussion ensued in relation to the Terms of Reference, Composition and Proceedings within the Constitution. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was RESOLVED that the Constitution be noted. <p>Discussion ensued in relation to the current vacancies on the SACRE Committee and what publicity could take place to encourage these vacancies to be filled.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was RESOLVED that Sarah Bowen would bring this up at a future Headteachers Forum meeting. |
| 521 | Approval of Annual Report 2018-2019 | Angela Hill referred to the SACRE's Annual Report for 2018-19 and led the Committee through the Annual Report. Discussion ensued and it was RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Annual Report be agreed. Taking in account the changes in the publication of performance measures and not being able to publish comparative data, Angela Hill to check with WASACRE on whether the Annual Report can be published with the data included. Once confirmation received from WASACRE on the publication of data, Karen Reddy to circulate Annual Report to Welsh Government together with the organisations, as outlined in Appendix 4 of the report, by the 30th December 2019. |
| 522 | Updates from WASACRE and NAPfRE | Angela Hill handed out a summary of the notes from the NAPfRE and WASACRE meeting on the 20 th and 21 st November 2019 at Aberearon, Ceredigion and gave members an overview of what was discussed and considered at the meeting. RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Reddy to circulate the full minutes when they have been published by WASACRE. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In relation to Gill Vaisey's presentation on the European Forum for Teachers of Religious Education, Angela Hill to send a copy of the powerpoint presentation to Karen Reddy and Sarah Bowen. |
| 523 | Welsh Government Consultation on ensuring full access to the Curriculum | <p>Angela Hill referred members to the Welsh Government Consultation on proposals to ensure access to the full curriculum in Wales, which was previously e-mailed to members by Karen Reddy. Discussion ensued in relation to the current arrangements of parents withdrawing their children from RE Studies and what advice is given to Schools on the right of withdrawal.</p> <p>Angela Hill went through the proposals set out in this consultation and advised that the proposed changes will align with the new Curriculum for Wales in which Religious Education is set to become part of the Humanities Area of Learning and Experience, alongside History, Geography, Business Studies and Social Studies - these changes being scheduled to become effective in 2022.</p> <p>She made members aware that as SACRE's advise on Religious Education and Collective Worship in Schools, issues relating exclusively to Sex and Relationships Education are outside SACRE's scope for consideration.</p> <p>The Committee went through the consultation questions in detail, in order to meet the consultation deadline of the 28th November 2019, and a response for each question was collated by Angela Hill.</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>Angela Hill will forward the responses to the Consultation to Welsh Government by the deadline date of the 28th November 2019.</p> |
| 524 | Self-evaluation and development plan | <p>Angela Hill referred to the Merthyr Tydfil SACRE Development Plan for 2019-2022, which is part of the Committee's Annual Report for 2018/19, and discussion took place in relation to the questions to consider under each aim identified within the Development Plan.</p> |
| 525 | Views on cross SACRE working | <p>Angela Hill referred to the possibility of cross SACRE working and gave members an overview of her experience in working on joint projects with SACRE's, sharing good practice and information sharing. Following discussion on how to move forward with this, it was RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item be discussed at the next meeting, and Angela Hill to provide more detail on what will be expected of SACRE's before members are asked to consider this. Questionnaire to be sent to members seeking their thoughts of cross SACRE working. |

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| 526 | Dates and venues for future meetings | The next meeting of SACRE will be held on Tuesday, 10 th March 2020 at 3.45 pm in Conference Room 2 at the Civic Centre. |
| 527 | Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair | The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent. |