



Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol
MERTHYR TUDFUL
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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

SACRE MEETING

MONDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 2020

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

Councillors: D Hughes and I Thomas

Professional Associations:

J Jones

Faith Communities:

D O'Keefe and A Star

Officers:

A Lewis (Head of School Planning Performance and Resource)
and A Hill (Consultant for Merthyr SACRE)

M Edmunds (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
237	Election of Chair and Vice Chair	RESOLVED that: a. Councillor Ernie Galsworthy be formally re-elected as Chair. b. Rev. Mark Prevett be formally re-elected as Vice Chair.
238	Apologies for absence	Apologies for absence received from Sian Bernard Henderson and Lee-anne McCarthy.
239	Declaration of Interests	No declarations of interest were made.
240	Membership Updates	Angela Hill advised the members that Andrew Pitt of the Evangelical Church has resigned from the SACRE

		Committee as he is relocating to Newport in the new year.
241	Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 10th March 2020 / Matters Arising	RESOLVED that: The minutes of the meeting held on the 10 th March 2020 were submitted and approved as a correct record.
242	Annual Report 2019/20 (attached)	Angela Hill referred to the SACRE's Annual Report for 2019-20 and led the Committee through the report. Discussion ensued and it was RESOLVED that: a. The Annual Report be agreed. b. Karen Reddy to circulate the Annual Report to Welsh Government together with the organisations, as outlined in Appendix 4 of the report, by the 30 th December 2020.
243	Update on plans for examinations in 2021 (Minister's decision attached)	Angela Hill gave an update on this matter and advised that in addition to the papers within this agenda, the Minister announced on the 10 th November 2020 that pupils will be assessed for GCSE's, AS and A Level in teacher managed assessments. They will start in the spring term in the form of mainly tasks, assignments and tests. Discussion ensued on the information contained in the agenda and it was RESOLVED that: Further details, which are due in January 2021, will be circulated to members via Karen Reddy.
244	WASACRE Business:	
244a	WASACRE personnel update (attached)	Angela Hill gave an update to members on the results of the Executive Committee election from the WASACRE AGM on the 7 th October 2020, as follows: a. Rachel Samuel appointed to the position of Chair, with the Rev. Canon Edward J Evans taking the position of Immediate Past Chair. b. Tania ap Sion appointed as Vice Chair. c. Phil Lord and John Meredith appointed to the Executive Committee.
244b	Curriculum Updates (attached)	Angela Hill gave an update on the WASACRE/NAPfRE Curriculum Update in relation to the present position with RE/RVE and the new Curriculum for Wales and advised that we are still awaiting the supporting framework which hasn't yet been released.
244c	WASACRE advice to Schools on Collective Worship (attached)	Angela Hill referred members to the update on collective worship in the current climate, how to facilitate acts of collective worship for distance learning and the suggested resources.

		<p>She advised that this is a very useful document and stressed the importance of this being circulated to schools as, even in these challenging times, there is still a legal requirement for collective worship in the school environment which needs to be met.</p>
245	<p>Minutes from WASACRE Autumn Meeting and AGM (attached)</p>	<p>Angela Hill gave an update to members on the WASACRE Autumn Meeting and AGM held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 7th October 2020.</p> <p>Following a request from Rev Mark Prevett, Angela Hill gave an update to members on the Right to Withdraw in Wales and whether this was going to be part of the new curriculum.</p>
246	<p>Open discussion: Ideas for supporting RE and Collective Worship in the 'new format'</p>	<p>Angela Hill asked the members of the Committee, especially the teaching representation, how they would like to be supported in the delivery of RE under the current circumstances and collective worship and how SACRE can help out if possible.</p> <p>Following discussion it was RESOLVED that:</p> <p>A letter be sent to headteachers and RE teaching staff to remind them that SACRE are here to support also reminding them that RE and collective worship are still a statutory requirement and providing them with a list of access to free resources to various providers.</p>
247	<p>Dates and venues for future meetings</p>	<p>It was agreed that Democratic Services liaise with members on the date of the next meeting.</p>
248	<p>Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair</p>	<p>The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.</p>