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Hilary Isherwood, Colin Legg, Dave Mackie,
Nigel Steele-Mortimer and Carolyn Thomas

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RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS:

**Mrs. H. Hughes, Mrs. R. Price, Mrs. D. Jones,
Mr. Gareth Wyn Jones, Ms. S. Jones,
Mrs. D. McIntyre and Rev H. Powell-Davies**

TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS:

**Ms. D. Westaway, Mrs. Y. Barker,
Mr. R. Keating, Mrs. L. Harkin, Mr. H.E. Jones,
Mrs. M. Madoc Jones and Ms. P. Walsh**

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr. D. Morgan

Mr. Philip Lord (Senior Learning Adviser RE.)

Dear Sir / Madam

A meeting of the **FLINTSHIRE SACRE** will be held in the **CLWYD COMMITTEE ROOM, COUNTY HALL, MOLD CH7 6NA** on **WEDNESDAY, 3RD JULY, 2013** at **2.00 PM** to consider the following items.

Yours faithfully

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AGENDA

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT**

Members are reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of their declared personal interest.

3 **URGENT MATTERS**

Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

4 **MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2013 (copy enclosed).

5 **ANALYSIS OF INSPECTION REPORTS** (Pages 7 - 10)

To receive the analysis of recent Estyn Inspection Reports (copy enclosed).

6 **COMPETITION**

To receive a verbal update on the RE Literacy and Numeracy Competition.

7 **REC SPONSORED WALK**

To receive a verbal update on the REC sponsored walk.

8 **TRANSITION PROJECT**

To receive a presentation from Tim Gough and Colette Owen on the Easter Transition day held at St. John's Methodist Church, Llandudno on the 15th March 2013.

9 **WASACRE** (Pages 11 - 20)

(i) To receive the minutes of the last meeting of the Association held on 22nd March 2013 (copy enclosed)

(ii) To agree attendance to the WASACRE conference (Cardiff, 10th October 2013) at Ty Dysgu, Cefn Coed, Nantarw, Cardiff CF15 7QQ

10 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at 2pm on Wednesday, 27th November 2013 in the Clwyd Committee Room, County Hall, Mold.

FLINTSHIRE STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
6 MARCH 2013

Minutes of the meeting of the Flintshire Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education held at County Hall, Mold on 6 March 2013

PRESENT:

Councillors: R.C. Bithell, C. Legg, D.I. Mackie, N.R. Steele-Mortimer and C.A. Thomas

Religious Denominations: D. Jones, G.W. Jones, S. Jones, D. McIntyre, and R. Price

Teacher Associations: R. Keating

APOLOGIES:

M. Madoc-Jones, P. Walsh, and D. Morgan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Senior Learning Adviser RE and Committee Officer

13. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2013 were submitted.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

14. ADDITIONAL ITEM

The Chairman announced that he had decided that the Committee should consider an additional item on the grounds of urgency, as provided for under Section 100 B(4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). The item was to consider RE News.

15. RE NEWS

The Senior Learning Adviser referred to correspondence which had been received from RE News promoting RE throughout Wales. He explained that due to escalating costs it was proposed that a digital copy of the publication be produced through Bangor University in the future. The initiative would require a contribution of £500 from each Authority which was a reduction on the current subscription to RE News paid by Flintshire County Council. He asked members to consider if they wished to continue to subscribe to the service. Members agreed that they wished to continue to receive the publication which was a valuable resource.

RESOLVED

That the Authority continued to subscribe to the publication of RE News.

16. REGIONAL SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPROVEMENT SERVICE (RSEIS)

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Elwyn Davies, Chief Officer, RSEIS, to the meeting and invited him to give a presentation on the North Wales Regional Schools Effectiveness and Improvement Service.

Mr. Davies provided background information and gave an overview of RSEIS. The presentation covered the following areas:

- Operational Structure
- Assumptions
- The Joint Committee

Mr. Davies advised that the 27 System Leader and Curriculum Support Coordinator roles would work across Ynys Mon and Gwynedd, Conwy and Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham with flexible management of staff to respond to the annual changing needs of schools. System Leaders time would be utilised to deliver school visits, support to schools requiring additional support, and support self review work.

Mr Davies responded to the questions and concerns raised by members and explained that reports would still be produced for schools in Flintshire and that the System Leader would be involved if there was cause for concern. He provided further information in answer to the concerns raised around small schools, and the allocation of days for monitoring and support.

The Senior Learning Adviser RE explained that each Authority would have its own SACRE.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Davies for an informative and helpful presentation. Councillor R.C. Bithell expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee to Mr. Davies for his hard work, support and commitment to the education service.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be received.

17. ANALYSIS OF INSPECTION REPORTS

The Senior Learning Adviser RE introduced an analysis of the Inspection Report for Westwood CP school which was inspected under the new Estyn Framework October 2012.

He detailed the positive comments made in Key Questions 1, 2 and 3 and highlighted those made in the areas of standards; learning experiences; care, support and guidance; and partnership working.

It was agreed that the Senior Learning Adviser RE would send a letter of congratulations to the headteacher of Westwood CP School.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report be received: and
- (b) That the Senior Learning Adviser RE would send a letter of congratulations to the headteacher of Westwood CP School.

18. MONITORING AND SUPPORTIVE REVIEW

The Senior Learning Adviser RE introduced the report to inform members of the provision of Religious Education in the Holywell Consortium of Schools. He detailed the good features, areas for development and recommendations reported for each of the following schools:-

Holywell High School
Ysgol y Llan
Bro Carmel CP School
Brynfordd CP School
Ysgol Esgob Caerwys
Glan Aber CP School
Ysgol Lixwm
Ysgol Maes Glas
Ysgol Perth y Terfyn
Ysgol Trelawnyd
Ysgol Y Fron

He explained that he had undertaken visits to each of the schools during the Autumn term and a report of the visit, the issues and outcomes, had been agreed with the schools. A summary of the visit was produced and submitted to SACRE for consideration.

Members welcomed the report and during discussion the Senior Learning Adviser RE responded to the comments raised by members around the curriculum and sharing of good practice. Following a suggestion made by Mrs. D. McIntyre it was agreed that a breakdown of the acronyms used in reports be provided to members for future reference.

It was agreed that the Senior Learning Adviser RE would send a letter of congratulations to the schools on the positive outcomes of the inspections.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report be received;

- (b) That the Senior Learning Adviser RE would send a letter to the schools to congratulate them on the positive outcomes of their reports; and
- (c) That the Senior Learning Adviser RE provides a breakdown of the acronyms used in reports and minutes to members.

19. EXAMINATION RESULTS 2012

The Senior Learning Adviser RE presented an analysis of examination results for Religious Studies at GCSE and Advanced levels for consideration.

During discussion a number of queries and observations were raised by members. Councillor N. Steele-Mortimer raised a concern around a variation in some results when compared to the previous year. In his response the Senior Learning Adviser RE explained that there are two examinations for RE; a full course and a short course. He also advised that there was a statutory requirement to teach RE in schools but no statutory requirement to undertake an examination in RE.

Mrs Rita Price commented on the implications when schools decided to change examination boards.

Concerning the results for GCSE Studies at Advanced Level a discrepancy was noted in the data provided for Ysgol Maes Garmon and it was agreed that this be amended by the Senior Learning Adviser RE.

The Senior Learning Adviser RE referred to the Key Stage 3 moderation process which had recently been completed. Schools which had submitted had had their portfolios assessed and moderated and the results were included in the Key Stage 3 Teacher Assessment - 2012 analysis which was included in the report. He commented that the results were a reflection of All Wales not just Flintshire.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the analysis of examination results be noted; and
- (b) That the data provided for GCSE Studies at Advanced Level concerning Ysgol Maes Garmon be amended.

20. FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MONITORING OF RE IN SCHOOLS

The Senior Learning Adviser RE advised that the monitoring and supporting review visits to schools currently undertaken would no longer be possible under the Gwasanaeth Effeithiolrwydd arrangements.

A discussion was held to consider how SACRE would monitor standards in Flintshire in the future. The Senior Learning Adviser RE provided

a breakdown of the ADEW agreed time allocation for SACRE for members' information.

The Senior Learning Adviser RE explained that Primary and Secondary schools would be asked to submit a summary of the school's self evaluation during the year they are inspected by ESTYN. He asked members to consider the self evaluation questionnaire which was included in the report and proposed that it be used to monitor RE and collective workshops in schools.

Members agreed to accept the questionnaire for schools to complete on an bi-annual basis. It was also agreed that the questionnaire be submitted to the Primary and Secondary Headteachers Federations for further consideration.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the self evaluation questionnaire be provided to schools to complete on an bi-annual basis; and
- (b) That the questionnaire be submitted to the Primary and Secondary Headteachers Federations for further consideration

21. WASACRE

The Senior Learning Adviser RE presented the minutes of the meeting of Wales Association of SACREs (WASACRE) held on 23 November 2012.

During discussion it was agreed that an item on WASACRE be included on the agenda for future meetings for consideration by the Committee. It was also agreed that contact be made with Further Education establishments within Flintshire to discuss collaborative work being undertaken in the future.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the minutes be received;
- (b) That an item on WASACRE be included on the agenda for future meetings for consideration by the Committee; and
- (c) That contact be made with Further Education establishments within Flintshire to discuss collaborative work being undertaken in the future.

22. LLANGOLLEN WALK – 11 MAY 2013

The Senior Learning Adviser RE gave a verbal update on developments concerning the sponsored Walk to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of RE Council. He advised that half the funding raised would be donated to the local charity Abergele Youth Action

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted:

Consultation on Proposed Changes to Home to School Transport

Mrs. R. Price referred to the proposed consultation on school transport and commented on the possible consequences on the intake of denominational schools. She suggested that individual members of the Committee may want to look at the proposal and consider how they might wish to respond or that it was an issue which SACRE may want to consider.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Vice-Chair would send a letter to the Director of Lifelong Learning to express the Committee's concerns regarding the proposed changes.

RESOLVED:

That the Vice-Chair would send a letter to the Director of Lifelong Learning to express the Committee's concerns regarding the proposed changes.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman informed members that the next meeting of the Committee had been scheduled for Wednesday, 3 July 2013 at 2.00 p.m. in the Clwyd Committee Room, County Hall, Mold.

24. DURATION OF MEETING

The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. and ended at 4.30 p.m.

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Chairman

Analysis of Inspection Reports Flintshire SACRE

Summer 2013

(reports published in the spring term)

5 Schools

School	Dates	Reporting Inspector
Ysgol Maes Garmon, Mold	Jan 2013	Ray Owen
Sealand CP school	Jan 2013	Richard Hawkey
Ysgol Mynydd Isa, Bryn y Baal	Jan 2013	Chris Dolby
Wood Memorial C.P., Saltney	Nov 12	Owen Glyn Roberts
Sychdyn C.P.	Nov 12	Linda Williams

POSTIVE COMMENTS

Key Question 1: How good are outcomes?

Standards

- In 2012, most pupils at the end of the Foundation Phase achieved the expected outcome 5 in personal and social development, wellbeing and cultural diversity. (Mynydd Isa)

Wellbeing

- Increasingly, pupils play a prominent role in the community. (Maes Garmon)
- Most pupils take part in community activities such as visits to the local church. (Sealand)
- As pupils move through the school, they develop good personal and social skills that prepare them well for life and work outside of school. (Wood Memorial)
- In discussion, they show a good understanding of right and wrong. (Sychdyn)
- Pupils' awareness of the local community is developing well. (Sychdyn)

Key Question 2: How good is provision?

Learning experiences:

- The school offers a wide and suitable curriculum and experiences and meets all statutory requirements. (Maes Garmon)
- Provision for global citizenship is appropriate, in order to develop pupils' relevant understanding. Pupils have opportunities to visit foreign countries. (Maes Garmon)
- Specific themes and collective worship provide good opportunities for developing pupils' knowledge and understanding of the history and culture of Wales. (Mynydd Isa)

- The school succeeds in promoting education for global citizenship. (Mynydd Isa)
- The curriculum is broad and balanced and fully meets statutory requirements. (Wood Memorial)
- Education for sustainable development and global citizenship is promoted actively within the school. The school acts sustainably and the enthusiastic eco-committee involves the local community in its initiatives. However, there are fewer opportunities to develop pupils' awareness of global issues. (Wood Memorial)

Care, support and guidance:

- It has a comprehensive personal and social education programme which offers opportunities for pupils to develop their knowledge and understanding of a wide range of contemporary issues. (Maes Garmon)
- Aspects of the 'minute to think' programme add effectively to pupils' moral, spiritual, social and cultural development. (Maes Garmon)
- The school's provision for pupil's spiritual, moral, cultural and social development is good. (Sealand)
- Its provision for personal and social education is a particularly strong feature and has had a very positive impact on pupils' wellbeing, especially their behaviour. (Sealand)
- Staff and the learning experiences they provide promote pupils' personal development well, including their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. The school encourages pupils to work well with each other and to show respect, care and concern for others. (Wood Memorial)
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Learning Environment:

- The school challenges any stereotyping effectively through the personal and social education programme. (Maes Garmon)

Key Question 3: How good is leadership and management?

Partnership working:

- Many partnerships impact strongly on pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. For instance, there is a close link with local veterans from the Second World War, who attend Remembrance Day services held at the school. (Mynydd Isa)

NEGATIVE COMMENTS

Recommendations

- Comply with the statutory requirements for Collective Worship. (Sychdyn)

Key Question 2: How good is provision?

Learning experiences:

- Fewer opportunities (than sustainable development) to develop pupils' awareness of global issues. (Wood Memorial)

- The school provides pupils with a good range of opportunities to learn about sustainability, but is less effective in promoting global citizenship. (Sychdyn)

Care, support and guidance

- The school does not comply with the statutory requirements for collective worship. (Sychdyn)

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Cyfarfod CCYSAGauC, Newport, 22 Mawrth 2013 /
 Wales Association of SACREs meeting, Newport, 22 March
 2013

<p>Ynys Môn / Anglesey Rheinallt Thomas Eurfryn Davies Bethan James</p> <p>Blaenau Gwent Gill Vaisey</p> <p>Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr / Bridgend Edward Evans Carys Pritchard</p> <p>Caerffili/ Caerphilly Vicky Thomas Michael Gray Enfys Hawthorn Martyn Western</p> <p>Caerdydd / Cardiff Carys Pritchard</p> <p>Sir Gaerfyrddin / Carmarthenshire Mary Parry Helen Gibbon Gwyneth Thomas</p> <p>Ceredigion</p> <p>Conwy Phil Lord Nicholas Richter</p>	<p>Sir Ddinbych / Denbighshire Phil Lord Gavin Craigen</p> <p>Sir y Fflint / Flintshire Phil Lord</p> <p>Gwynedd W M Meredith Bethan James</p> <p>Merthyr Tudful / Merthyr Tydfil Carys Pritchard</p> <p>Sir Fynwy / Monmouthshire Gill Vaisey Susan Cave Sharon Perry-Phillips</p> <p>Castell-nedd Port Talbot / Neath and Port Talbot Janice Dudley</p> <p>Casnewydd / Newport Vicky Thomas Sally Northcott David Williams Huw Stephen Heather Vaughan Soam Sharma A Davidson Neata Baicher JP Val Delahaye Sally Mlewa</p> <p>Sir Benfro / Pembrokeshire</p>	<p>Powys John Mitson</p> <p>Rhondda Cynon Taf Carys Pritchard</p> <p>Abertawe / Swansea Vicky Thomas</p> <p>Torfaen Vicky Thomas Margaret Oelmann</p> <p>Bro Morgannwg / Vale of Glamorgan Carys Pritchard Dafydd Treharne Ramez Delpak</p> <p>Wrecsam / Wrexham Libby Jones Tania ap Siôn</p> <p>Sylwedyddion / Observers Leslie Francis (Canolfan y Santes Fair / St Mary's Centre) Ben Wigley (REMW) Tudor Thomas (WJEC)</p>
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1. Cyflwyniad a chroeso /Introduction and welcome.

Cyflwynodd y Cadeirydd, Edward Evans, Faer Casnewydd, y Cynghorydd John Guy, a groesawodd bawb i'r cyfarfod yng Nghasnewydd. Disgrifiodd Gasnewydd fel dinas â chyfoeth o amrywiaeth, ac aeth yn ei flaen i ddweud bod sawl gwahanol ffydd yn cael ei chynrychioli ar GYSAG Casnewydd. Nododd fod CCYSAGauC wedi bod yn gefnogol i fentrau Cydlyniant Cymunedol, a'i bod yn helpu i sicrhau bod AG yn cael ei haddysgu'n dda yn yr holl ysgolion. Yr oedd darpariaeth dda hefyd ar gyfer Addoli ar y Cyd. Yn 2011 yr oedd Casnewydd wedi trefnu cyfres o ddigwyddiadau ar gyfer yr Wyl AG genedlaethol. Yr oedd llawer o ysgolion wedi cymryd rhan, ac yr oedd y gwaith hwnnw'n parhau. Yr oedd CCYSAGauC yn bwysig oherwydd ei bod yn darparu'r fforwm a'r llais ar gyfer AG ledled Cymru. Wrth gloi ei anerchiad, cynigiodd y Maer ei ddymuniadau gorau ar gyfer y cyfarfod.

Wedi hyn cafwyd cyflwyniad gan Wasanaeth Lleiafrifoedd Ethnig Awdurdod Addysg Gwent (GEMS), a oedd yn darparu cymorth i blant o Leiafrifoedd Ethnig yn ardal Casnewydd. Yr oedd 94 o wahanol ieithoedd, gan gynnwys tafodieithoedd, yn cael eu siarad yn ardal Casnewydd, ac yr oedd y tîm yn darparu cymorth iaith a chymorth hyfforddiant ar eu cyfer. Yr oeddynt hefyd yn gweithio gydag ymgyrch 'Dangos y Cerdyn Coch i Hiliaeth' ac Ymddiriedolaeth Diwrnod Cofio'r Holocaust. Yr oedd y gwasanaeth wedi trefnu amrywiaeth o weithgareddau ar gyfer eu prosiect 'Gweld y Byd drwy Ein Llygaid Ni', a oedd yn canolbwyntio ar wahanol wledydd gan gynnwys Tsieina a'r India. Cyflwynodd cynrychiolwyr y gwasanaeth wybodaeth am Lwybr Ffydd GEMS (rhannwyd taflen yn y cyfarfod) a Mis Hanes GRT, a fyddai'n destun dathliad yng Nghaerdydd eleni ar Fehefin Sed. Rhannwyd cyfeiriad eu gwefan,

1. Cyflwyniad a chroeso /Introduction and welcome.

Chair, Edward Evans introduced the Mayor of Newport, Cllr John Guy who then welcomed everyone to the meeting in Newport. He described Newport as a city with a wealth of diversity and went on to say that Newport SACRE has many different faiths represented. He noted that WASACRE has been supportive of Community Cohesion initiatives and helps to ensure that RE is taught well in all schools. There is also good provision for Collective Worship. In 2011 Newport organised a series of events for the National RE festival. Many schools took part and that work is on-going. WASACRE is important because it provides the forum and the voice for RE across Wales. The Mayor concluded his address by offering well wishes for the meeting.

This was followed by a presentation by the Gwent Education Minority-ethnic Service who provides support for children who are from Minority Ethnic groups in the Newport area. There are 94 different languages spoken in the Newport area including dialects, for which the team develop language and tuition support. They also work with Show Racism the Red Card and the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust. The service has organised a variety of activities for their 'See the World through Ours Eyes' project focussing on different countries including China and India. They informed members of the GEMS Faith Trail (leaflet shared in the meeting) and GRT History month for which there will be a celebration in Cardiff this year on June 5th. Their website address was shared www.newportlearn.net/inclusion/ and members were invited to login as 'guest' to find out more information about any of

www.newportlearn.net/inclusion/ a gwahoddwyd yr aelodau i fewngofnodi fel 'gwestai' er mwyn cael rhagor o wybodaeth am unrhyw rai o'r gwasanaethau yr oedd GEMS yn eu darparu.

2. Adfyfrio tawel / Quiet reflection
Darllenodd y Cadeirydd, Edward Evans, ddwy gerdd, un ohonynt o'r enw 'The Donkey', gan G. K. Chesterton, a gofynnodd i'r aelodau fyfrio ar ddigwyddiadau Wythnos y Pasg.

3. Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies
Lynda Maddock, Jen Malcolm, Christine Abbas, y Cynghorydd Bob Poole, Claire Lane, Meinir Loader.

4. Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ym Merthyr Tudful, Tachwedd 23ain 2012 / Minutes of meeting held in Merthyr Tydfil, 23 November 2012
Derbyniwyd cofnodion y cyfarfod fel rhai cywir.

5. Materion yn codi / Matters arising
Eitem 6, 3ydd pwynt: rhoddwyd yr wybodaeth ddiweddaraf ynglŷn â lansiad y Grŵp Seneddol Hollbleidiol y bu Tania ap Siôn yn bresennol ynddo ym Mehefin 2012. Yr oedd yr ymchwiliad wedi ei gwblhau, ac yr oedd copïau o'r adroddiad ar gael ar wefan CCYSAGauC. Yr oedd yn cyflwyno darlun a oedd yn peri gofid ynglŷn â'r sefyllfa yn Lloegr o ran y cyflenwad o athrawon AG a'r cymorth a oedd ar gael i athrawon AG. Er enghraifft, yr oedd AG yn cael ei haddysgu gan gynorthwyr addysgu; yr oedd tua hanner yr athrawon cynradd yn teimlo diffyg hyder wrth addysgu AG; ac yr oedd dros 50% o athrawon AG yn y sector uwchradd heb unrhyw gymhwyster mewn AG. Yr oedd cynnwys athrawon anarbenigol yn y ffigurau'n creu argraff gamarweiniol fod gan Loegr ddigon o athrawon AG. Yr oedd y canfyddiadau'n dangos yn ogystal fod gostyngiad o 140 yn y ceisiadau am leodd ar gyrsiau hyfforddi

the services GEMS provide.

2. Adfyfrio tawel / Quiet reflection
Chair Edward Evans read two poems, one entitled 'The Donkey' by E A Chesterton and asked members to reflect on the events of Holy Week.

3. Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies
Lynda Maddock, Jen Malcolm, Christine Abbas, Cllr Bob Poole, Claire Lane, Meinir Loader.

4. Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ym Merthyr Tudful, 23 Tachwedd 2012 / Minutes of meeting held in Merthyr Tydfil, 23 November 2012
The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

5. Materion sy'n codi / Matters arising
Item 6, 3rd point. Update on the launch of the All Party Parliamentary Group attended by Tania ap Sion in June 2012. The enquiry has been completed and copies of report are available from the WASACRE website. It presents a worrying picture in England in regard to supply of RE teachers and support for RE teachers. E.g. RE taught by teaching assistants; about half of primary teachers lacked confidence in teaching RE; over 50% of secondary RE teachers have no qualification in RE. The inclusion of non-specialists gave a false impression of England having enough RE teachers. The findings also show that applications for RE teacher training courses are down by 140, with the loss of bursaries for RE. With regard to support, 40% of schools found that RE teachers have limited access to CPD. A range of government policies in England, e.g. the EBacc, is lowering the

athrawon AG, oherwydd colli bwsariaethau ar gyfer AG. Ynglŷn â chymorth, yr oedd 40% o ysgolion wedi canfod mai mynediad cyfyngedig yn unig oedd gan athrawon AG i DPP. Yr oedd amrywiaeth o bolisiâu llywodraeth yn Lloegr, e.e. yr EBacc, yn gostwng statws AG mewn ysgolion yn Lloegr.

Mewn perthynas â chanlyniadau ymchwiliad APPG yn Lloegr, mynegodd Tudor Thomas (CBAC) bryderon ynglŷn â'r cwmp yn nifer yr ymgeiswyr yn Lloegr ar gyfer yr arholiad CBAC mewn Astudiaethau Crefyddol, oherwydd yr EBacc, a nododd fod hyn yn destun pryder mawr. Nid oedd cyrsiau byrion yn cael eu cydnabod yn Lloegr, ac yr oedd statws cymwysterau mewn AG yn gyffredinol wedi lleihau. Gofynnodd Rheinallt Thomas a allai CCYSAGauC gynnal prosiect ymchwil yn canolbwyntio ar y sefyllfa yng Nghymru, ac o bosib cynnal 'adolygiad' yng Nghymru. Mewn ymateb, atgoffodd Vicky Thomas yr aelodau y byddai canlyniadau adolygiad thematig Estyn ar gael cyn hir, a dywedodd y gallai'r rhain fod o gymorth. Awgrymodd y dylai CCYSAGauC aros i weld beth fyddai cynnwys adroddiad Estyn ar Fehefin 18fed. Cytunodd Leslie Francis fod ymchwil yn ddefnyddiol, a chynigiodd Rheinallt Thomas y dylem aros, a thrafod hyn yn nes ymlaen. Cytunodd yr aelodau.

Mynegodd Mary Parry bryderon ynglŷn â'r adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm yng Nghymru, gan nad oedd AG yn rhan ohono, ac awgrymodd y dylai CCYSAGauC ofyn bod AG yn cael ei gwneud yn rhan o'r adolygiad. Yr oedd hi'n pryderu na fyddai'r Fframwaith Enghreifftiol yn berthnasol mwyach, yn wyneb dyfodiad y Fframwaith Llythrennedd a Rhifedd newydd a newidiadau eraill posibl yn y cwricwlwm. Anogodd Gavin Craigen bwyll, gan ddweud mai'r rheswm nad oedd AG wedi ei chynnwys oedd bod Llywodraeth Cymru'n fodlon arni. Awgrymodd, felly, y dylai CCYSAGauC atgoffa Llywodraeth

status of RE in schools in England. In relation to the results of the APPG enquiry in England, Tudor Thomas (WJEC) raised concerns about the drop in WJEC RS exam entries in England due to the EBacc and noted that this was very worrying. Short courses are not recognised in England and the status of RE qualifications in general has diminished. Rheinallt Thomas asked whether WASACRE could do a research project focusing on the situation in Wales, and perhaps conduct a Wales 'review'. In response, Vicky Thomas reminded members that we will have the results of the Estyn thematic review shortly and said that this may be helpful and suggested that WASACRE waits to see what Estyn reports on 18 June. Leslie Francis agreed that research is helpful and Rheinallt Thomas proposed that we wait but discuss this at a later date. Members agreed.

Mary Parry raised concerns about the curriculum review in Wales, with RE not being a part of this review, and suggested that WASACRE should request that RE be made part of the review. She was concerned that the Exemplar Framework would no longer be relevant with the new Literacy and Numeracy Framework and other possible curriculum changes. Gavin Craigen urged caution, saying that the reason RE has not been included is because Welsh Government is satisfied with it. Therefore, he suggested that WASACRE should remind Welsh Government of the importance of RE and that RE is a statutory requirement.

Cymru o bwysigrwydd AG a bod AG yn ofyniad statudol. Rhannodd Rheinallt Thomas yr ohebiaeth yr oedd wedi ei derbyn yn Rhagfyr 2012 oddi wrth Leighton Andrews, mewn ymateb i lythyr yr oedd wedi ei ysgrifennu ato; tynnodd sylw arbennig at yr adran ganlynol: Bydd AG yn aros yn ofyniad statudol yn yr holl ysgolion a gynhelir yng Nghymru a Lloegr (Deddf Diwygio Addysg 1988 a.2(1)(a)). Rhaid i'r addysg grefyddol sy'n cael ei chyflwyno mewn ysgolion barhau i gydymffurfio â gofynion y maes llafur sydd wedi ei gytuno'n lleol gan bob awdurdod lleol drwy ei Gyngor Ymgynghorol Sefydlog ar Addysg Grefyddol (CYSAG). Buasem yn disgwyl i'r trefniadau hyn barhau oddi mewn i'r strwythur consortia rhanbarthol, ond yn amlwg byddai'r manylion yn amrywio o un consortiwm i'r llall...

Dywedodd Gill Vaisey fod CYSAG'au Blaenau Gwent a Sir Fynwy wedi trafod yr adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm, a'i bod yn well ganddynt beidio â gwneud diwygiadau i'w meysydd llafur cytûn eto, gan y byddai'n rhaid iddynt wneud diwygiadau yn unol â'r newidiadau y byddai'r adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm yn eu cynnig ar ôl Medi 2014. Cododd Vicky Thomas y pwynt ein bod wedi meddu ar feysydd llafur cytûn cyffredin yng Nghymru ers 2008, ac i hyn fod yn gamp sylweddol. Yr oedd perygl bellach o golli'r cyffredinrwydd hwnnw ar draws Cymru pe bai Awdurdodau Lleol yn gwneud eu newidiadau eu hunain er mwyn adlewyrchu'r newidiadau cenedlaethol. Nododd Carys Pritchard mai ym Medi 2014 y byddai'r adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm yn cael ei gwblhau, a bod yr arfarniad o'r Cyfnod Sylfaen yn parhau. Dylai CCYSAGauC gymryd i ystyriaeth weithrediad ac effaith yr arfarniad hwn, a'i effaith i'r dyfodol hefyd.

Awgrymodd rhai aelodau y dylai CCYSAGauC gysylltu â'r Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau i ofyn bod AG yn cael ei chynnwys yn yr adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm

Rheinallt Thomas shared the correspondence he had received in December 2012 from Leighton Andrews, written in response to a letter he had written, highlighting the following section: RE will remain a statutory requirement in all maintained schools in Wales and England (Education Reform Act 1988 s.2 (1) (a)). The religious education taught in schools must continue to comply with the requirements of the locally agreed syllabus produced by each local authority via its Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE). We would expect these arrangements to continue within the regional consortia structure but exact details would obviously vary from one consortia to another...

Gill Vaisey said that Blaenau Gwent and Monmouthshire SACREs have discussed the curriculum review and felt they would rather not make any change to their agreed syllabi yet as they would have to make amendments in line with the curriculum review proposed changes after September 2014. Vicky Thomas raised the point that since 2008 we have commonality of agreed syllabi in Wales and this has been a significant achievement. There was now a danger of losing commonality across Wales if Local Authorities make their own changes to reflect the national changes. Carys Pritchard noted that September 2014 is when the curriculum review will have been finalised and that the evaluation of the Foundation Phase is on-going. WASACRE should take account of the implementation, impact and future impact of this evaluation also.

Some members suggested that WASACRE contact the Minister of Education and Skills to request that RE is included in the curriculum review and /or to draw his

a/neu i dynnu ei sylw at y Fframwaith Enghreifftiol ar gyfer AG (2008) a gofyn beth fyddai effaith debygol yr adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm arno o Fedi 2014 ymlaen. Mewn pleidlais ar fater anfon llythyr at y Gweinidog, cefnogodd mwyafrif o'r aelodau gynnig y dylai CCYSAGauC ysgrifennu llythyr ac y dylid gadael i swyddogion y Gymdeithas wneud hyn ar eu rhan.

6. **Hyfforddiant CA3/ KS3 Training.** Diolchodd Gavin Craigen i GCYSAGauC am y cyfle i gynnig yr hyfforddiant CA3, a rhannodd yr adborth cadarnhaol iawn a gafwyd gan gyfranogion i'r arfarniad o'r digwyddiadau hyfforddi a gynhaliwyd ar draws Cymru. Byddai copi o'i gyflwyniad ar gael ar wefan CCYSAGauC. Yr oedd yr arfarniadau'n dangos negeseuon cadarnhaol gan athrawon. Hwn oedd yr hyfforddiant cenedlaethol cyntaf, ac yr oedd wedi profi'n brosiect buddiol iawn.

Diolchodd y Cadeirydd i Gavin am ei waith caled, ac adleisiwyd hyn gan Vicky Thomas a Gill Vaisey, a dynnodd sylw at y ffaith fod CCYSAGauC wedi ymateb yn gadarnhaol i fater cymedroli yn CA3 drwy ariannu a threfnu'r hyfforddiant; cydnabuasant hefyd waith caled yr ymgynghorwyr o bob rhan o Gymru a fu'n rhan o hyn. Awgrymodd Gill Vaisey y dylai CCYSAGauC ystyried a oedd angen i'r Gymdeithas gefnogi DPP pellach ar gyfer athrawon AG yn yr hinsawdd a oedd ohoni (hynny yw, oddi mewn i'r trefniadau ar gyfer consortia, a'r lleihad mewn gwasanaethau ymgynghorol). Cytunodd Phil Lord y dylid ymchwilio i hyn, gan fod posibilrwydd y byddai ysgolion yn cael eu gorfodi i ddefnyddio adnoddau neu hyfforddiant o Loegr na fyddai'n adlewyrchu cwricwlwm AG Cymru. Adleisiodd y Cadeirydd y pryderon hyn, ac awgrymodd y dylem gadw llygad ar y sefyllfa.

Gwnaeth aelodau eraill y sylw fod mawr angen am gefnogaeth CCYSAGauC yn y

attention to the Exemplar Framework for RE (2008) and ask what likely impact the curriculum review will have on it from September 2014. In response to a vote on the question of sending a letter to the Minister, a majority of members voted for WASACRE to write a letter and to leave the officers of the Association to do this on their behalf.

6. **Hyfforddiant CA3/ KS3 Training.** Gavin Craigen thanked WASACRE for the opportunity to offer the KS3 training, and shared the very positive participant evaluation feedback from the training events held across Wales. A copy of his presentation will be available on the WASACRE website. Evaluations showed positive messages from teachers. This was the first national training and proved a very worthwhile project.

The Chair thanked Gavin for his hard work and this was echoed by Vicky Thomas and Gill Vaisey who pointed out that WASACRE responded positively to the KS3 moderation issue by funding and organising the training and acknowledged the hard work of the advisors from all areas of Wales who had been part of this. Gill Vaisey suggested that WASACRE should look at whether there is a need for the Association to support further CPD for RE teachers in the current climate (that is within the consortia arrangements, and reduced advisory services). Phil Lord agreed that this should be explored because schools may be forced to use resources or training from England which would not reflect the Welsh RE curriculum. Chair echoed these concerns and suggested that we keep an eye on the situation.

Other members commented that WASACRE support in this area is much

maes hwn, a gwerthfawrogiad mawr ohoni hefyd, gan na allai ysgolion fforddio anfon athrawon allan ar gyfer DPP; a bod gorfod talu cost athrawon llanw'n unig yn help. Dywedodd Vicky Thomas fod cost yr hyfforddiant, sef oddeutu £40 am bob athro, yn cynnig gwerth am arian, a bod hyn yn bosibl oherwydd bod awdurdodau lleol neu gonsortia'n cydweithio i gadw'r costau'n isel. Estynnwyd diolch i gonsortia ac awdurdodau lleol a oedd yn cymryd rhan ac yn talu am y manau cyfarfod a chinio canol dydd etc.

7. Cyflwyniadau gan PYCAG ar y Cyfnod Sylfaen / NAPfRE presentations on the Foundation Phase

Cyflwynodd Bethan James 'People, Beliefs and Questions: Our interpretation'. Diolchodd Anne Williams a Helen Evans, o ysgolion yn Nolgellau, Gwynedd, i Bethan am ei chymorth a'i harweiniad, cyn cyflwyno 'Llyfr stori fel man cychwyn: "Salamatu and Kandoni Go Missing" gan Steve Bruce'. Trwy gyfrwng y llyfr hwn yr oedd y disgyblion yn dysgu mwy am y byd o'u cwmpas, a dangoswyd sut yr oedd hyn yn cysylltu â'r Fframwaith Llythrennedd a Rhifedd Cenedlaethol, e.e. yr oedd y disgyblion yn ysgrifennu llythyrau at Salamatu ac yn gweithio allan gost gafr, yn pwysu reis, ac yn amcangyfrif pwysau babi. Diolchodd Bethan i'w chydweithwyr am ddangos sut yr oedd ysgol wledig fechan yng Ngogledd Cymru'n ymateb i'r Fframwaith Llythrennedd a Rhifedd, ac am eu henghraifft o blentyn yn cyflawni deilliant 6 gan ddefnyddio AG.

Cyflwynodd Phil Lord 'AG yn y Ddogfen Cyfnod Sylfaen', a ddatblygwyd ganddo gyda chymorth athrawon yn Sir Conwy, Sir Ddinbych a Sir y Fflint.

Cyflwynodd Gill Vaisey becynnau pwnc a ddatblygwyd gyda chymorth athrawon ym Mlaenau Gwent, Torfaen a Sir Fynwy.

Bwriedid gosod yr holl adnoddau hyn mewn un lleoliad canolog, i'w defnyddio gan holl ymarferwyr Cymru.

needed and appreciated as schools cannot afford to send teachers out for CPD and that it helped only having to pay for supply cover. Vicky Thomas said the training was value for money at around £40 for each teacher and this was possible due to Local authorities or consortia working together to keep the costs low. Thanks were extended to consortia and LAs that were involved and who paid for venues and lunches etc.

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Bethan James presented 'People, Beliefs and Questions. Our interpretation'. Anne Williams and Helen Evans from schools in Dolgellau, Gwynedd, thanked Bethan for her support and leadership before presenting 'A story book as a starting point, 'Salamatu and Kandoni go missing' by Steve Bruce' Through this book the pupils were learning more about the world around them, and it was shown how this was related to the National Literacy and Numeracy Framework e.g. The children wrote letters to Salamatu and worked out the costing of goat, weighed rice and estimated the weight of a baby. Bethan thanked her colleagues for their demonstration of how a small rural school in North Wales was responding to the Literacy and Numeracy Framework and their example of a child achieving an outcome 6 using RE.

Phil Lord presented 'RE in the Foundation Phase document' which he developed with help from teachers in Conwy, Denbigh and Flintshire.

Gill Vasey presented topic packs developed with help from teachers in Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen and Monmouthshire.

It is the intention to place all of these resources in one central location for all practitioners in Wales to use.

<p>8. Gohebiaeth /Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llythyr a dderbyniwyd oddi wrth Vaughan Salisbury mewn perthynas â Newyddion AG, yn hysbysu'r aelodau mai ar lein yn unig y byddai'r cyhoeddiad hwn ar gael o hyn ymlaen. Darllenodd y Cadeirydd y llythyr i'r cyfarfod, ac awgrymodd dri phwynt yr oedd angen i GCYSAGauC eu hystyried. Cytunodd yr aelodau y dylai CCYSAGauC ysgrifennu at Vaughan Salisbury i ofyn a ellid cyhoeddi Newyddion AG mewn diwyg rhatach, ac i ofyn am i gostiadau llawn gael eu darparu er mwyn i'r cais gael ei gloriannu'n iawn. • Anogwyd yr aelodau gan Neeta Baicher, o Gymdeithas Sikhiaid De Cymru, i gofrestru ar gyfer cynhadledd flynyddol y gymdeithas. Yr oedd y manylion cofrestru ar gael gan Neeta a Libby Jones drwy e-bost, ac yr oedd copïau caled ar gael yn y cyfarfod. • Yr oedd dymuniadau gorau am y Flwyddyn Newydd wedi eu hestyn gan Christine Abbas o gymuned y Ba' hai. <p>9. Adroddiad ar gyfarfod y Pwyllgor Gwaith a gynhaliwyd ar 6 Chwefror 2013 / Report from the Executive Committee held on 6 February 2013 Cyflwynwyd hwn i'r aelodau yn y cyfarfod, ac yr oedd copïau ar gael ymhlith eu papurau.</p> <p>10. Newyddion diweddar / Update:</p> <p>(a) Gynhadledd CCYSAGauC / WASACRE Conference Rhoddwyd y cefndir i gynhadledd CCYSAGauC, a fyddai'n cael ei chynnal ddydd Iau Hydref 10fed 2013, i'r aelodau. Anogodd Tania ap Siôn yr aelodau i fynd â'r wybodaeth yn ôl i'w CYSAG'au ac i roi'r dyddiad yn eu dyddiaduron eu hunain.</p>	<p>8. Gohebiaeth /Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter received from Vaughan Salisbury in relation to RE News advising members that the publication will now only be available online. The Chair read out the letter and suggested three points that WASACRE need to consider. Members agreed that WASACRE should write to Vaughan Salisbury to ask if RE News can be published in a cheaper format and for full costings to be provided so that the request could be properly evaluated . • Neeta Baicher from Sikh Association South Wales encouraged members to register for their national conference, details for registration are available from Neeta and Libby Jones via email and hard copies were available at the meeting. • Happy New Year greeting have been extended from Christine Abbas from the Ba' hai community. <p>9. Aroddiad ar gyfarfod y Pwyllgor Gwaith a gynhaliwyd ar 6 Chwefror 2013 / Report from the Executive Committee held on 6 February 2013 This was presented to members at the meeting and copies were available in their papers.</p> <p>10. Newyddion diweddar/Update:</p> <p>(a) Gynhadledd CCYSAGauC / WASACRE Conference Members were given the background for the WASACRE conference taking place on Thursday 10 October 2013. Tania ap Sion urged members to take the information back to their SACREs and to put the date in their own diaries.</p>
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Amcanion Cyffredinol: Digwyddiad hyfforddi cenedlaethol, a fyddai'n codi proffil AG a'r cyfraniad y gallai AG ei wneud i gyflawniad blaenoriaethau cenedlaethol.

Thema: Codi safonau mewn AG.

Cynnwys: Amlygu deilliannau adolygiad thematig Estyn, a chynnal gweithdai.

Y gynulleidfa: Byddai'r gynhadledd yn berthnasol i gynrychiolwyr CYSAG'au, Cynghorwyr, ac athrawon o'r Cyfnod Sylfaen i addysg ôl-16.

(b) Yr Adolygiad o'r Cwricwlwm a meysydd llafur cytûn / The Curriculum Review and agreed syllabuses.

Cytunwyd ar y datganiad a ganlyn: "Mae CCYSAGauC yn argymhell bod CYSAG'au yn cychwyn proses o adolygu'r maes llafur cytûn, i'w pharhau dros y blynyddoedd nesaf, ac y dylent weithredu newidiadau i'w maes llafur cytûn mewn ymateb i'r trefniadau adolygu cwricwlwm ar ôl Medi 2014."

Byddai hwn yn mynd allan mewn llythyr at yr holl glercod CYSAG'au (LJ).

Eglurhaodd Gill Vaisey y datganiad drwy ddweud y gallai'r broses adolygu gychwyn oddi mewn i bob CYSAG, ond na fyddai angen gwneud newidiadau i bob maes llafur cytûn tan ar ôl Medi 2014, pan fyddem yn gwybod canlyniadau'r adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm; bryd hynny, gellid gwneud diwygiadau priodol yn unol â'r rhai a fyddai'n cael eu gwneud i'r cwricwlwm newydd.

Cafwyd trafodaeth wedi hynny ynglŷn ag agweddau cyfreithiol ar yr adolygiad o'r maes llafur cytûn (a'r gynhadledd) oddi mewn i GYSAG'au unigol, ac ynglŷn ag ymateb y Gweinidog, yn ei lythyr, i'r goblygiadau posibl i GYSAG'au pe tynnid y cyfrifoldeb am Addysg oddi ar awdurdodau lleol. Cynigiodd Vicky Thomas y dylid trafod llythyr Leighton Andrews yng nghyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor Gwaith, ac y dylid ei gynnwys yn y papurau ar gyfer cyfarfod y Pwyllgor

Aims: National training event, raising the profile of RE and the contribution RE can make to national priorities.

Theme: Raising standards in RE

Content: Highlighting the outcomes of the Estyn thematic review, workshops

Audience: Relevant for SACRE representatives, Councilors and teachers from Foundation Phase to post 16.

(b) Yr Adolygiad Cwricwlwm a meysydd llafur cytûn / The Curriculum Review and agreed syllabuses.

The following statement was agreed:

"WASACRE recommends that SACREs start an agreed syllabus review process that is on-going for the next few years and should implement changes to their agreed syllabus in response to the curriculum review arrangements after September 2014."

This will go out in a letter to all SACRE clerks (LJ). Gill Vaisey clarified this by saying that the review process can begin within each SACRE, but that changes to each agreed syllabus will not need to be made until after September 2014 when we know the results of the curriculum review, in which case appropriate amendments can be made in line with those made to the new curriculum.

A discussion ensued about the legalities of the agreed syllabus review and conference within individual SACREs and the minister's response in his letter to possible implications on SACREs in removing responsibility for Education from local authorities. Vicky Thomas proposed that Leighton Andrew's letter is discussed at the next Executive meeting and is included in the papers for the Executive meeting on the 16 May 2013. (LJ)

SACRE Clerks are to be asked who is

<p>Gwaith ar Fai 16eg 2013 (LJ). Byddid yn gofyn i Glercod y CYSAG'au pwy oedd yn gyfrifol am AG o dan y trefniadau newydd.</p> <p>(c) Marc Safon Addysg Grefyddol/ Religious Education Quality Mark (REQM) Siaradodd Bethan James ar ran Phil Lord. Yr oedd y peilot ar gyfer fersiwn Cymraeg y marc safon wedi ei gwblhau, ac yr oedd PL yn gobeithio y gallai athrawon o'r ysgol beilot wneud cyflwyniad yng nghyfarfod nesaf CCYSAGauC.</p> <p>(d) Adolygiad o adroddiadau CYSAG Blynnyddol / Review of SACRE annual reports. Cafodd yr eitem hon ei thynnu'n ôl er mwyn i'r cyfarfod ddod i ben yn brydlon, ac er mwyn lliniaru pwysau amser ar y rhai a fyddai'n teithio drwy'r tywydd mawr.</p> <p>11. Arddangos adnoddau AG / Showcase of RE resources. Yr oedd enghreifftiau wedi eu rhoi yn ystod cyflwyniad PYCAG o dan eitem 7.</p> <p>12. U.F.A. / U.F.A. Ni chodwyd unrhyw fater arall.</p> <p>14. Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf / Date of next meeting: Mehefin 19eg 2013, Caernarfon.</p>	<p>responsible for RE within the new arrangements.</p> <p>(c) REQM/ Religious Education Quality Mark Bethan James spoke on behalf of Phil Lord. The pilot for the Welsh version of the quality mark is complete and he is hoping that teachers from the pilot school can give a presentation at the next WASACRE meeting.</p> <p>(d) Adolygiad o adroddiadau CYSAG Blynnyddol / Review of SACRE annual reports. This item was withdrawn in order for the meeting to end promptly to alleviate time pressures for those travelling in the severe weather conditions.</p> <p>11. Arddangos adnoddau AG / Showcase of RE resources. Examples given during the NAPfRE presentation under item 7.</p> <p>12. U.F.A. / A.O.B. There was no other business.</p> <p>14. Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf / Date of next meeting: 19 June 2013, Caernarfon.</p>
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