

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SACRE COMMITTEE

7 October 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the SACRE Committee of Flintshire County Council held virtually on the 7 October 2021

IN ATTENDANCE:

Elected Members:

Cllr Chris Bithell (CB); Cllr Ian Roberts; Cllr Dave Mackie (DM); Cllr Janet Axworthy (JA); Cllr Adele Davies-Cooke; Cllr Marion Bateman

Church in Wales Representatives (St Asaph Diocese)

Jennie Downes (JD); Marina Parsons (MP), (Headteacher Trelawynd)

Roman Catholic Church representative (Wrexham Diocese)

John Morgan (JM), Headteacher, St Anthony's RC school Saltney

Secondary school representatives

Catherine McCormick (CM), Headteacher St Richard Gwyn RC High School, Flint

Primary teacher representatives

Amira Mattar (AM) Westwood CP School, Buckley

Education Representatives

Vicky Barlow (VB), Senior Manager School Improvement; Jane Borthwick (JB), Primary Learning Adviser

Apologies For Absence

Apologies received and accepted from Wendy White (RC representative); Claire Homard (Chief Officer); Councillor Colin Legg; Rev Huw Powell Davies (Presbyterian Church In Wales representative); Simon Piercy (Primary heads Federation representative)

Also in attendance

Kim Brookes, Senior Manager, Education & Youth (Clerk); Sharon Thomas, Committee Clerk

ST confirmed meeting being recorded. KB welcomed colleagues to the meeting.

1. TO APPOINT A CHAIR FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2021 – 2022

Thanking Cllrs JA and MB for their proposed nomination, the Clerk advised the terms of reference for the Committee provide for the automatic election of Vice Chair to Chair. Catherine McCormack as current vice Chair was

therefore nominated to Chair for 2021/22. Nomination accepted by Cllr CB and seconded by Cllr JA.

Agreed: Appointment of CM to Chair for 2021/22

2. TO APPOINT A VICE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2021-22

Clerk advised the meeting of the rotating pattern for nomination of officers from either Members; schools or church representatives. Nominations for vice chair therefore requested from church representatives. No nominations were received therefore Cllr CB proposed Cllr MB, seconded by Cllr ADC.

Agreed: Appointment of Cllr MB to Vice Chair for 2021/22

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT

None declared except Councillors who are school governors

4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2021

Agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising:

VB to send out WASACRE website link and confirmed that following the Workshop held in July, a response had been submitted to Wales Government on the consultation to the proposed statutory framework. Anticipated that the new framework available by the end of the term. Planning on Spring Syllabus conference and sharing of resources across Wales underway; planning for support with professional development on the new curriculum for the Summer Term and an action on the SACRE to develop our new Standing Advisory Council as will be required under the new framework.

Action: proposals on the new Standing Advisory Council to be brought to November meeting for discussion.

5. CURRICULUM FOR WALES 2022

Jane Borthwick Primary Learning Adviser (JB) circulated examples of some of the activities schools have been engaging in this term where they are bringing the 4 purposes to life through Religion, values and ethics based activities:

Ysgol Y Llan Whitford have been working with their Ethos committee to improve values and Ethos in their school, this involved them in being creative

contributors to the way things happen in their own school. They have shared their work via a playlist on the good practice section in HwB – the all wales learning resource

Ysgol Nannerch and Ysgol Nercwys have been working on many different areas which meet the 4 purposes of the new curriculum: Artist in Residence; World Religions, a topic pupils took forward as they were interested in Christianity and other faiths. Pupils each week explored and researched a different faith and created artefacts; Celebrating school values through Seren Yr Wythnos and VIP.

St Ethelwold's school in Shotton: year 3/4 children read the book 'We are all born free - The universal Declaration of Human rights in pictures'.

Ysgol Y Foel, Cilcain: achieved recognition with the prestigious *AONB Landscape Award* for their ground breaking renewable energy project. Pupils share their schools achievements to benefit the school and environment, and achieve recognition from the *AONB Landscape Award*.

Chair thanked JB for her presentation and agreed to share with secondary colleagues. Cllrs CB and JA welcomed the information and opportunity to air and celebrate with schools, finding the stories uplifting and inspirational. JD confirmed more examples can be shared of activities undertaken in the church in wales schools.

Action: VB will pass on thanks to schools and look to share news stories more widely through the Corporate Communications Team.

6. UPDATE ON THE WORK OF ESTYN FOR 2021-22

VB informed the meeting that Estyn have paused the autumn cycle of inspections to allow schools to concentrate on health and wellbeing and the requirements of the new curriculum and the Additional learning Needs Act.

New inspection arrangements to be trialled:

- Five inspection areas to be the same with Area 1 being termed learning not standards
- The summative judgement to be removed to allow focus on the body of the report on strengths
- Reduce notice of inspection from 15 to 10 days
- Collective worship remains

Estyn still monitoring schools in categories with engagement visits, looking at blended learning and thematic reviews.

7. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

VB advised the next WASACRE meeting on the 23 November 2021; details to be circulated to members and virtual representation requested.

Future meetings of Flintshire SACRE will be held at 4.00 pm on:

Thursday 25th November 2021;
Wednesday 9th February 2022 and
Wednesday 8th June 2022

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr CB raised an enquiry he had received from Rev Huw Powell Davies on proposals for future church representation on the SACRE.

Agreed: discussion on membership and terms of reference for the new Standing Advisory Council to be discussed at a future meeting.