

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**SACRE COMMITTEE**  
**9 February 2022**

Minutes of the meeting of the SACRE Committee of Flintshire County Council held virtually on the 9 February 2022

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Elected Members:**

Cllr Chris Bithell (CB); Cllr Janet Axworthy (JA); Cllr Adele Davies-Cooke;  
Cllr Marion Bateman and Cllr Paul Cunningham

**Church in Wales Representatives (St Asaph Diocese)**

Jennie Downes (JD); Marina Parsons (MP), Ysgol Trelawynd VA School

**Roman Catholic Representatives -** John Morgan, St. Anthony RC school

**Secondary school representatives** Catherine McCormack (CM), Headteacher St Richard Gwyn RC High School, Flint; Lyn Oakes

**Primary teacher representatives** Amira Mattir (AM) Westwood CP School, Buckley,

**Primary headteachers Federation** Simon Piercy

**Special School representative** – Julian Lewis, Ysgol Pen Coch

**Presbyterian Church of Wales** Rev Huw Powell Davies

**Deeside VI College** - Rob Hughes

**Education Representatives**

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

Also in attendance- Kim Brookes, Senior Manager, Education & Youth (Clerk); Nicola Gittins (NG) Democratic Services Clerk

NG confirmed meeting being recorded. CM welcomed colleagues to the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Dave Mackie; Cllr Colin Legg;

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT

None declared but noted those elected members who are school governors.

## 3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 25 NOVEMBER 2021

**Agreed** as a correct record. No matters arising

## 4. RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS GUIDANCE AND LEGISLATION (RVE)

VB referred to the web-based document links circulated with the agenda noting that the resources associated with the legislation and guidance are only available on line and no longer to be published as hard copies.

VB welcomed the inclusion of RVE in the new curriculum noting that the guidance has been informed by the contributions from this and other SACRE groups and advised that the documents were therefore the key reference documents. She advised that the documents should be agreed as fit for purpose and used therefore in order to meet our statutory objective for an Agreed Syllabus. The meeting noted that the Agreed Syllabus Conference would be formally opened at the end of this meeting and all members invited to attend.  
Cllr JA joined the meeting 16.05pm.

Members were asked to note the recommendation to the Conference that a working group be established to advise on the content of the Agreed Syllabus which would be brought back to full Conference for adoption in May. VB hoped that as many members as possible would participate in the two workshop meetings planned.

JD shared powerpoint presentation of examples from ST. Marys, Hawarden village and Westwood primary schools of their work using RVE within the four purposes of the new Curriculum, for example of how they would make refugees welcome.

Cllr CB thanked JD for sharing inspirational work from pupils. VB advised that the council had a core package of support, including for schools. Those schools who had received refugees had given them a warm welcome. A pilot scheme underway for schools to become a School of Sanctuary with a launch of the pilot in the Summer Term.

**Action;** VB to update future meeting on work of the pilot scheme

VB thanked JD for gathering the work from pupils which members previously would have received presentations direct from pupils. The meeting welcomed the opportunity to visit schools again when possible.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

VB informed the meeting of email received today from WASCARE notifying local SACREs of four vacancies on Committee with nominations due by 8 April 2022.

**Action:** VB to circulate letter to members and any expressions of interest to be notified to VB. Cllr CB noted the forthcoming election period and the possibility of new Elected Members.

VB also advised of consultation on revised WASACRE constitution.

**Action:** comments back to VB who will feed back at WASACRE AGM.

No other business raised.

**7. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting of Flintshire SACRE will be held at 4.00 pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**8. ATTENDANCE BY MEMBERS OF THE PRESS**

None

The meeting commenced at 16.00 pm and ended at 16.35pm

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Chairman