



Meeting Record
Northamptonshire Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)
Annual General Meeting
held on 5 November 2019 at
One Angel Square, Northampton,
NN1 1ED at 5.00 pm

Present:

Committee A: Morcea Walker (Chair) – United Reform Church; Chris Paddock – Humanism UK; Arthur Newbury – The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints; Daniel Tabor – Northampton Hebrew Congregation; Avnish Thakrar – Hinduism; Saifullah Nasir – Muslim Faith; Harkirat Singh – Sikh Faith; Daniel Tabor - Judaism

Committee B: Julie Barke – Church of England;

Committee C: Jenny Dixon - Primary School Teacher Representative (NEU); Sylvia Erskine – NEU; Justine Davies – Secondary School Representative (NASUWT)

Committee D: Cllr. Wendy Brackenbury – LA Representative

Apologies:

Committee A: John Flory – Religious Society of Friends

Committee B: Val Griffiths – Church of England

Committee D: Cllr. Dudley Hughes – LA Representative;

Non Attendance:

Committee A: Farnush Tanhai- Bahai Faith; Bhupesh Parekh – Hinduism;

Clerk Jane Hall

Questions/Comments are in Italics

Topic	Key Discussion Points	Action
1. Welcome and Introductions	The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and introductions were made.	
2. Ken Howlett – Northampton Interfaith Group	<p>Ken Howlett informed the members that he was Chair of the Northampton Interfaith Forum and was at the meeting to show the group's latest project "A Message from Our Children – I am human"</p> <p>He informed the members that the Northampton Interfaith Forum consisted of 7 faiths who worked together to promote friendship, understanding and respect. Last year the Forum produced a film called "I am human" which was shown at The Deragate twice.</p> <p>This year the Forum decided to do an Arts Project which involved contributions from 5 selected primary schools. At each Assembly children were given a pencil and an "I am human" sticker. Once the artwork was collated together a Professional Producer was asked to create the banner which he had brought along to the meeting.</p> <p>The banner has been shown on Anglia Television, the new Baptist Church, Abington Library, and the Borough Council.</p> <p>On Wednesday 6 November 2019 he would be taking the Banner over to the University of Northampton; it would be displayed there for a fortnight.</p> <p><i>Have you gone to all schools in Northamptonshire? No we only approached the 5 schools.</i></p> <p><i>Can it be found on the Internet? No.</i></p> <p><i>It would be a useful resource to have available electronically for schools if they wished to download this. The Chair stated that there were times when sending things electronically was good but felt that in this case as it could be used as a project to raise funds this could be more difficult with an electronic version.</i></p> <p>Ken Howlett reported that the project was funded by the Borough Council. <i>It is a copyright problem and puts value on it when there is limited access.</i></p> <p><i>Can you say how you used the video in schools? We showed the film in each school. Did you have people from different faith groups? Yes – each person said a bit about their individual faiths. Each one would have a different perspective. Yes – they were seeing people of different faiths getting on together which was an important message to get across to the children.</i></p> <p><i>I think it would be a good idea to send a section of it electronically to schools as a Template for children to do something different in their own classes.</i></p> <p><i>Linked to the funding, I work with a lot of rural schools who do not have the advantage of being diverse. I do not think it would work</i></p>	

	<p><i>unless you had the people there.</i></p> <p><i>I belong to the Wellingborough Interfaith Group who have similar projects with real people. Rural schools need this kind of input. It was a similar project but was the same principle.</i></p> <p>Julie Barke asked whether she could talk to the Diocesan Director of Education as she felt he would be interested in having a presentation on this at the Headteachers' Conference. Ken Howlett agreed to this.</p>	
<p>3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair</p>	<p>The Chair informed the members that she would be happy to remain for another year as Chair and wanted to nominate Julie Barke as Vice Chair. All members agreed to the Chair remaining as Chair for a further year. Justine Davies nominated Julie Barke as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Jenny Dixon.</p> <p>The Chair reported that, following the June SACRE meeting, where planning for a November conference was started, an appointment was made for her to meet with Sarah Oakman. However, this was postponed and consequently Sarah Oakman is off on longer term sick. The Conference has therefore been put on hold.</p> <p>Sarah Oakman had progressed looking at the appointment of a primary/secondary advisor. This Chair was to chase progress in this matter.</p> <p>In the meantime emails had been coming in to the SACRE inbox about schemes of work under the new Agreed Syllabus. The Clerk sent these to Julie Barke to answer with her permission. The Chair thanked Julie Barke for her support with this.</p> <p>Ken Howlett left the meeting at 5.50 pm.</p> <p>With regards to the Annual Report an extension had been given until March 2020. With regards to the Newsletter she would be asking members if they wanted anything included in the Newsletter to let her know. The Chair reported that she had discussed with Paulette Wright the possibility of her coming into One Angel to do the Annual Report and will ask her about the Newsletter.</p> <p>The members of SACRE wished Sarah Oakman a speedy recovery.</p> <p>Julie Barke stressed that RE Primary School teachers were struggling without a SACRE Advisor and there was nobody to support them. It was agreed that the Chair and Julie Barke would look into this.</p> <p>With regards to the SACRE budget Wendy Brackenbury would look into who the budget holder was. It was agreed the SACRE funding would be put on to the Agenda of the next meeting.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Chair/JB</p> <p>WB</p> <p>Agenda</p>
<p>4. Declaration of Interest of Items on the Agenda</p>	<p>There were no declarations of interest of items on the Agenda.</p> <p>The following declarations were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Barke is a Governor at St Peters CE Academy, Raunds; a Governor at Ringstead CE Primary School; Peterborough Diocese Support Adviser 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morcea Walker is a Governor as Northampton School for Boys. 	
5. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2019	The minutes were agreed as a true copy and signed by the Chair.	
6. Matters Arising	<p>4. Matters Arising: 7 Any other business: The Chair informed the members this had not been dealt with.</p> <p>5. Development Plan: Conference (see above). The next stage was to have a meeting with some members of SACRE to move it forward.</p> <p>6. Feedback from NASACRE Conference: The Chair reported that the Conference was very useful.</p> <p>7. Update on SACRE Advisor: This would be kept on the Agenda.</p>	Agenda
7. Any other business	<p>1. Up to date home addresses: The Chair circulated forms to the members and asked them to fill in details of their home addresses. These were returned to the Clerk in order for her to update her list of members.</p> <p>2. Updates from Members:</p> <p>Arthur Newbury informed the members that he had been to a Mosque and that the night shelter which was held every Saturday was going well.</p> <p>The Community Café was going well and 4 trays of oranges were received which he took to the Hope Centre and on 30 November there would be Christmas Carols at the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints from 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm</p> <p>Harkirat Singh informed the members that a lot of his work was carried out outside Northamptonshire and that he had been working with SACREs across the Country and was pleased to see how the messages were being delivered.</p> <p>There was also to be a celebration of the Ramgarhia Gurdwara next week where everybody was welcome.</p> <p>Jenny Dixon reported that she had been busy with the School Inter faith Team in Wellingborough and that there were Inter faith celebrations taking place at All Hallows Church; United Reformed Church; Quaker Meeting House, Hindu Mandir and the Baptist Church. She circulated flyer on this. Everybody was welcome.</p> <p>The Chair reported that last Friday and Saturday 2 and 3 November 2019 there was an All Souls' Day which celebrated the dead and that she would look further into this.</p> <p>Saifallah Nasser reported that last week there was an autism open day at St Andrews mainly for young children to visit a place of worship and to have sensory items around them. This was</p>	

	<p>opened up to the general public. He informed the members that they would be happy to go out and meet people in schools including rural schools.</p> <p>Daniel Tabor reported that he had enjoyed visiting the Bangladeshi Mosque who welcomed people from all different backgrounds.</p> <p>In terms of work in the Judaism Community a lot of outreach work was taking place and schools were invited to run the sessions. 46 primary schools came last year. To increase numbers from out Northamptonshire a coach was hired to bring people to the Synagogue which had been very successful.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the possibility of hiring a coach for the day which would enable to people to visit different venues in the one day.</p> <p>Julie Barke reported that in the Church of England the focus was on Christmas.</p> <p>Wendy Brackenbury reported that as most people were aware the NCC was looking to become 2 Unitaries in 2021 and that there was going to be a Children's Trust which was due to come into place in July 2020. She informed the members that she did not know what this would mean in terms of SACRE.</p> <p>Sylvia Erskine reported that that there was CAT team in Wellingborough which consisted of 20 people who went round to different schools giving Assemblies. There were a lot of schools involved.</p> <p>She informed the members that she had completed the Children's Christian Certificate and was having a confirmation class at St Marks and part of this was to go round the different churches to see how they worshipped. Also St Marks was part of the Inclusive Church and inclusive to everybody.</p> <p>Justine Davies left the meeting at 6.20 pm</p> <p>Chris Paddock reported that he did not have anything to say. The Chair informed him that she was in receipt of his email concerning the launch of Assemblies for All which he wanted to go into the next SACRE Newsletter.</p> <p>Avnish Thakrar reported that he had been busy at a Hindu Wedding and that there had been a celebration of Yoga. He also reported that at mixed diversity schools he was doing talks about Hinduism and recently there had been Hindu classes taking place every morning from 11.00 am – 12 noon.</p> <p>With regards to the next Newsletter the Chair asked members to let her have any articles that they wished to put into this.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>8. Date of next meeting</p>	<p>Justine Davies reported that she would struggle to come to SACRE meetings on a Tuesday but would be able to come for 5.30 pm. It was agreed that the Chair and the Clerk would re-visit the dates for 2020.</p>	<p>Chair/Clerk</p>

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm

Signed:

Dated: