

Minutes of a Meeting of the **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN CEREDIGION** held via conferencing on **Friday, 31 March 2023**

PRESENT:

Representing Ceredigion County Council: Councillors Keith Evans, and John Roberts

Representing Teacher Association: Miss Joyce Howells (NASUWT) (Chair)

Religious Denominations: Mrs Anna Uruska- – The Catholic Church,

Co-opted Members: Mr Lyndon Lloyd MBE

Representing Primary Sector: Mrs Non Jones McEvoy

Also in attendance: Mrs Mary Davies, Corporate Manager – School Improvement School Services, Ms Nia Jones, Corporate Manager – Democratic Services and Mrs Dana Jones, Democratic Services and Standards Officer

(1:30pm- 3:10pm)

1 Prayers

The Meeting commenced with Councillor Keith Evans leading the Committee in prayer.

2 Apologies

Councillor Ifan Davies, Keith Henson, Ceris Jones together with Mrs Alwen Roberts, Prof Densil Morgan, Rev Mark Ansell, Rev Wyn Thomas and Professor Catrin Williams apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

3 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 December 2022 and to consider any matters arising from those Minutes

It was AGREED to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Advisory Council held on 16 December 2022.

Matters arising

None.

4 Welcome new members

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Mr Lyndon Lloyd MBE who had been appointed as a Lay Member, Mrs Noha Haroun who was representing the Islam denomination and Mrs Non Jones McEvoy who was representing the Primary Sector.

The Corporate Manager – School Improvement School Services reported that she had contacted the Quaker representative, but to date no response had been received.

5 Correspondence

A letter had been received from Mr Colin Patridge who was representing the Humanist belief, it was agreed that his person specification be requested to consider his application.

6 Presentation on Religious Education/ Religion, Values and Ethics teaching

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Miss Nia Wyn Jones, Head of RE/RVE at Aberaeron Secondary School to make a presentation on Religious Education/Values and Ethics teaching.

Following questions from the floor, the Chairman and all Member's thanked Miss Jones was attending and providing an informative presentation.

7 National Update

The following information was provided:-

- The Welsh Government had provided WASACRE with clarification on the co-existence of SAC (Standing Advisory Councils for RVE) and SACRE,(Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.) which was, that both of these bodies need to be in place until the end of the 2025 academic year commencing in September, which concludes in the summer of 2026. After which, SACRE would dissolve, and SAC would continue
- SACRE Annual Reports
- Communicating through DYSG
- Updates and modifications to HWB
- Query from Local Authority
- Judicial review on Sex Education and Relationships
- Identify support and resources for RVE
- Free Church Council Wales resource
- Quality Assurance of RVE agreed syllables

It was AGREED to note the current position.

8 Request for items for upcoming meetings

- That Members receive an update on Aberaeron Year 9 pupils' trip to Poland
- That Members receive a presentation on the Universities who offer RE as a subject, due to the reduction of pupils that were studying the subject to become RE teachers in the future. It was noted that possibly Professor Catrin Williams could provide this information.
- That Members send any other items to be considered for the agenda to the Corporate Manager – School Improvement School Services or Democratic and Standards Officer two weeks prior to the meeting
- It was AGREED that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Wednesday, 05 July 2023 at 930am

9 Any Other Business

None.

**Confirmed at the Meeting of the Standing Advisory Council for
Religious Education in Ceredigion (SACRE) held on 05 July 2023**

Chairman: _____

Date: _____