

**MINUTES OF THE SACRE MEETING HELD AT
HENDON TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2015**

MEMBERS

Committee A	Group Representative
Mr H Alaei/Mrs Vicky Golesaneh	Baha'i
Vacancy	Buddhist
Mrs Catherine Salinger	Free Churches
Mrs Judith Smith	Free Churches
*Mrs Mary Karaolis (attending on behalf of Very Revd AC Damiano)	Greek Orthodox Church
Mr Himangshu Bose	Hindu
*Mr Rakhal Saha	Hindu
Mrs Veena Bendi	Hindu
Edward Barbor	Humanist
Mrs Amreena Husain-Ali	Islam
Dr N Shah	Jain
Mr Arnold Levin	Jewish
*Rabbi Mark Goldsmith	Jewish
Mr Surinder Singh Attariwala	Sikh
Mr S Chadha	Sikh
*Mr C O'Halpin	Roman Catholic
Vacancy	Salvation Army Citadel
Committee B	
	Church of England
*Mrs Jane Pavlou	London Diocese
*Revd Dr Gregory Platten	London Diocese
Mrs Mel Adams	Diocese of St Albans
The Revd Tristan Chapman	Diocese of St Albans
Committee C	
Vacancy	ATL
*Mr Kevin McSharry (Chairman)	ASCL
Vacancy	NASUWT
Vacancy	NUT
Committee D	
*Cllr Alison Cornelius	
*Cllr Claire Farrier	
Cllr Brian Gordon	
*Cllr Sury Khatri	
Cllr Joan Scannell	
Cllr Mark Shooter	
*Cllr Agnes Slocombe	

* denotes member present

IN ATTENDANCE

*Dr Anna Sallnow	LA, RE Consultant
*Mr Neil Marlow	LA, representative for the Director of Education and Skills
*Mrs Janet Robinson	Clerk to SACRE

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15/20 **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Members to the summer term meeting. As a reminder of membership, round the table introductions took place.

15/21 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted and accepted on behalf of Mrs Veena Bendi; Mrs Catherine Salinger; Mrs Judith Smith and Cllr Joan Scannell.

15/22 **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST WITHIN THE CURRENT AGENDA**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest within the current agenda.

15/23 **MINUTES OF THE SACRE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2015**

The minutes of the SACRE meeting held on 10 March 2015, a copy of which had been distributed earlier, were checked for accuracy. They were then confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:

Pg 1: In Attendance

It was noted that Cllr Agnes Slocombe had been in attendance at the SACRE meeting held on 10 March 2015.

Pg 5: 15/13 Review of SACRE Membership 14. Directory of Places of Worship

Amend '...15/13 Review of SACRE Membership 14. Directory of Places of Worship...' to read '...15/13 Review of SACRE Membership...'

15/24 **MATTERS ARISING**

Pg 2: 15/02 Apologies for Absence

The Chairman, on behalf of the Members, thanked RE Consultant Dr Anna Sallnow for arranging to send a card of condolence on his passing to Mr Anil Goonewardene's family.

15/25 **UPDATE ON WESTHILL BID**

Members were informed that the joint Barnet and Enfield Westhill bid had been successful and there had been an award of £4,000. The project: **'Faith Ambassadors in Schools: Encounters & Understandings'** will involve secondary school students from two secondary schools, (Hendon School and Winchmore School) who will prepare presentations on their faith for three of their local primary schools. The young people will discuss with their faith communities the materials that they are producing and these would be tailored to the relevant primary school agreed syllabus for each of the

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boroughs. This project hopes to address the needs that primary schools have expressed for high quality speakers and those of faith communities who have voiced concerns about how they can best support religious education in their locality.

The work and expenditure would be recorded and monitored and evaluations would be carried out. It was anticipated that the students would attend the Summer term 2016 SACRE meeting to discuss their work where they would be awarded certificates.

The LA representative for the Director of Education and Skills asked Dr Sallnow as to whom would receive the funding, Barnet LA SACRE or Enfield LA SACRE. Dr Sallnow replied that Enfield SACRE had agreed to carry out the financial administration. She stated that Hendon School had agreed to be involved and Bell Lane Primary School and Wessex Gardens Primary School had been approached and had expressed an interest to work with Hendon School. In Enfield the secondary school was Winchmore School and the linked primary schools to be approached were Highfields School and Firs Farm School. The different faith groups would be invited to provide support. Schools in parts of England that had few representatives of a variety of faith groups had expressed an interest to carry out some work with the students using skype. A SACRE member suggested that it might also be beneficial if Barnet's Faith Ambassadors worked with the Barnet and Enfield schools. Dr Sallnow stated that the work would commence in the autumn term and an evaluation would be carried out.

The representative for the Director for Education and Skills suggested that it would be beneficial if a presentation of the completed work were to be given to Barnet Headteachers.

15/26 FUTURE TRAINING FOR SACRE MEMBERS – SUGGESTIONS

Members were invited to state if they required any further SACRE training. Their suggestions should be sent to the Clerk.

Action: SACRE Members

15/27 CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that there had been no receipt of correspondence.

15/28 REPORTS

Dr Anna Sallnow

LA provision:

Dr Sallnow reported that:

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- It was anticipated that the work to the SACRE website would be completed before the autumn term. Members would be informed of the launch date.
- Training for primary teachers had taken place on 17 June 2015.
- Many of the LA's schools had good global links. There had been a presentation on global education at the last primary coordinators meeting and it was hoped that one of the LA schools would be included in a global education project.
- Dr Sallnow in collaboration with Rabbi Mark Goldsmith agreed to visit Alyth Synagogue to provide training for school visits.
- Additional denominations would be added to the Directory of Places of Worship
- Dr Sallnow stated that training packs; the Directory of Places of Worship; information related to cultural etiquette and details of the different buildings and their layout; contact details and key events would be placed onto the SACRE website which would also link with the LA's website. Schools would be provided with a 'Guide for Visitors'
- A schools visit to the British Library to look at the sacred text, would take place on 14 October 2015.

The Chairman, on behalf of the SACRE members, thanked Dr Sallnow for her report and the work associated with the SACRE website.

Mr Kevin McSharry

The Chairman explained that he would provide a report within the next agenda item.

15/29 SACRE REPRESENTATION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS (UPDATE)

The Chairman reported that he had been in contact with Cllr Ruben Thompson concerning SACRE representation at council meetings. Members were informed that, the council would discuss this matter at its meeting on 30 June 2015, and it was anticipated that SACRE representation would be included as an agenda item for discussion and possible agreement at the full council meeting scheduled to take place on 28 July 2015. Cllr Sury Khatri stated that he would provide SACRE members with an update of discussions. The Chairman, on behalf of the Members, thanked Cllr Khatri for pursuing this matter.

Action: Cllr Sury Khatri, Chairman and Clerk

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15/30 **SACRE NEWSLETTER**

The SACRE newsletter, which provided Members with an update of SACRE and RE matters, that been distributed earlier, was noted by the Members.

Concerns were expressed about the impact of the EBacc on Religious Studies examination entries. There was concern that students may no longer study RE after Key Stage (KS) 3. Dr Sallnow stated that some schools no longer entered students for the RE course. A Member expressed concern at this and enquired of Dr Sallnow if SACRE could provide a comparative course. Dr Sallnow stated that a questionnaire would be distributed to all schools to enquire if they entered students for the RE syllabus. The questionnaire would be accompanied by the document 'What SACRE does'. The questionnaire would help to indicate those schools which have ceased the RE syllabus over the past three years. Dr Sallnow stated that this, along with the survey results data, would be included as an agenda item for discussion at the autumn term SACRE meeting.

Action: Dr Anna Sallnow, Chairman and Clerk

At this point, Rabbi Mark Goldsmith left the meeting.

15/31 **SACRE WEBSITE (UPDATE)**

It was noted that this item had been discussed earlier in the meeting under item 15/28 Reports.

15/32 **REVIEW OF SACRE MEMBERSHIP (UPDATE)**

It was noted that there were faith representative vacancies in the following faith groups:

Buddhist

Unions: ATL; NASUWT and NUT

The representative for the Director for Skills and Education stated that he would enquire amongst the LA's teaching staff as to whether anyone would be interested in joining SACRE. It was noted that it would be preferable for prospective members to have representatives with RE experience.

Action: Neil Marlow, Chairman, Dr Anna Sallnow and Clerk

Muslim:

It was noted that the Muslim representative had not attended SACRE meetings for some time. The Chairman stated that he would contact the person concerned to enquire if she wished to continue as a SACRE faith group representative or perhaps nominate someone else.

Action: Mr Kevin McSharry, Dr Anna Sallnow and Clerk

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15/33 **DIRECTORY – PLACES OF WORSHIP**

The Directory for Places of Worship, a copy of which had been distributed earlier, was noted by the Members. Members were reminded that they should inform the Clerk of any changes to the Directory, and that this document would be placed on the SACRE website.

Action: SACRE Members

It was noted that this item had also been discussed earlier within item 15/28 Reports – Dr Anna Sallnow.

15/34 **FAITH PRESENTATION: JAINISM – LED BY DR SHAH**

It was noted that, in his absence, the faith presentation to be led by Dr Shah, would not be presented on this occasion.

15/35 **FUTURE FAITH PRESENTATIONS**

The following future faith presentations were confirmed:

- 2015 autumn term: Quakers – Led by Cllr Claire Farrier
- 2016 spring term: Hinduism – Led by Mrs Veena Bendi
- 2016 summer term: Jainism – Led by Dr Shah

15/36 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no additional items for discussion.

15/37 **DATES OF SACRE MEETINGS**

It was **AGREED** that the 2015 autumn term SACRE meeting would take place on Tuesday 17 November 2015 at Hendon Town Hall. The Clerk stated that she would arrange to book the meeting room at Hendon Town Hall and would confirm with Members as to which committee room the meeting would take place.

Action: Clerk

Post meeting note: It was noted that due to council committee meetings taking place of preference at Hendon Town Hall, it had been necessary to re-arrange the SACRE meeting dates. The Clerk had checked room availability and faith holidays prior to tentatively booking the rooms for the meetings and had notified Members electronically of the re-scheduled SACRE meeting dates of.

2015 Autumn Term

Tuesday 1 December 2015 at Hendon Town Hall from 5.15 pm for a prompt 5.30 start

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2016 Spring Term

Wednesday 2 March 2016 at Hendon Town Hall from 5.15 pm for a prompt 5.30 start.

2016 Summer Term

Meeting date to be agreed following publication of the 2016 council committee meeting diary for Hendon Town Hall. As soon as the council committee meeting diary for Hendon Town Hall had been published, the Clerk would check room availability; ensure that proposed meeting dates did not clash with faith holidays, and notify Members of the suggested date prior to making a room booking for the summer term SACRE meeting.

Action: Clerk

15/38 CLOSE OF MEETING

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting closed.

Kevin McSharry
1st December 2015