



NOTICE OF MEETING

PORTSMOUTH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DATE: FRIDAY, 12 JUNE 2009

TIME: 3:00PM

VENUE: MOORINGS WAY INFANT SCHOOL, MOORINGS WAY,
SOUTHSEA, PO4 8YJ

Councillor David Horne (chair)
Councillor Malcolm Hey
Councillor David Stephen Butler

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(NB This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the Minutes of this meeting.)

AGENDA

Time

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| 1 | Apologies for Absence |
| 5 mins | 2 Minutes – 25 March 2009 |
| ... | attached |
| 5 mins | 3 (a) Minute No. 6 South East England Faith's Forum (SEEFF) Sub regional Conference in Newport (Isle of Wight) on Monday, 23rd March 2009 |

Ephrat Miller-Foroughi, who represented the Portsmouth SACRE and the Bahá'í Faith at the conference, had to leave the last meeting early and was consequently unable to report on the conference. A copy of the report is attached.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

(b) Minute No. 9 Newbridge Junior School

As Ephrat Miller-Forough had to leave the last meeting early, she was unable to report on her school visit. A copy of the report is attached.

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RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

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mins

4 Sarah McCarthy-Fry MP – response to questions on RE in schools

1. What is the government's view of Agreed Syllabuses? Will the government be issuing statutory guidelines (e.g. National Curriculum Subject) and will the new guidelines recognise that both religious and non-religious beliefs should be included?
2. We teach a successful concept based RE curriculum in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton. It has also been adopted by Westminster and others are interested in using the document. How can we feel assured that the government's current RE review will not impose a knowledge based /content heavy curriculum?
3. We are delighted that the government is currently reviewing RE. We feel that SMSC (social, moral, spiritual and cultural) aspects of learning are very important. How much consideration has been given to this?
4. There is much unease regarding Collective worship. Most primary schools can cope with this but secondary school Collective Worship is problematic. Is the government able to provide a broader definition of what Collective Worship means? Should it be *replaced* by something else?
5. Will the law on membership of SACREs and ASCs be changed to allow humanists to be included as full members of Group A?

6. Where do you believe the funding and support for a group such as Interfusion (formerly Portsmouth Youth Inter Faith Forum) should come from? Portsmouth SACRE could perhaps be considered leading edge as we have youth representation. Do you think SACREs should include student representation?

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5 The Jewish Way of Life Exhibition

At the last meeting SACRE members were advised that the City Council's Haifa-Portsmouth Friendship Committee had agreed to fund the staging of the Jewish Way of Life Exhibition in Portsmouth. The exhibition will be held in the Activities Room of the City Museum for a two week period 5-16 July 2010.

Gareth Brettell, Learning and Access Manager at the City Museum, has been invited to attend the meeting to outline details of the venue.

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6 SACRE LOCAL NETWORKING MEETING

- ... A meeting of this group took place in Portsmouth on 20 April. Mr Tristram Jenkins of NASACRE was invited to attend the meeting as an observer. A copy of Mr Jenkins' report to NASACRE is attached.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

7 Report for SACRE following Observation of an RE Lesson at St Jude's CE Primary School, Southsea on 29 April 2009 by Brian Hay, Diocesan Schools' Adviser

- ... Report attached

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

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8 SACRE Development Day

SACRE members agreed to hold a Development Day at the last meeting. The Development Day will be held at the Dame Judith Professional Centre, Sundridge Drive, Cosham, Portsmouth on Monday, 13 July from 9:15 am to 4:00pm.

The theme for the day will be Community Cohesion. Mary Young, Citizenship consultant to West Sussex and Gareth Brettell, Learning and Access Manager at the City Museum will be the guest speakers.

- ... A copy of the programme and further information is attached.

Georgina Mulhall to report

9 Any Other Business

(a) Membership Matters

Co-opted member Terry Carter has tender his resignation from SACRE due to other voluntary work commitments.

(b) Youth Representation on the SACRE

As Interfusion, the young people's interfaith group, is likely to be disbanded in the near future, SACRE members are asked to give consideration to future youth representation on the SACRE.

10 Date of next Meeting

4:00pm, Wednesday, 18 November in The Sikh Temple (Gurdwara), Margate Road, Southsea.