

**PORTSMOUTH STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL  
FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – AGREED SYLLABUS CONFERENCE**

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held in Moorings Way Infant School,  
Moorings Way, Southsea on Friday 12 June 2009 on the rising of the SACRE  
at 4.50 pm.

**Present**

**Group A Representatives**

Geoff Wheeler, Baptist Union  
Ruth Guyer, Judaism  
David Lewis, The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)  
Peter Davies, The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical  
Churches  
Marilyn Leggett, The Salvation Army  
Christine McMillan, United Reformed Church  
Mrs Ephrat Miller-Foroughi, Bah'a'i Faith  
Chris Robinson, Representing John Lance of the  
South Hampshire Humanists

**Group B Representative**

Brian Hay, Church of England

**Group C Representative**

Ros Griffiths, Teacher representative  
Roger Bentote, Teachers' Liaison Panel  
Beverley Millsom, Special Teacher representative

**Group D Representatives**

Taki Jaffer, PCC and Portsmouth Interfaith Forum  
Councillor David Horne, PCC  
Councillor Malcolm Hey, PCC

**Co-opted Representatives**

Sue Ganter, Interfusion  
Kieran Anderson, Interfusion  
Emma Eacott, Interfusion

**Officers in Attendance**

Georgina Mulhall, Local Authority Representative  
Teresa Deasy, Democratic & Community Engagement,  
PCC  
Gareth Brettell, Learning & Access Manager, Portsmouth  
City Museum

**1 Apologies for Absence (AI 1)**

Apologies for absence were received from the following –

Councillor David Stephen Butler, Celia Axton, Alan Matthews, the Venerable Dr Trevor Reader, John Lance and Paula Withers.

**2 Minutes – 29 March 2004 (AI 2)**

(TAKE IN MINUTES)

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2004 be agreed as a correct record.

**3 Chairman's Communications (AI 3)**

There were no Chairman's communications.

**4 Revision of the Agreed Syllabus (AI 4)**

Georgina Mulhall explained that the SACRE had already discussed this matter at the last meeting but it had not been realised at the time that it would be necessary to have a separate Agreed Syllabus Conference. She apologised for this error. This was the reason why this meeting had been called.

Georgina advised that Judith Lowndes, a Hampshire RE Advisor, was taking over the revision of the Agreed Syllabus for the authorities of Hampshire, Southampton and Portsmouth, as Clive Erricker was retiring.

Georgina reminded the SACRE that the funding for the revision of the Agreed Syllabus would come from the SACRE budget. If an overspend was necessary, the matter would be handed to the local authority to negotiate with Hampshire over costs.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Portsmouth SACRE agrees with the decision by Hampshire and Southampton to wait until the review of the National Framework for RE was completed before reviewing its Agreed Syllabus.**
- (2) That the Portsmouth SACRE agrees to go ahead to review the Agreed Syllabus in co-operation with Hampshire and Southampton.**
- (3) With regard to the funding of the Agreed Syllabus process, the Portsmouth Local Authority has agreed to pay a percentage of costs relating to publication and distribution.**

**5 Humanism in the Living Difference Syllabus**

Kieran Anderson highlighted the fact that only one page in the Living Difference Syllabus had been devoted to humanism. Every other faith/belief referred to in the Living Difference Syllabus was broken down by key stages. He suggested that the SACRE should give consideration to this matter.

SACRE members discussed the suggestion and it was agreed that it would be considered during the review process.

### **ACTION**

**Georgina Mulhall to take Kieran Anderson's suggestion regarding the position of humanism in the Living Difference Syllabus to the Agreed Syllabus revision process meetings for further consideration.**

The meeting concluded at 4.55 pm.