Torbay SACRE Minutes

# 24th November, 2017

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| **Agenda Item** | **Comments** | **Action** |
| **1** | **Welcome and apologies for absence**  It was acknowledged that this meeting was quorate.  Attendees:  **Chair: Mrs. Corrine Guntrip (NATRE)**  **Advisor: Mr. Ed Pawson**  Group A - Carly Watson (Pentecostal)  Mrs Sylvia Kennedy (Roman Catholic)  Mr Bill Becher (Quaker)    Group B - Mr Phillip Mantell (Church of England)  Rev Angela Sumner (Church of England)    Group C - Mrs. Claire Entwistle (NATRE)  Mrs Heather Savini (NATFHE)  Mrs. Corrine Guntrip (NATRE)  Mr Andrew Strachan (ATL/NUT)  Group D - Mrs Jackie Stockman (Independent Councillor)  Mr Julien Parrott (UKIP)  Debbie Horn (Local Authority)  **Apologies**  Group A - Rev Peter Killick    Group B - Rev. Ian Blyde  Mrs Charlotte Caluori  Group D - Cllr Ms. Di Stubley  Cllr Ms. Jane Barnby |  |
| **2** | **Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising from the minutes**  The February minutes need to be circulated.  Claire pointed out that she is NATRE, this has been amended on the June minutes. Everyone agreed the June minutes were correct.  Julien highlighted the councillors are fully aware of the responsibility they have to attend SACRE and to establish a more proactive relationship. Julien acknowledged the importance of SACRE and the role it plays. | **Magenta to post latest June minutes onto SACRE webpage** |
| **3** | **Items requiring urgent attention**  A vice-chair was not elected at the previous meeting, this has been moved to the agenda for February’s meeting. | **Carried forward to next meeting.** |
| **4** | **Correspondence with the Chair of SACRE** |  |
| **5** | **Torbay SACRE membership updates**  Ed Pawson has taken over from David Hampshire as advisor to SACRE working with Babcock on a 2 years +2 contract as if there are no maintained schools in 2 years, our statutory duties may differ. Contract is for 3 meetings per year, 2 days per meeting plus extra time for reports. £8000 budget running from April-April but Ed’s contract runs from September.  Budget to be a standing item on the agenda. Confirm what can be claimed as expenses by members. SACRE’s budget comes under the education budget.  There are some vacancies that don’t need to be filled. Julien highlighted that it was never made clear to councillors that the meetings would not be quorate without their presence. | **Mr Pawson**  **D Horn** |
| **6** | **Teaching about Christianity in Torbay schools: Tim Funnell from LYNX**  LYNX work in all secondary schools in Torbay. Founded by churches 20 years ago to establish better connection with schools in Torbay. 3 categories- Educate, Engage and Equip. LYNX give a balanced view on Christianity by using a personal approach. It is the teachers responsibility to safeguard. LYNX have qualified teachers, there is a training process and a board of trustees. Schools benefit from school pastors- runs on a Monday and Friday after school, they have a uniform and ID badges and are DBS checked.  Any questions to be submitted via email to chair/advisor | **All** |
| **7** | **ICE Torbay work in primary schools**  ICE are in all CofE primary schools across Torbay apart from Brixham CofE, also in Curledge street. Set up in 1989- Torbay franchise in 2014. Conduct ‘Open the book’ groups, lunch time clubs and prayer spaces. Expanding from January to run holiday clubs and after school clubs (Church based). Lunch clubs start with a game and link in with a theme/topic to talk about and children often make something to take away, 30 minutes to 1hour. Some schools the teacher is present.  ICE are given a specific remit from the teacher to discuss their viewpoint on certain topics.  ICE only appoint primary school teachers and all volunteers are DBS checked, all Christian but with different view points. About to take on a couple of schools in Newton Abbot.  Current CofE guidance is an invitation to pray/reflect.  Any questions to be submitted via email to chair/advisor | **All** |
| **8 & 9** | **Learn/Teach/Lead Religious Education (LTLRE)**  Move agenda items to next meeting |  |
| **10** | **National Developments**  Ed distributed part of the consultation document. The laws governing RE were put in place in 1944 and they need to be brought up to date to reflect the subject in the 21st Century. The Commission on RE has been set up to explore the key issues.  Report set up 18 months ago, interim report came out in September, final report due in September 18. Consultation only open until 1st December. Need to establish what are the world views in order for the questions to be answered properly.  Ed discussed some of the questions within the report to respond to which all members agreed.  Ed to submit Torbay SACRE’s response by 1st December to the questions covered within the meeting. | **Mr Pawson** |
| **11** | **Local Authority funding for SACRE’s**  NATRE have written explaining why SACRE’s are important. Central Schools Services are funding 2018/19- SACRE is a statutory requirement. Expanding the role of SACRE may help to access funding. |  |
| **12** | **Holocaust Memorial Day 2018: planning**  Ed will forward the events taking place in Exeter to Debbie to be distributed. There are events at Exeter cathedral which are free to attend | **Mr Pawson & Mrs Horn** |
| **13 & 14** | **Zero tolerance to hate crime, LGBT + toolkit**  Both to go in next newsletter | **Mr Pawson** |
| **15** | **SW SACRE Conference**  Cost is £80 per person, normally pay for 2 or 3 people to attend. Anyone interested in attending to contact Corrine. | **All** |
|  | **AOB**  It was agreed to find an alternative date for the February meeting, Debbie and Magenta will contact Ed and Corrine to find a date when at least 1 councillor is available. The town hall can be used as long as there is 1 councillor in attendance. Ed will do a doodle poll to find the best dates for the future meetings.  It was agreed that unless apologies are received, no response will mean that members are attending SACRE meetings.  A vice chair will be elected at the next meeting. To discuss if there should be 1 person from each group and alternate between them. | **Mr Pawson**  **All** |