Torbay SACRE Minutes

# 15th February 2019

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| **Agenda Item** | **Comments** | **Action** |
| **1** | **Welcome and apologies for absence**  Corrine welcomed everyone to the meeting.  Apologises were received from Mr Yousif Al-Nassar, Mr Phillip Mantell, Rec Angela Summer, Rev Ian Blyde, Mrs Charlotte Caluori, Cllrs Barnby and Stubley, Ms Clare Entwistle  **Attendees:**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Advisor:** | **Mr. Ed Pawson** | | Group A - | Mr Bill Becher (Quaker)  Carly Watson (Pentecostal) | | Group B - | Apols | | Group C - | Mrs Corrine Guntrip (NATR/LTLE) | | Group D - | Debbie Horn (Local Authority)  Sue Moses (Local Authority Minutes) | | Torbay Councillors | Cllr Cindy Stocks  Cllr Jackie Stockman | | Coopted members | Maia Miller (Pagan Community)  Penny Rouvas (Sikh) |   In order for the meeting to be quorate Mrs Corrine Guntrip temporary represented Group B. |  |
| **2** | **Minutes of previous meeting**  The minutes of the last meeting on 23/11/18 were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.  It was agreed and seconded that the minutes were signed off. |  |
| **3** | **Items requiring urgent attention**  Nothing was bought to the Chair’s attention |  |
| **4.** | **Torbay SACRE Membership**  The meeting welcomed Penny Rouvas from the Faith Community of Sikh. Penny spoke about being a practicing yoga sikh for nine years and has been involved in interfaith sessions with local children at Ilsham and Warberry schools. These have been positive sessions and the children have engaged with a natural interest in seeing people from other faiths.  Ed thanked Penny for being a representative of communities and talked about Penny possibly co-opting on the Devon SACRE.  Action: South West SACRE meeting responding to the Report from the RE Commission on Monday 4th March 2019 at Dillington House Somerset. Anyone interested in attending to contact Ed – Bill and Mai are interested in attending this Conference  The Membership of SACRE was discussed:  Group A – Christian and other Religions other than Church of England  Confirmed attendees: Mrs Carly Watson, Pentecostal, Mr Yousif Al-Nassar, Moslim, Bill Becher Quaker and Penny Rouvas Sikh  Group B – Church of England  Confirmed attendees: Mr Philip Mantel Rev Angela Summer, Mrs Charlotte Caluon Diocesan Board of Education,  A replacement needs to be found as Rev Ian Blyde is retiring.  Action: Ed to follow up leads from Mr Philip Mantel and Mr Bill Belcher for a possible replacement in Group B  Group C – Associations representing teachers –  Confirmed attendees – Ms Clare Entwistle, Teresa Langler, Mrs Corrine Guntrip  It was agreed that SACRE would welcome more teacher representation.  Action: Ed to follow up with secondary headteacher at Ilsham who may be interested in joining the group. She is not available on Fridays. Shelley Moss (Churston School) is interested in being a teacher representative for SACRE and will be invited to future meetings.  Torbay Councillors – Corrine welcomed Cllr Cindy Stocks Executive Lead for Children and Housing to the meeting and asked for round table introductions.  Both Councillor Stocks and Stockman were welcomed and recognised for being an important connection for the group.  Co-opted Member: Maia Mill Pagan Health and Wellbeing Community |  |
| **5.** | **Torbay SACRE Annual Report 2017/18**  The meeting discussed the previously circulated report  and changes were proposed:  b) Professional support for RE – amend to add Debbie Horn Torbay Council  d) Local Authority funding for SACREs – add Torbay Council’s SACRE is committed to providing religious education for all schools  2. SACRE activity and updates  d) Training and CPD – add number of teachers who attended training and include training opportunities across Torbay Schools.  g) Half termly RE newsletter – Debbie will extract interesting news articles and re-circulate the annual report back to the group for feedback.  3. Interfaith work – Bill and Ed to talk about adding more information about Torbay.  5. Standards in Religious Education –  Forward – Corinne talked about the contents of her forward with particular emphasis on the important work undertaken in schools and the impact on children’s mental health and well-being.  The meeting discussed the data within Tables A, B, C and D which raised questions about   * Table A - A drop in GCSE RE Studies nationally which could be attributed to schools choosing short course options which are not counted in school tables * KS4 students – schools are failing to meet their statutory duty to make provision for all KS4 students * Standards in Religious Education: Tables B, C and D - data to be added to tables * Torbay schools although committed to entering students for RS examinations results lag significantly behind the national average. * C. Monitoring standards and compliance in RE in Torbay primary schools – it was recognised that academies do not have to teach RE and that Ed will continue to meet with schools to question their teaching of RE. It was agreed that more information can be gained from Mr Phillip Mantell and Shelley Moss Headteacher at Churston about local intelligence. |  |
| **6.** | **Agreed Syllabus Review**  The meeting discussed the proposals for launching the new RE Agreed Syllabus and discussed how it would be presented to schools in Torbay:-   * Change launch dates Belmont Chapel on Mon 3rd June and Broomhill Art Hotel on Tues 4th June. * Give a sample of a unit * Explain why schools need it and what makes this different (outlining survey results from Torbay School) * Point out how this would support them and how easy it is to use without formal training * One page flyer advertising event launch * Babcock cpd portal to be used for teachers to sign up to an event   Costs: It was recognised that Torbay Council SACRE has a duty to provide all maintained schools with a free copy of the RE Syllabus.  After much discussion it was unanimously agreed  that the RE Syllabus would be free for the 6 maintained schools and 2 maintained academies; all other academies will be charged £110 per delegate.  Councillors Stocks and Stockman endorsed this proposal.  Action: Corinne and Ed will map out the offer to schools ready for publication after half term and send the draft Launch advertisement to the group for comments. |  |
| **7** | **Learn Teach Lead RE Updates**  The group noted the LTLRE February 2019 update.  The group noted that Corrine continues to oversee the LTLRE hubs in Devon, Torbay and Plymouth. There is currently a vacancy for the role of secondary hub leader. Torbay Hub often arranges to hold its meetings jointly with the South Devon hub either meeting at Warberry School (Torbay) or Wolborough School (Newton Abbott). Primary teachers are benefitting from the Hub work and moving on very well; secondary schools are difficult to engage and this is an area of work which will be progressed. A grant has been secured through St Lukes College Foundation to enable the LTRE Annual Conference 2019 to take place. It will be held in October at St Mellion Conference Centre.  Corinne thanked Torbay SACRE for continuing to offer financial support to LTLE.  Action: Debbie will give an overview of the budget at the next meeting. |  |
| **8.** | **National Developments: Commission on RE**  Ed presented feedback from NASCAREs on the National Developments Report and highlighted their concerns that their opinions were not sought as part of the consultation process. South West SACREs will be responding to the Report at the Dillington House Conference on 4th March 2019. |  |
| **9.** | **Interfaith Developments:**  Penny has reported that only one attendee booked on the Planning Faith and Belief course so this has been rearranged for Devon in November 2019.  Action: Corrine and Ed to explore whether an Interfaith Conference for GCSE students on death, dying and euthanasia could be held locally. |  |
| **10** | **HMD 2019 – event**  Cllr Stockman said that the event went well and that the contents told a story. Some schools did attend and it was questioned whether this should be open to all schools locally.  Action: Ed to forward Bill the contact details of the organiser to explore hosting event locally. |  |
| **11** | **SW SACRE Conference 4th March 2019**  South West SACRE meeting responding to the Report from the RE Commission on Monday 4th March 2019 at Dillington House Somerset. Bill and Maia are interested in attending this Conference  Action Agenda item for next meeting: Feedback from South West SACRE Conference from Bill and Maia |  |
| **12** | **AOB**  Corrine talked about raising the profile of Torbay SACRE by Kevin Foster and Sarah Wollaston MPs should be invited to a meeting of SACRE – it was agreed that this should be a future agenda item in 2020 |  |
| **13** | **Planned 2 year meetings**  7/6/19 and 13/10/20 to be changed . Sue will doodle poll alternative dates to member of SACRE | **Sue** |

Action List

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| Agenda item | Action |
| 2. Minutes | Sue to arrange minutes to be put on Torbay Council SACRE website |
| 4. Membership | Ed to follow up with Mr Phillip Mantell and Mr Bill Becher about new members to the group  Ed will follow up with secondary headteacher at Ilsham and Shelley Moss Churston about teacher representation |
| 5. Annual Report | Debbie will extract newsletter information and update the annual report. This will be circulated back to group for additional information that can be added. |
| 6. Launch of RE Syllabus | Corinne and Ed will map out the offer to schools ready for publication after half term and send the draft Launch advertisement to the group for comments. |
| 7. Learn Teach Lead RE updates | Debbie will give an overview of the budget at the next meeting. |
| 9. Interfaith Developments | Corrine and Ed to explore whether an Interfaith Conference for GCSE students on death, dying and euthanasia could be held locally. |
| 10 HMD Event 2019 | Ed to forward Bill the contact details of the organiser to explore hosting event locally |
| 11 SW SACRE Conference 4th March | Bill and Maia to be booked on conference and feedback to group at next meeting (Sue) |
| 12 MP engagement | Future agenda item in 2020 |
| 13 Planned dates for SACRE meetings | Changes to be made to 7/6/19 and 13/10/20 (to be Friday) Sue will send out other options to Group |