

**CUMBRIAN STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SACRE)
MINUTES OF MEETING ON 2 OCTOBER 2023
PENRITH METHODIST CHURCH AND ALSO VIA TEAMS**

	Committee A: Other Faiths/ Denominations	Committee B: Church of England (CE)	Committee C: Teacher Associations	Committee D: Local Authority	Co-opted: Vicky Bunter Carolyn Reade Rebekah Ackroyd
Present:	Sheila Gewolb Karen O'Donoghue Wendy Ridley Rashmi Manemi Jane Yates Michael Watmough	Richard Cox Laura Watson	James Douglas Brian Eaton Irene Roberts- Green Katherine France	Neil Hughes (W&F Elaine Lynch (Cumberland) Sue Sanderson (W&F)	Clerk to SACRE Sue McGaw LA Support Officer David Hodgkiss (W&F) Rachel Laverack (Cumberland)
Apologies:	Rev David Milner		Bernadette Little	Chris Southward (Cumberland)	Georgia Prescott
Vacancies:		Pentecostal	United Reformed	Salvation Army	
	Baptist	Unitarian	Orthodox		

1. **Welcome and introductions**
Apologies for absence and substitutions – as above. The meeting was quorate. This was a meeting. This was the first meeting for Cllr Sue Sanderson (Committee D), Michael Watmorc (rep) and Rebekah Ackroyd (University of Cumbria) they were welcomed to the meeting and introduced themselves.
 2. **Minutes of previous meeting held on 5 June 2023** – the minutes were agreed.
 3. **Matters arising not covered in the agenda - none**
 4. **Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair - JY**
Two members had put themselves forward for these roles. Karen O'Donoghue (Chair) and Gewolb (Vice-Chair) see separate sheet for their statements of interest. JY thanked Richard he would step in if no other members had volunteered. In future the Vice-Chair will automatically take the role of Chair (after a 2 or 4 year period). Need to write this into the Constitution. These were approved. All members asked to consider stepping in to one of these roles in the future. JY was thanked for all the fantastic work she has done as SACRE Chair. DH
ALL
 5. **Locally Agreed Syllabus – update JY**
This was on the agenda for the working group, meeting held this morning. The syllabus was discussed at the RE Conference on 26 June with around 100 teachers in attendance. We are taking the time to implement it. JY and Laura Watson (LW) are working with Norfolk on delivering training for starting in the autumn term. Question asked about training for Governors, JY has done some work but the priority is teachers. JY/LW
 6. **Constitution - DH**
This was updated earlier in the year and passed to Legal Department who came back with suggestions, it has now been re-written taking these suggestions on board and passed back to the council. We are awaiting their response. Legal Department are a hosted service which means there is a separate service for each council. DH
 7. **SACRE Development Plan**
This was on the agenda for the working group, who didn't have enough time to discuss it properly. Another meeting has been arranged for 28 November in Kendal, starting at 1pm. Members would like to volunteer to be part of the group to update the plan, email SMc if you are interested. The existing plan 2017-22 is on the council website under SACRE. The NASACRE Self-reflection plan is being worked on which will feed into new plan. ALL
 8. **SACRE Annual Report - JY**
The report for 2022-23 has now been completed, SMc will send a copy to members. It is available for all schools, NASACRE and the Secretary of State. Although it is a statutory requirement, not all schools actually complete one. A copy will be added to the council website along with previous years. SMc
 9. **Faith Update (Rashmi Manemi)**
This has been put back on the agenda as a regular item. RM gave an interesting talk on her faith as a Hindu and how it affects everything that she does. Hinduism is the third largest religion. Unfortunately, the nearest temple is in Newcastle. The Hindu community is growing in Cumbria and their aim is to have their own temple in the next few years. SMc
 10. **Cumbrian SACRE/RE Conference – RL**
Evaluations from the conference were very positive in respect of the location, venue and speakers. Delegates said they would like some of the sessions to be more interactive with more networking. We have already started working on the Conference for 2024. Julia Diamond-Conway from RE Today has been approached. A provisional date of 4 June has been set and North Lakes Hotel is available, that Penrith is a preferable location for all schools across the county. It will be administered by Westmorland and Furness council with Cumberland taking it on the following year. JY is running a localised CPD on the Agreed Syllabus for teachers in Wigton and Kendal. Focus for the conference to be decided.
- It was noted throughout the meeting that members attending via Teams were having difficulty hearing the members speaking in the room at Penrith Methodist Church. There was a suggestion that future meetings should all take place via Teams to stop this happening. Cocker-mouth School has already been approached to host the spring meeting (SACRE has already agreed that one meeting a year should be held in a school so that a session can be arranged). SMc to check with future venues that they have good hybrid meeting facilities.***
11. **North West RE Hubs - JY**
This is a new initiative. JY has been appointed as one of ten hub leads. They provide lots of

