

**COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLAENAU GWENT**

**REPORT TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE STANDING  
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
(SACRE)**

**SUBJECT: STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION (SACRE) - 6TH MARCH, 2023**

**REPORT OF: DEMOCRATIC & COMMITTEE SUPPORT OFFICER**

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PRESENT: COUNCILLOR S. EDMUNDS (CHAIR)

WITH: **SACRE Advisor**  
Hayley Jones, EAS

**Local Authority Representatives**

Michelle Jones  
Lissa Friel

**Teacher Representatives**

C. Knowlson

**Faith Representatives**

Chris Abbas  
Kathy Riddick  
Wayne Evans

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION
No. 1	<p><b><u>WELCOME &amp; APOLOGIES</u></b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and the following apologies for absence were reported:-</p> <p>Councillor T. Smith Luisa Munro-Morris</p>	

	John Meredith Kelly McKay	
<b>No. 2</b>	<p><b><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</u></b></p> <p>The meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 was inquorate, and the meeting proceeded on an informal basis.</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 were noted.</p>	
<b>No. 3</b>	<p><b><u>MEMBERSHIP UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>The Advisor informed an expression of interest had been received from a faith representative, and work was also being done to recruit additional teacher representatives.</p>	
<b>No. 4</b>	<p><b><u>SACRE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING</u></b></p> <p>The Advisor gave a presentation ‘Curriculum for Wales 2022’ with particular emphasis on the RE element, and the role of SACRE, i.e. to advise the LA on matters related to RE and collective worship in schools.</p> <p>A discussion ensued when a member referred to membership on the forum, and said it would be beneficial to have a list of SACRE members including a pen portrait of each member. <b>Action: Sacre Clerk</b></p>	
<b>No. 5</b>	<p><b><u>EAS RVE PARTNER UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>The Advisor provided an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WG RVE Resources</li> <li>• HMD 2023 (Schools and LA to share information)</li> <li>• Collective Worship survey for schools</li> <li>• Estyn Update – the Advisor reported that the RE element of the Estyn Inspection of Coed-y-Garn Primary was extremely positive, and it was agreed that a letter of congratulations be sent to the School on behalf of SACRE. <b>Action: Sacre Clerk</b></li> </ul>	
<b>No. 6</b>	<p><b><u>WASACRE BUSINESS</u></b></p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 11.00 am at St. Mary’s Church in Wales Primary School.</p>	

<p>A discussion ensued regarding training requirements, and it was suggested that consideration be given to the Census results for Blaenau Gwent.</p>	
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