



## Adroddiad ar weithgareddau'r Gymdeithas 2013 – 2014

1. Cyfarfu'r Gymdeithas ar dri achlysur: 19 Mehefin 2013 yng Nghaernarfon, 10 Hydref 2013 yn Rhondda Cynon Taf, a 27 Mawrth 2014 yng Nghaerffili. Rydym yn ddiolchgar i'r CYSAGau lletyol am eu lletygarwch hael.
2. Cyfarfu'r Pwyllgor Gwaith ar dri achlysur: 4 Hydref 2013 yn Nantgarw, 4 Chwefror 2014 yng Nghaerdydd, a 14 Mai 2014 yng Nghaerdydd.

Roedd gan y Pwyllgor Gwaith agenda lawn drwy gydol y flwyddyn, ac roedd yn cynnwys yr eitemau canlynol:

- (a) paratoi a threfnu cynhadledd genedlaethol CCYSAGauC, *Ategu Blaenorriaethau Cenedlaethol yng Nghymru drwy Addysg Grefyddol* ar gyfer 10 Hydref 2013;
- (b) trafod strategaethau ar gyfer digwyddiadau hyfforddi yn y dyfodol a gynigir drwy CCYSAGauC;
- (c) derbyn a thrafod cyhoeddiad Llywodraeth Cymru, *Adolygiad o Adroddiadau CYSAGau (2008-2011)* a'i ddosbarthu i'r CYSAGau;
- (d) cefnogi a hysbysebu datblygiad parhaus Marc Ansawdd AG Cymru;
- (e) derbyn, trafod a dosbarthu Adolygiad Thematig Estyn ar gyfer Addysg Grefyddol;
- (f) trafod a chefnogi'r ddarpariaeth ar wefan CCYSAGauC o ran gwybodaeth sy'n ymwneud â deunydd ymchwil a adolygyd gan gymheiriad ar AG yn Nghymru;
- (g) derbyn gwybodaeth am erthygl ymchwil yn seiliedig ar *CYSAGau a'r Gymuned Leol: adroddiad arolwg CCYSAGauC o'r CYSAGau yn Nghymru a gyhoeddwyd yn y cyfnodolyn Contemporary Wales (2014)*;
- (h) gweithio i ailsefydlu pwynt cyswllt yn Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer CCYSAGauC;
- (i) ymateb i Adolygiad Cwricwlwm Llywodraeth Cymru, cam 1 (Ionawr 2014);
- (j) cyfarfod â'r Athro Donaldson yng Nghaerdydd i gyfrannu at ei 'Gais am Dystiolaeth' yng nghyswllt yr Adolygiad Cwricwlwm ac Addysg Grefyddol (Mehefin 2014);
- (k) trefnu a hwyluso Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol Cyngor AG Cymru a Lloegr yng Nghaerdydd ym mis Mai 2014, gan gynnwys presenoldeb Gweinidog Addysg Cymru, Huw Lewis;

- (l) trafod ac ymateb i gwestiynau a ofynnwyd yng nghyswllt aelodaeth o'r CYSAgau ac Addysg Grefyddol;
- (m) cynrychioli CCYSAgauC ar bwylgorau ac mewn digwyddiadau a oedd yn berthnasol i waith y Gymdeithas, er enghrafft Cyngor AG Cymru a Lloegr, PYCAG, Y Fforwm Ewropeaidd ar gyfer Athrawon Addysg Grefyddol (EFTRE), Rhwydwaith Rhyng-ffydd y DU a'r Grŵp Trawsbleidiol ar Ffydd (Cymru).

**6. Cyfrifon.** Adroddiad y Trysorydd ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2013/14. Yn ystod y flwyddyn, roedd y gwariant £1,469.31 yn uwch na'r incwm (fodd bynnag, roedd tri thanysgrifiad yn dal heb ddod i law, sydd felly'n lleihau'r gorwariant i £245.31). Roedd y gwariant yn uwch eleni oherwydd yr hyfforddiant CA3 a gynigiwyd drwy CCYSAgauC. Ar ddechrau'r flwyddyn ariannol, roedd y balans yn £18,812.88 ac ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn ariannol, roedd y balans yn £17,343.57. Felly, mae sefyllfa ariannol CCYSAgauC yn dal i fod yn iach, a bydd hyn o gymorth i CCYSAgauC er mwyn ariannu ei gweithgareddau arfaethedig. Cymerodd a derbyniodd yr aelodau y datganiad o gyfrifon.

Derbyniodd yr aelodau argymhelliaid y Trysorydd y dylai pris y tanysgrifiad blynnyddol i bob CYSAG ymaelodi â CCYSAgauC yn ystod blwyddyn ariannol 2013/14 fod yn £417, sef cynnydd o 2.08% ar danysgrifiad 2011/12.

**7. Aelodau newydd o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith.** Yng Nghyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol haf 2013, cadarnhawyd y byddai'r Is-Gadeirydd, Tania ap Sion, yn ymgymryd â swydd Cadeirydd y Gymdeithas ac y byddai Gavin Craigen yn ymgymryd â swydd Is-Gadeirydd y Gymdeithas. Etholwyd dau aelod i'r Pwyllgor Gwaith ar gyfer y cyfnod 2013-2016: Mark Brown (Conwy) a Mary Parry (Sir Gaerfyrddin). Cododd trydydd swydd ar y Pwyllgor Gwaith ac fe'i llenwyd gan Michael Gray ar gyfer 2013-14. Derbyniodd y Pwyllgor ymddiswyddiad Brian Rogers (Rhondda Cynon Taf) a Mark Brown (Conwy).

**8. Cyflwyniadau PYCAG a CCYSAgauC.** Cafodd y Gymdeithas gyflwyniadau diddorol a gwerthfawr gan:

- Phil Lord – Marc Ansawdd AG Cymru
- Mary Parry – Adolygiad Thematig Estyn
- Michael Strange – Adnodd ar-lein *RE Quest*
- Libby Jones a Gill Vaisey – Cynhadledd CCYSAgauC
- Tudor Thomas – Datblygiadau CBAC

Cafwyd llai o gyflwyniadau eleni gan fod cyfarfod y Gymdeithas yn yr hydref wedi cael ei gynnal yn syth ar ôl cynhadledd CCYSAgauC ym mis Hydref 2013 ac nid oedd yn cynnwys y cyflwyniadau arferol.

## CYMDEITHAS CYSAGau CYMRU

### CYFARFOD CYFFREDINOL BLYNYDDOL – 2 Gorffennaf, 2014

**ADRODDIAD GAN:** Y Trysorydd

**PWNC:** Adroddiad ar gyfer Blwyddyn Ariannol 2013/2014

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#### **PWRPAS YR ADRODDIAD: Rhoi Gwybodaeth a Chael Penderfyniad**

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#### **DATGANIAD O GYFRIFON 2013/2014**

Wedi'i atodi wrth yr adroddiad hwn mae Datganiad Cyfrifon archwiliadig ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2013/2014. Fel y sylwa'r Aelodau, roedd y gwariant £2831.80 yn uwch na'r incwm yn ystod y flwyddyn. Fodd bynnag, ar ddiwedd y flwyddyn ariannol roedd tri thanysgrifiad heb eu talu, a phetaent wedi cael eu talu erbyn hynny, byddai'r gorwariant £1251.00 yn llai, gan adael gorwariant o £1580.80 am y flwyddyn. Dyma'r ail flwyddyn lle'r oedd y gwariant yn uwch na'r incwm, ar ôl tair blynedd cyn hynny lle bu tanwariant sylweddol. Cyn y llynedd, y tro diwethaf y cafwyd gorwariant sylweddol am y flwyddyn oedd 2008/2009 ac fel y cofia'r aelodau, yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol honno, CCYSAGauC a dalodd fwyafrif costau'r Gynhadledd Öl-16 Genedlaethol. Ar ddechrau'r flwyddyn ariannol roedd y balans yn £17343.57, ac erbyn diwedd y flwyddyn ariannol, roedd y balans yn £14511.77. Felly, mae sefyllfa ariannol CCYSAGauC yn dal yn iach, er bod y balans £2831.80 yn llai nag oedd ar ddiwedd 2012/2013. Mae CCYSAGauC, felly, mewn sefyllfa gref i ariannu ei gweithgareddau arfaethedig.

a) **Derbyniadau**

Fel mewn blynnyddoedd blaenorol, prif ffynhonnell incwm CCYSAGauC yn ystod 2013/14 oedd y tanysgrifiadau blynnyddol a delir gan y CYSAGau sy'n aelodau. Fel y cofia'r aelodau, yng Nghyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol CCYSAGauC yn 2001 penderfynwyd codi lefel y tanysgrifiadau yn unol â lefel chwyddiant bob blwyddyn. Felly, roedd y tanysgrifiad blynnyddol ar gyfer 2013/2014 yn £417, ac mae hyn wedi arwain at incwm o £7923. Mae'r ffigwr hwn yn cynnwys tanysgrifiadau 19 CYSAG gan fod 3 CYSAG heb dalu eu tanysgrifiadau erbyn 31 Mawrth, 2014. Braf yw nodi bod y tanysgrifiadau hynny bellach wedi'u talu, a bydd y taliadau hwyr yn cael eu cofnodi yng nghyfrifon 2014/2015. Fel y sylwa'r aelodau, yn ogystal â thanysgrifiadau blynnyddol 2013/2014, cafodd tri thanysgrifiad ar gyfer 2012/2013, am £408 yr un, eu cynnwys yn y cyfrifon hyn hefyd am eu bod wedi cael eu talu yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol gyfredol, yn hytrach nag yn ystod 2012/2013.

Ffynhonnell incwm arall ar gyfer CCYSAGauC yn ystod y flwyddyn oedd llog banc, ac roedd hwn yn £3.87 yn 2013/2014, sy'n gynnydd o 7 ceiniog ar y swm a gafwyd yn 2012/2013. Gobeithir y bydd y llog a delir ar gyfrifon CCYSAGauC yn gwella eto yn y dyfodol ond ni cheir incwm sylweddol drwy log banc am beth amser eto.

b) **Gwariant**

Yn ystod 2013/2014, roedd y prif feysydd gwariant fel a ganlyn:-

Roedd y gwariant mwyaf sylweddol yn ystod 2013/2014 yn gysylltiedig â Chynhadledd CCYSAGauC a gynhaliwyd yn ystod hydref 2013, ac roedd y cyfanswm a wariwyd ar y Gynhadledd yn £4019.04. Fel y cofia'r aelodau, roedd hwn yn ddigwyddiad a gafodd ei werthfawrogi gan bawb a oedd yn bresennol. Roedd y cyflwyniadau a'r gweithdai yn rhai o safon uchel iawn ac mae'r Gynhadledd wedi bod yn bwysig o ran codi proffil CCYSAGauC yng Nghymru. Dyma enghraifft bwysig o'r rhan y gall CCYSAGauC ei chwarae i gefnogi Addysg Grefyddol.

Yn ystod y flwyddyn, talwyd £600.00 tuag at gynnal gwefan CCYSAGauC. Bydd yr aelodau'n cytuno bod gwefan CCYSAGauC yn adnodd gwych a'i bod yn werthfawr o ran codi proffil y gymdeithas ac fel ffynhonnell sy'n darparu gwybodaeth am Addysg Grefyddol ac Addoli ar y Cyd.

Talwyd cydnabyddiaeth o £1500 i'r Ysgrifennydd. Fel y cofia'r aelodau, mae gan yr ysgrifennydd hawl i gael cydnabyddiaeth o £1500 y flwyddyn a gwnaethpwyd y taliad hwn unwaith eto yn 2013/2014. Dim ond swm bach a hawliwyd yn ystod y flwyddyn am gostau ysgrifenyddol (£3.70) felly mae'n bosib y caiff swm mwy sylweddol ei hawlio yn ystod 2014/2015. Fodd bynnag, mae dosbarthu papurau'n electronig ar gyfer cyarfodydd a rhoi papurau a dogfennau ar y wefan wedi gostwng costau.

Roedd gwariant arall yn ystod y flwyddyn yn ymwneud â chostau cynull cyarfodydd CCYSAGauC. Roedd hwn yn gyfanswm o £1874.69, o'i gymharu â £1585.73 yn 2012/2013, £517.53 yn 2011/2012 a £871.73 yn 2010/2011, ac mae'n adlewyrchu cyarfodydd tymhorol CCYSAGauC a'i Phwyllgor Gwaith. Er bod costau cynnal cyarfodydd yn cynyddu, mae'r costau'n arbennig o uchel eleni am eu bod yn cynnwys costau teithio cyflwynwyr a chostau athrawon cyflenwi i ryddhau cyflwynwyr o ysgolion, yn ogystal â chost gwasanaeth cyfeithu ar y pryd yn un o'r cyarfodydd tymhorol. Roedd cost llogi ystafelloedd yn £43.00, o'i gymharu â £168.37 yn 2012/2013, tra bo cost cyfeithu dogfennau yn £912.91, o'i gymharu â £1417.36 yn 2012/2013.

Gwariwyd £2764.70 ar gostau teithio/llety'r Swyddogion yn 2013/2014 o'i gymharu â £675.35 yn 2012/13. Mae hyn yn gynnydd sylweddol ac yn adlewyrchu'r ffaith bod mwy o deithio wedi digwydd. Er enghraifft, mae'n cynnwys anfon cynrychiolydd o CCYSAGauC i Gyfarfod Bwrdd y Fforwm Ewropeaidd ar gyfer Athrawon Addysg Grefyddol yn Fienna.

Yn ystod 2013/2014, mae CCYSAGauC wedi parhau i gyfrannu at gostau cyhoeddi AGweddau yn Newyddion AG a chylchredeg copïau unigol o AGweddau i'w cynnwys yn y ffeiliau gan CCYSAGauC a roddir i bob CYSAG. Fodd bynnag, gan fod y wefan bellach wedi disodli Newyddion AG, a chylchrediad AGweddau wedi dod i ben, ni ddisgwylir y bydd angen y cyfraniad hwn yn ystod 2014/2015.

Hefyd yn ystod y flwyddyn, talodd CCYSAGauC am gyfieithu dogfennau'r Marc Ansawdd Addysg Grefyddol i'r Gymraeg er mwyn iddynt fod ar gael i bob ysgol yng Nghymru, a chost y gwaith cyfieithu hwn oedd £515.82. Mae hyn yn golygu bod cymorth pendant pellach ar gael i ddarparu Addysg Grefyddol yng Nghymru.

Yn ogystal â'r uchod, mae CCYSAGauC wedi talu cyfanswm o £184.00 mewn tanysgrifiadau. Mae hyn yn cynnwys talu tanysgrifiad i'r Cyngor AG ar gyfer 2012/2013 a 2013/2014. Gwnaethpwyd dau daliad yn yr un flwyddyn ariannol gan fod y ddwy anfoneb wedi dod i law yn ystod yr un flwyddyn. Ni chafwyd anfonebau yn ystod blwyddyn ariannol 2013/2014 am danysgrifiadau i'r Fforwm Ewropeaidd ar gyfer Athrawon Addysg Grefyddol na'r Rhwydwaith Rhyng-ffydd, a rhagwelir y byddant yn dod i law yn ystod 2014/2015.

Gwahoddir aelodau i gymryd a derbyn y datganiad o gyfrifon sydd ynghlwm.

### **TANYSGRIFIADAU BLYNYDDOL 2014/2015**

Wrth ystyried tanysgrifiad blynyddol priodol gan bob CYSAG ar gyfer aelodaeth o CCYSAGauC yn ystod blwyddyn ariannol 2014/2015, bydd yr aelodau'n cofio'r penderfyniad yng Nghyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol CCYSAGauC yn 2001 y byddai'r tanysgrifiad i CCYSAGauC yn cynyddu'n unol â chwyddiant yn y dyfodol.

Mae'n bwysig bod CCYSAGauC yn dilyn yr arfer hwn er mwyn sicrhau bod digon o adnoddau ar gael i dalu costau parhaus gweithgareddau CCYSAGauC, gan gynnwys treuliau cyfarfodydd, costau ysgrifenyddol, treuliau swyddogion, cydnabyddiaeth swyddogion a thanysgrifiadau. Hefyd, mae ar CCYSAGauC angen digon o adnoddau i dalu costau mwy o ddigwyddiadau Cymru Gyfan, fel y Gynhadledd Genedlaethol a gynhaliwyd ym mis Hydref 2013, ac i'w galluogi i gymryd rhan mewn mentrau eraill i gefnogi Addysg Grefyddol ac Addoli ar y Cyd ledled Cymru, er enghraift darparu rhagor o hyfforddiant. Er bod sefyllfa ariannol CCYSAGauC yn iach ar hyn o bryd, mae'n bwysig cynnal balans sylwedol er mwyn i CCYSAGauC allu mynd ati'n hyderus i drefnu rhagor o ddigwyddiadau cenedlaethol.

Yn ngoleuni'r uchod a'r penderfyniad yng Nghyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol 2001 y byddai pris tanysgrifiad i CCYSAGauC yn cynyddu'n unol â chwyddiant yn y dyfodol,

**ARGYMHELLIR** y dylai pris y tanysgrifiad gan bob CYSAG ar gyfer aelodaeth o CYSAGauC yn ystod blwyddyn ariannol 2014/2015 fod yn £422, sy'n gynnydd o 1% ar bris tanysgrifiad 2013/2014.

### **TALU TREULIAU**

Fel y cofia'r aelodau, cytunwyd yng Nghyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynnyddol CCYSAGauC yn 2013 y byddai'r trefniadau ar gyfer talu treuliau yn 2013/2014 fel a ganlyn:-

- I. Taliad o 45 ceiniog y filltir i swyddogion sy'n cyflawni busnes ar ran CCYSAGauC lle na allant hawlio gan eu CYSAGau lleol ac ad-daliad ar yr un lefel i siaradwyr sy'n cyfrannu at gyfarfodydd CCYSAGauC;
- II. ad-dalu costau parcio gwirioneddol i swyddogion, os achosir y costau hynny gan fusnes CCYSAGauC;
- III. lle defnyddir cludiant cyhoeddus yn hytrach na char preifat, ad-dalu pris gwirioneddol tocyn trêñ/bws hyd at lefel y pris safonol ar y ddealltwriaeth ei bod yn rhaid manteisio ar gyfleoedd i arbed costau lle bynnag y bo modd;
- IV. ad-dalu costau cynhaliaeth a gafwyd gan swyddogion CCYSAGauC a siaradwyr yng nghyfarfodydd CCYSAGauC ar y lefelau canlynol:-
  - brecwast - £4.50 (i fod yn gymwys am lwfans brecwast, rhaid i swyddog fod wedi gadael ei gartref cyn 7.00am);
  - cinio - £6.00 (i fod yn gymwys am lwfans cinio, rhaid i swyddog fod oddi cartref cyn hanner dydd ac ar ôl 2.00pm);
  - te - £2.50 (i fod yn gymwys am lwfans te, rhaid i swyddog fod oddi cartref tan ar ôl 6.30pm);
  - pryd gyda'r nos - £7.50 (i fod yn gymwys am lwfans pryd gyda'r nos, rhaid i swyddog fod oddi cartref tan ar ôl 8.30pm);
- V. ad-dalu costau gwirioneddol llety dros nos ar y ddealltwriaeth bod y costau'n rhesymol; ac
- VI yng nghyswilt rhyddhau athrawon o ysgolion i gyflwyno yng nghyfarfodydd CCYSAGauC, bydd CCYSAGauC yn ariannu athro/athrawes cyflenwi am hyd at un diwrnod llawn. Os na fydd hyn yn ddigonol, rhaid rhoi gwybod i'r Trysorydd yn gynnar, a bydd gan y Trysorydd hawl i gytuno ar gyfraniad uwch tuag at gostau athrawon cyflenwi drwy ymgynghori â'r Cadeirydd neu'r Is-Gadeirydd.

**ARGYMHELLIR** y dylai'r trefniadau uchod, y cytunwyd arnynt ar gyfer 2013/2014, aros yr un fath ar gyfer 2014/2015.



**Cyfarfod Cymdeithas CYSAGau Cymru, Powys (Siambry Cyngor, Neuadd y Sir, Llandrindod), 2 Gorffennaf 2014 (10.30am – 3pm)**

**Wales Association of SACREs meeting, Powys (Council Chamber, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells), 2 July 2014 (10.30am – 3pm)**

<b>Ynys Môn / Anglesey</b> Bethan James Rheinallt Thomas	<b>Sir Ddinbych / Denbighshire</b> Phil Lord Gavin Craigen	<b>Rhondda Cynon Taf</b>
<b>Blaenau Gwent</b> Gill Vaisey	<b>Sir y Fflint / Flintshire</b> Phil Lord	<b>Abertawe / Swansea</b> Vicky Thomas
<b>Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr / Bridgend</b>	<b>Gwynedd</b> Bethan James Miriam Amlyn	<b>Torfaen</b> Vicky Thomas
<b>Caerffili/ Caerphilly</b> Clr John Taylor Vicky Thomas Ruth Gray Clr Michael Gray	<b>Merthyr Tudful / Merthyr Tydfil</b> Y Cyng./Cllr Ernie Galsworthy	<b>Bro Morgannwg / Vale of Glamorgan</b> Dafydd Treharne
<b>Caerdydd / Cardiff</b>	<b>Sir Fynwy / Monmouthshire</b> Gill Vaisey	<b>Wrecsam / Wrexham</b> Libby Jones
<b>Sir Gaerfyrddin / Carmarthenshire</b> Mary Parry Helen Gibbon Gwyneth Thomas	<b>Castell-nedd Port Talbot / Neath and Port Talbot</b>	<b>Sylwedyddion / Observers</b> Tudor Thomas (CBAC/WJEC)
<b>Ceredigion</b>	<b>Casnewydd / Newport</b> Vicky Thomas Huw Stephens Sally Northcott	
<b>Conwy</b> Phil Lord	<b>Sir Benfro / Pembrokeshire</b> Huw George	
	<b>Powys</b> John Mitson Christine Robinson	

## **Cofnodion / Minutes**

<p><b>1. Cyflwyniad a chroeso</b></p> <p>Estynnodd y Cyngh. Roche Davies groeso cynnes i'r aelodau i Bowys a dywedodd ei fod wrth ei fodd bod y cyfarfod yn cael ei gynnal yn ystod ei gyfnod yn y swydd. Pwysleisiodd fod AG yn bwnc unigryw gan ei fod yn cael ei bennu'n lleol a'i bod yn dda ganddo ddweud ei fod yn bwnc poblogaidd yn ysgolion Powys, gan gynnwys ar lefel TGAU. Estynnodd y Cyngh. Roche ei ddymuniadau gorau i'r aelodau ar gyfer y prif gyfarfod a'r CCB y prynhawn yma.</p> <p>Fe gymerodd yr Is-gadeirydd, Gavin Craigen, yr awenau fel cadeirydd y cyfarfod a diolchodd i'r Cyngh. Davies am ei eiriau ac am letya'r digwyddiad.</p> <p><b>2. Adfyfyrio tawel</b></p> <p>Gofynnodd Gavin Craigen i'r aelodau fyfyrion ar eu rôl o ran sicrhau addysg grefyddol o safon sy'n effeithiol, a pha mor hanfodol yw AG heddiw mewn cyfnod pan fo cymaint o eithafiaeth dreisgar yn digwydd.</p> <p><b>3. Ymddiheuriadau</b></p> <p>Tania ap Sion, Jen Malcolm, Edward Evans, Sue Cave, Carys Pritchard, Ernie Glasworthy, Meinir Loader, Y Cyngh. Cllr Michael Williams, Wyn Meredith, Dave Mackie, Nicholas Richter, Tim Rowlands. (Mark Durbin)</p> <p><b>4. Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd yng Nghaerffili, 27 Mawrth 2014</b></p> <p>T4. Eitem 6. Cafwyd trafodaeth am y trefniadau newydd ar gyfer gwefan RENews a chodwyd cwestiynau ynglŷn â sut y bwriedir rhoi cyhoeddusrwydd i'r wefan. Cadarnhawyd na fydd cyfrinair o fis Medi ac felly y bydd unrhyw un yn gallu mynd ar y wefan o hynny ymlaen. Awgrymwyd rhoi dolen o wefan CCYSAGauC i wefan</p>	<p><b>1. Introduction and welcome</b></p> <p>Cllr Roche Davies gave members a warm welcome to Powys and said how delighted he was that the meeting was being held within his term of office. He emphasised how RE is a unique subject as it is locally determined and that he was pleased to say it is a popular subject in Powys schools, including at GCSE level. Cllr Roche gave his best wishes to members for the main meeting and the AGM this afternoon.</p> <p>Vice Chair, Gavin Craigen chaired the meeting and thanked Cllr Davies for his words and for hosting the event.</p> <p><b>2. Quiet reflection</b></p> <p>Gavin Craigen asked members to reflect on their role in ensuring quality religious education that is effective, and how vital RE is today in a time when so much violent extremism takes place.</p> <p><b>3. Apologies</b></p> <p>Tania ap Sion, Jen Malcolm, Edward Evans, Sue Cave, Carys Pritchard, Ernie Glasworthy, Meinir Loader, Y Cyngh. Cllr Michael Williams, Wyn Meredith, Dave Mackie, Nicholas Richter, Tim Rowlands. (Mark Durbin)</p> <p><b>4. Minutes of meeting held in Caerphilly, 27 March 2014</b></p> <p>P4. Item 6. A discussion regarding the new RENews website arrangements took place and questions were raised as to how the website will be publicised. It was confirmed that there will be no password from September and therefore anyone can access the website from then on. A link from the WASACRE website to the RENews website</p>
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RENews a chafodd yr awgrym dderbyniad da gan yr aelodau. T6. Eitem 9. Cadarnhaodd Phil Lord fod hysbyslenni ar gyfer y Marc Ansawdd Addysg Grefyddol yn barod a'u bod wedi cael eu hanfon at y CYSAGau. Mae Phil wrthi'n llunio llythyr i egluro sut y gellir defnyddio'r marc ansawdd ac anogodd y CYSAGau eraill i wneud yr un modd. Mae Vicky Thomas a Gill Vaisey eisoes wedi gwneud hyn yn y CYSAGau y maent hwy'n eu gwasanaethu ac amlygodd Vicky ddefnyddioldeb y Marc Ansawdd Addysg Grefyddol fel erfyn hunanarfarnu i athrawon hyd yn oed os nad ydynt yn mynd am y marc llawn a phwysigrwydd sicrhau bod yr wybodaeth yn cyrraedd y person cywir yn yr ysgol. Dywedodd Gavin Craigen y byddai'n ddefnyddiol iawn cael adborth gan ysgolion o ran pa mor ddefnyddiol yw'r Marc Ansawdd Addysg Grefyddol a sut y maent hwy wedi'i ddefnyddio. Gallai hyn gael ei rannu wedyn gyda'r CYSAGau i gyd i gael ei gylchredeg i'w hysgolion. T7. Eitem 10. Cywirodd Libby Jones y sillafiad o OFQUAL yn y cofnodion.

Cafodd y cofnodion eu derbyn fel cofnod cywir o'r cyfarfod. Cynigiwyd hyn gan Phil Lord gyda Michael Gray yn eilio.

## 5. Diweddariadau:

(a) CCB y Cyngor AG yng Nghaerdydd  
Yn ei adborth dywedodd Gavin Craigen fod yr arraith groeso a draddodwyd gan y Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau, Huw Lewis, wedi cael derbyniad cadarnhaol iawn gan aelodau o'r Cyngor AG (Roedd copi o'r arraith wedi'i gynnwys ym mhapurau cyfarfod CCYSAGauC). Roedd yr arraith yn cyfleu neges gadarnhaol am Addysg Grefyddol yng Nghymru a chan mai hon oedd yr arraith gyntaf gan y Gweinidog a oedd yn cynnwys unrhyw beth am AG roedd yn galonogol iawn. Diweddodd y Gweinidog ei arraith trwy wahodd ymateb gan y Cyngor AG i'r adolygiad cyfredol o'r cwricwlwm yng Nghymru. Cytunodd y CAG i gysylltu â CCYSAGauC cyn anfon ymateb at

was suggested and well received by members. P6. Item 9. Phil Lord confirmed that flyers for REQM are ready and have been sent to SACREs. Phil is putting together a letter to explain how the quality mark can be used and encouraged other SACREs to do the same. Vicky Thomas and Gill Vaisey have already done this in the SACREs they service and Vicky highlighted the usefulness of the REQM as a self-evaluation tool for teachers even if they do not go for the mark and the importance of the information reaching the right person in school. Gavin Craigen pointed out how helpful feedback from schools would be about how useful the REQM is and how they have used it. This could then be shared with all SACREs for circulation to their schools. P7. Item 10. Libby Jones corrected the spelling of OFQUAL in the minutes.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. This was proposed by Phil Lord and seconded by Michael Gray.

## 5. Up-dates:

(a) RE Council AGM in Cardiff  
In his feedback Gavin Craigen described the welcome speech given by the Minister for Education and Skills, Huw Lewis as being positively received by members of the RE Council (A copy of the speech was included in the WASACRE papers). The speech sent a positive message about Religious Education in Wales and as this was the Minister's first speech that included anything about RE it was very encouraging. The Minister ended his speech by inviting a response from the RE Council to the current curriculum review in Wales. The REC agreed to liaise with WASACRE before sending a response to Welsh Government. Following that meeting a request was sent by WASACRE to the

Lywodraeth Cymru. Yn dilyn y cyfarfod hwnnw anfonodd CCYSAGauC gais i swyddfa'r Gweinidog yn gofyn am gael bod yn rhan o'r adolygiad hwnnw. Caniatawyd y cais a gwahoddwyd cynrychiolwyr o Bwyllgor Gwaith CCYSAGauC i gyfarfod ar ddydd Gwener 20 Mehefin 2014 gyda'r Athro Graham Donaldson sy'n arwain yr adolygiad. Roedd negeseuon allweddol eraill o CCB y CAG yn cynnwys y cwestiwn parhaus ynglŷn â chynrychiolaeth ar y bwrdd ar gyfer Cymru. Tania ap Sion a Gavin Craigen yw'r cynrychiolwyr ar hyn o bryd, ac mae'r CAG yn ymchwilio i'r posibilrwydd o sicrhau cynrychiolaeth fwy hyblyg yn y dyfodol. Mae CCYSAGauC yn gohebu ar hyn o bryd gyda'r CAG i sicrhau y ceir cynrychiolaeth deg ac effeithiol ar gyfer Cymru. Dywedodd Rheinallt Thomas wrth yr aelodau bod aelodau yng nghyfarfod diweddar Cyngor yr Eglwysi Rhyddion wedi cael eu cymhell a'u calonogi gan arraith Huw Lewis ac o ganlyniad i hynny bod llythyr wedi cael ei anfon yn annog holl aelodau'r Eglwysi Rhyddion i ysgrifennu at Lywodraeth Cymru i ofyn am gefnogaeth well i CYSAGau ac i bwysleisio'r angen am ymgynghorwyr AG, gan dynnu sylw at y ffait bod yr egwyddorion yn arraith y Gweinidog mewn perygl o gael eu colli oherwydd newidiadau mewn consortia. Cadarnhaodd Rheinallt fod sawl llythyr wedi mynd oddi wrth Gyngor yr Eglwysi Rhyddion. Ychwanegodd Vicky Thomas fod athrawon wedi cael eu calonogi gan ei sylwadau, ond bod angen i Lywodraeth Cymru gael ei hatgoffa ohonynt. Dim ond gyda hyfforddiant da, DPP priodol a chefnogaeth a ddarperir gan Awdurdodau Lleol y mae addysg grefyddol o safon dda'n digwydd. Bydd copi o arraith y Gweinidog yn cael ei gadw ar ffeil i gael ei ddefnyddio ar adegau priodol. Daeth Gavin Craigen â'r drafodaeth i ben trwy gadarnhau bod llythyr o ymateb oddi wrth y Gweinidog wedi ateb cais CCYSAGauC i gwrdd â'r gweinidog yn flynyddol, fel yr oeddem yn ei wneud gyda Leighton Andrews. Roedd y llythyr yn datgan yr hoffai Huw Lewis ystyried adfer y

Minister's office asking to be part of that review. The request was granted and representatives from the WASACRE Executive committee were invited to a meeting on Friday, 20 June 2014, with Professor Graham Donaldson who is leading the review. Other key messages from the REC AGM included the ongoing issue about representation on the board for Wales. Currently the representatives are Tania ap Sion and Gavin Craigen, the REC are looking in to the possibility of securing a more flexible representation in future. WASACRE is in correspondence with the REC to ensure that a fair and effective representation for Wales is secured. Rheinallt Thomas told members that at the recent Free Church Council meeting members were motivated and encouraged by Huw Lewis' speech and as a result a letter was sent to encourage all Free Church members to write to Welsh Government to request better support for SACREs and to emphasise the need for RE advisors, pointing out that the principles in the Minister's speech are in danger of being lost owing to consortia changes. Rheinallt confirmed that many letters have gone from the Free Church Council. Vicky Thomas added that teachers have been encouraged by his comments, but Welsh Government needs to be reminded of them. High quality religious education only happens with good training, appropriate CPD and support provided by Local Authorities. A copy of the Minister's speech will be kept on file to be used at appropriate times. Gavin Craigen concluded the discussion by confirming that the letter of response from the Minister had answered WASACRE's request to meet with the minister annually, as we did with Leighton Andrews. The letter stated that Huw Lewis would like to give consideration to reinstalling that meeting after the review. Members agreed that WASACRE need to keep an eye on this situation and make sure it happens.

cyfarfod hwnnw ar ôl yr adolygiad. Roedd yr aelodau'n cytuno bod angen i CCYSAGauC gadw golwg ar y sefyllfa hon a gwneud yn siŵr bod hyn yn digwydd.

(b) Adolygiad Donaldson

Rhoddodd Libby Jones amlinelliad byr o'r adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm gan Lywodraeth Cymru sy'n mynd rhagddo ar hyn o bryd a lle CCYSAGauC ynddo, o'r cyfarfod yn Nolgellau ar 12 Mehefin lle cwblhawyd yr holiadur, i'r cyfarfod ar 20 Mehefin a oedd yn cynnwys cynrychiolwyr o Bwyllgor Gwaith CCYSAGauC (Tania ap Sion, Libby Jones, Mary Parry, Vicky Thomas, Yr Athro Leslie Francis) a'r Athro Donaldson. Sicrhawyd yr aelodau fod y cyfarfod yn un cadarnhaol a chafodd y prif bwyntiau a godwyd yn y cyfarfod gyda'r Athro Donaldson eu rhannu. 1. Cyd-destun hanesyddol addysg grefyddol a CCYSAGau mewn addysg yng Nghymru. 2. Y sefyllfa bresennol yng Nghymru. 3. Pwysigrwydd addysg grefyddol a'i chyfraniad at addysg ar gyfer ein pobl ifanc, y tair blaenoriaeth genedlaethol a chydlyniant cymunedol. 4. Pwysigrwydd hyfforddiant i athrawon, gan gynnwys Hyfforddiant Cychwynnol Athrawon mewn addysg grefyddol. Cododd yr Athro Donaldson y cwestiwn ynglŷn â sylwadau negyddol am AG gan rai disgyblion yr oedd ef wedi cwrdd â hwy fel rhan o'r adolygiad. Cytunodd cynrychiolwyr CCYSAGauC a oedd yn y cyfarfod i anfon rhestr ato o ysgolion lle gall ddod o hyd i arfer gorau mewn AG. Dywedodd Vicky Thomas, a oedd yn y cyfarfod, ei bod wedi cael ei gwneud yn glir iawn y byddai adolygiad o'r cwricwlwm yn dwyn goblygiadau i AG a'r Fframwaith Cenedlaethol ar gyfer AG. Roedd hi'n teimlo bod yr Athro Donaldson wedi cael y neges yn glir ac y byddai angen i unrhyw newidiadau i'r cwricwlwm gael eu hystyried ar gyfer AG. Diolchodd Bethan James i'r rhai a oedd yn y cyfarfodydd yn Nolgellau ac yng Nghaerdydd ac ailddatganodd bwysigrwydd dod o hyd i'r ysgolion hynny a all ddarparu enghreifftiau cyfoethog o arfer da mewn AG

(b) Donaldson Review

Libby Jones gave a brief outline of the on-going Welsh Government curriculum review and WASACREs place within it, from the meeting in Dolgellau on 12 June at which the questionnaire was completed, to the meeting on 20 June involving representatives from the WASACRE Executive, (Tania ap Sion, Libby Jones, Mary Parry, Vicky Thomas, Professor Leslie Francis) and Professor Donaldson. Members were assured that the meeting was positive and the main points raised at the meeting with Professor Donaldson were shared. 1. The historical context of religious education and SACREs within Welsh education. 2. The current situation in Wales. 3. The importance of religious education and its contribution to the education of our young people, the three national priorities and community cohesion. 4. The importance of training for teachers, including Initial Teacher Training in religious education. Professor Donaldson raised the issue of negative comments about RE coming from some pupils that he had met with as part of the review. WASACRE representatives at the meeting agreed to send him a list of schools where he can find best practice in RE. Vicky Thomas, who attended the meeting, said that it was made very clear that a review of the curriculum would have implications for RE and the National Framework for RE. She felt that Professor Donaldson had received that message loud and clear and that any changes to the curriculum would need to be considered for RE. Bethan James thanked those who attended both the meeting in Dolgellau and Cardiff and reiterated the importance of finding those schools that can provide rich examples of good practice in RE and urged members to look for such examples and ask their own SACREs to do the same.

ac erfyniodd ar yr aelodau i chwilio am enghreifftiau o'r fath a gofyn i'w CCYSAGau hwy eu hunain wneud yr un modd.

(c) EFTRE

Cadarnhaodd Phil Lord fod adroddiad EFTRE wedi cael ei rannu gyda'r Pwyllgor Gwaith. Roedd y prif bwyntiau o'r adroddiad fel a ganlyn: Pwysigrwydd ymrwymiad aelodau EFTRE; cyllid posibl i rai o'r gwledydd pellach yn Nwyrain Ewrop lle ceir ymrwymiad i AG ac EFTRE ond diffyg arian; y cyfoeth o brofiad ar y bwrdd ac ymrwymiad i wneud y bwrdd yn fwy gweladwy. Erfyniodd Phil ar yr aelodau i fwrw golwg ar y wefan i gael mwy o wybodaeth ac eglurodd ei fod wedi cael cais i lunio rhywbeth i adlewyrchu'r sefyllfa yng Nghymru, a fydd ar gael ar y wefan yn y dyfodol. Bydd cylchlythyr yn cael ei greu hefyd a hwnnw'n cynnwys barn disgyblion ac athrawon yng Nghymru. Dywedodd Gavin Craigen ei bod yn bwysig iawn cael y gynrychiolaeth hon a diolchodd i Phil a CCYSAGauC am y gefnogaeth. Diweddodd Phil ei adroddiad trwy ddweud na chafodd Cymru ei chrybwyl am ei rhodd i EFTRE fel y cafodd gwledydd eraill yn y cyfarfod; fod bynnag cadarnhaodd John Mitson yng nghyfarfod y Pwyllgor Gwaith fod y tanysgrifiad o £90.00 ar gyfer 2013 wedi cael ei gyflwyno i EFTRE gan CCYSAGauC. Atgoffodd Rheinallt Thomas yr aelodau fod cronfa wedi'i sefydlu ar un adeg i gefnogi gwledydd Ewropeaidd – Ymddiriedolaeth Walter Stenhouse, a oedd wedi'i lleoli yn y Swistir, ac awgrymodd fod angen i ni ymchwilio i hyn

(d) Hyfforddiant CCYSAGauC

Cyfeiriodd Bethan yn ôl at y gynhadledd ym mis Hydref 2013 a hyfforddiant CA3 Gavin, yr oeddent ill dau yn ei thyb hi wedi sefydlu ffordd dda o lenwi'r bwlc'h o ran darparu hyfforddiant ar gyfer athrawon AG nad yw'n cael ei gynnig mwyach gan awdurdodau lleol a chonsortia. Mae papur wedi cael ei greu gan NAPfRE sy'n amlinellu syniadau posibl ar gyfer hyfforddiant.

(c) EFTRE

Phil Lord confirmed that the EFTRE report has been shared with the Executive committee. The main points from the report were as follows: The importance of the commitment of EFTRE members; the possible funding of some of the further Eastern European countries where there is commitment to RE and EFTRE but lack of money; the wealth of experience on the board and a commitment to make the board more visible. Phil urged members to look at the website for further information and explained that he has been asked to put something together to reflect the situation in Wales, which will be available on the website in the future. A newsletter will also be created including views of pupils and teachers in Wales. Gavin Craigen said that it is very important to have this representation and thanked Phil and WASACRE for the support. Phil concluded his report by saying that Wales was not mentioned in their gift to EFTRE as other countries were in the meeting, however it was confirmed in the Executive meeting by John Mitson that the £90.00 subscription for 2013 went to EFTRE from WASACRE. Rheinallt Thomas reminded members that there used to be a fund set up to support Eastern European countries which was based in Switzerland-The Walter Stenhouse Trust, and suggested that we need to look in to this.

(d) WASACRE training

Bethan referred back to the conference in October 2013 and Gavin's KS3 training, both of which she felt established a good way to fill the gap in providing training for RE teachers no longer offered by local authorities and consortia. A paper has been created by NAPfRE outlining possible training ideas.

## **6. Cyflwyniad NAPfRE: CYSAGau a'r trefniadau Consortia**

Dangoswyd cyflwyniad PowerPoint i'r aelodau gan Mary, Gill, Bethan, Libby, Vicky a Phil. Fe ddisgrifion nhw ac fe egluron nhw'r trefniadau newydd ar gyfer pob consortiwm a sut y mae CYSAGau yn cael eu cefnogi bellach ym mhob awdurdod lleol o ganlyniad i'r newidiadau. Yn dilyn y cyflwyniad gofynnodd Rheinallt Thomas a yw CYSAGau yn monitro'r hyfforddiant mewn colegau yn eu hardal oherwydd dylent fod yn gwneud hynny. Mae angen i'r ddeialog honno fod yn digwydd a gall gael ei hwyluso trwy Rachel Bendall yng Ngholeg y Drindod/Abertawe. Cododd Vicky Thomas y cwestiwn ynglŷn â sut y gall CYSAGau barhau i gefnogi awdurdodau lleol mewn addysg grefyddol a'r heriau presennol y mae CYSAGau yn eu hwynebu gan gynnwys personel e.e. beth fydd yn digwydd pan fydd yr ymgynghorwyr presennol wedi mynd a'r cyfrifoldeb am y CYSAGau yn cael ei dynnu oddi wrth arweinwyr system fel Carys? Roedd y neges o hyn yn awgrymu bod angen i'r CYSAGau fod yn fwy rhagweithiol ac yn llai dibynnol ar gynrychiolydd yr ALL/y Consortiwm sy'n gwasanaethu eu CYSAG. Cododd cynrychiolydd y Bedyddwyr ar gyfer CYSAG Powys y pwynt nad yw grwpiau Ffydd yn gwybod am y CYSAGau ac nad yw'r CYSAGau yn gwybod amdanynt hwy. Mae angen mynd i'r afael â hyn.

Cynhaliwyd gweithgaredd ar ôl y cyflwyniad hwn gyda'r aelodau'n gweithio mewn grwpiau i drafod y cwestiynau canlynol:

1. Sut all aelodau gyfrannu at waith y CYSAGau?
2. Sut allwn ni sicrhau presenoldeb rheolaidd o'r 3 grŵp a chan aelodau etholedig?
3. Sut allech chi berswadio pobl i ddod yn aelod o'r CYSAG?
4. Sut allwn ni fonitro Addysg Grefyddol ac addoli ar y cyd?
5. Sut allwn ni roi cymorth i ysgolion

## **6. NAPfRE presentation: SACREs and current Consortia arrangements**

Members were shown a PowerPoint which was presented by Mary, Gill, Bethan, Libby, Vicky and Phil. They described and explained the new arrangements for each consortia and how SACREs are supported now in each local authority as a result of the changes. Following the presentation Rheinallt Thomas asked whether SACREs monitor the training in colleges in their area because they should be doing so. That dialogue needs to be happening and can be facilitated through Rachel Bendall at Trinity college/Swansea. Vicky Thomas raised the issue of how SACREs can continue supporting local authorities in religious education and the current challenges SACREs face including personnel e.g. what happens when the current consultants are gone and the system leaders like Carys have the responsibility for SACRE taken away from them? The message from this suggested that SACREs need to be more proactive and less reliant on the LA/Consortia rep or consultant servicing their SACRE. An issue was raised by the Baptist representative for Powys SACRE that Faith groups don't know about SACREs and SACREs don't know about them. This needs to be addressed.

An activity followed this presentation which involved members working in groups to discuss the following questions:

1. How can members contribute to the work of SACREs?
2. How can we ensure regular attendance from the 3 groups and co-opted members?
3. How could you persuade people to become a SACRE member?
4. How can we monitor Religious Education and collective worship?
5. How can we support schools to deliver

<p>gyflwyno darpariaeth dda o ran AG ac Addoli ar y Cyd?</p> <p>6. Sut allwn ni sicrhau bod awdurdodau lleol yn cefnogi swyddogaeth CYSAGau ag arian/cyllid digonol?</p>	<p>good RE and CW</p> <p>6. How can we ensure that local authorities support the function of SACREs sufficient money/funding</p>
<p>Roedd peth o'r adborth ar y cwestiynau hyn yn cynnwys: Dylai fod gan bob cynrychiolydd ar unrhyw CYSAG ddirprwy i fod yn bresennol yn ei le pan nad yw'n gallu bod yn bresennol ei hun; Mae angen i'r CYSAGau fod yn rhagweithiol o ran cysylltu â grwpiau a mudiadau ffydd trwy eu gwahodd i anfon cynrychiolydd o'u dewis hwy i gyfarfodydd y CYSAG. Gellir gwneud hyn trwy ysgrifennu llythyrau at ysgolion a grwpiau ffydd lleol, gan eu hannog i gefnogi. O ran cynrychiolwyr athrawon, unwaith y mae athro/athrawes wedi cael ei d(d)ewis ar gyfer CYSAG dylid gofyn i'r undeb athrawon a yw'n hapus i'r person hwnnw gynrychioli eu hundeb ar y CYSAG; Mae rhai CYSAGau gan gynnwys Powys yn cynnig y cyfle i aelodau arsywi ar ddigwyddiadau addoli ar y cyd ac ymweld ag ysgolion yn rheolaidd i helpu'r broses fonitro.</p>	<p>Some of the feedback from these questions included: Each representative on any SACRE should have in place a deputy who attends in their place when they are unable to attend themselves; SACREs need to be proactive in contacting faith groups and organisations by inviting them to send a representative of their choice to SACRE meetings. This can be done by writing letters to schools and local faith groups, actively encouraging their support. With regard to teacher representatives once a teacher has been selected for a SACRE the teaching union should be asked if they are happy for that person to represent their union on SACRE; Some SACREs including Powys offer members the opportunity to observe collective worship and visit schools on a regular basis to help the monitoring process.</p>
<p>Anogodd Phil Lord yr aelodau i fynd â'r gweithgaredd hwn yn ôl i'w CYSAG a thrafod yr atebion i'r cwestiynau hyn gan eu hystyried yn ofalus.</p>	<p>Phil Lord encouraged members to take this activity back to their SACRE and to discuss the answers to these questions with careful consideration.</p>
<p><b>7. Adroddiad ar gyfarfod y Pwyllgor Gwaith a gynhaliwyd ar 14 Mai 2014</b></p>	<p><b>7. Report from the Executive Committee held on 14 May 2014</b></p>
<p>Dyddiad cyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor Gwaith yw 26 Medi 2014 nid 25 Medi 2014. Cafodd yr adroddiad ei ddiwygio gan Libby Jones ac fe'i derbynwyd fel cofnod cywir.</p>	<p>The date for the next Executive meeting is 26 September 2014 not 25 September 2014. The report was amended by Libby Jones and was accepted as an accurate record.</p>
<p><b>8. Gohebiaeth</b></p>	<p><b>8. Correspondence</b></p>
<p>Maent i gyd wedi cael sylw mewn eitemau blaenorol neu gan y Pwyllgor Gwaith.</p>	<p>All covered within previous items or with the executive committee.</p>
<p><b>9. Enwebiadau ar gyfer y Pwyllgor Gwaith</b></p>	<p><b>9. Nominations for Executive Committee</b></p>

Atgoffodd Gavin Craigen yr aelodau fod angen iddynt bleidleisio dros ddu aelod newydd i'r Pwyllgor Gwaith ac fe dechreuodd y broses bleidleisio.

**10. U.F.A.**

**11. Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf : 26 Tachwedd 2014, Pont-y-pŵl.**

**12. Dyddiadau cyfarfodydd yn y dyfodol:**

Cyfarfod y gwanwyn – Castell-nedd Port Talbot, 6 Mawrth 2015

Cyfarfod yr haf – Sir y Fflint, 25 Mehefin, 2015

Cyfarfod yr hydref – Blaenau Gwent, 25 Tachwedd

Gavin Craigen reminded members that they are required to vote for two new members to the Executive committee and voting commenced.

**10. A.O.B.**

**11. Date for next meeting: 26 November 2014, Pontypool.**

**12. Future meeting dates:**

Spring meeting- Neath Port Talbot, 6 March 2015

Summer meeting- Flintshire, 25 June, 2015

Autumn meeting- Blaenau Gwent, 25 November 2015



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Annwyl Aelod

Amgaeaf ddogfennau perthnasol ar gyfer cyfarfod CCYSAGauC ar 26 Tachwedd 2014 yn Torfaen. Cychwynnir y cyfarfod am 10.30 gyda choffi ar gael o 10 ymlaen. Rydym yn anelu i orffen erbyn 3yp.

Cynhelir y cyfarfod yn cael ei gynnal yn Nghanolfan Byw Egniol, Stryd Trosnant, Pont-y-pŵl NP4 8AT.

Amgeir cyfarwyddiadau.

Yn ddiffuant,

*L Jones*

Libby Jones  
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27 October, 2014

Dear Member

I enclose the relevant documents for the WASACRE meeting 26 November 2014 in Torfaen. The meeting begins at 10.30 am with coffee available from 10am, and will finish around 3pm.

The meeting will be held at the Pontypool Active Living Centre, Trosnant Street, Pontypool NP4 8AT.

Travel directions are enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

*L Jones*

Libby Jones  
**Secretary to WASACRE**



**Cyfarfod Cymdeithas CYSAGau Cymru, Torfaen  
(Canolfan Byw Egniol, Pont-y-pŵl), 26 Tachwedd 2014  
(10.30am – 3pm)**

***Wales Association of SACREs meeting, Torfaen (Pontypool Active Living Centre, Pontypool), 26 November 2014 (10.30am – 3pm)***

## **Agenda**

1. Cyflwyniad a chroeso / *Introduction and welcome*
2. Adfyfyrio tawel / *Quiet reflection*
3. Ymddiheuriadau / *Apologies*
4. Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ym Mhowys, 2 Gorffennaf 2014 / *Minutes of meeting held in Powys, 2 July 2014*
5. Materion yn codi / *Matters arising*
6. Diweddarriadau/Up-dates
7. Cyflwyniadau / *Presentations:*

NAPfRE: Cyflwyniad gan CBAC – Beth mae'r data yn dysgu i ni / *A presentation by WJEC- What does the data tell us?*

CYSAG Sir Fynwy / *Monmouthshire SACRE: Celebrating RE Transition Project (year 6 pupils)*

NAPfRE: CYSAGau a'r trefniadau consortia (adborth) / *SACREs and consortia arrangements (feedback)*

8. Adroddiad ar gyfarfod y Pwyllgor Gwaith a gynhaliwyd ar 26 Medi 2014 / *Report from the Executive Committee held on 26 September 2014*
9. Gohebiaeth /*Correspondence*
10. U.F.A. / *A.O.B.*
11. Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf / *Date for next meeting: 6 Mawrth 2015 (Castell-Nedd) / 6 March 2015, Neath Port Talbot*

Dyddiadau cyfarfodydd yn y dyfodol / *Future meeting dates:* 25 Mehefin 2015 (Sir y Fflint, yn cynnwys AGM) / 25 June 2015 (Flintshire, includes AGM); 25 Tachwedd 2015 (Blaenau Gwent) / 25 November 2015 (Blaenau Gwent)



**Cyfarfod Cymdeithas CYSAGau Cymru, Powys (Siambry Cyngor, Neuadd y Sir, Llandrindod Wells), 2 July 2014 (10.30am – 3pm)**

**Wales Association of SACREs meeting, Powys (Council Chamber, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells), 2 July 2014 (10.30am – 3pm)**

<p><b>Ynys Môn / Anglesey</b> Bethan James Rheinallt Thomas</p> <p><b>Blaenau Gwent</b> Gill Vaisey</p> <p><b>Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr / Bridgend</b></p> <p><b>Caerffili/ Caerphilly</b> Cllr John Taylor Vicky Thomas Ruth Gray Cllr Michael Gray</p> <p><b>Caerdydd / Cardiff</b></p> <p><b>Sir Gaerfyrddin / Carmarthenshire</b> Mary Parry Helen Gibbon Gwyneth Thomas</p> <p><b>Ceredigion</b></p> <p><b>Conwy</b> Phil Lord</p>	<p><b>Sir Ddinbych / Denbighshire</b> Phil Lord Gavin Craigen</p> <p><b>Sir y Fflint / Flintshire</b> Phil Lord</p> <p><b>Gwynedd</b> Bethan James Miriam Amlyn</p> <p><b>Merthyr Tudful / Merthyr Tydfil</b> Cllr Ernie Galsworthy</p> <p><b>Sir Fynwy / Monmouthshire</b> Gill Vaisey</p> <p><b>Castell-nedd Port Talbot / Neath and Port Talbot</b></p> <p><b>Casnewydd / Newport</b> Vicky Thomas Huw Stephens Sally Northcott</p> <p><b>Sir Benfro / Pembrokeshire</b> Huw George</p> <p><b>Powys</b> John Mitson Christine Robinson</p>	<p><b>Rhondda Cynon Taf</b></p> <p><b>Abertawe / Swansea</b> Vicky Thomas</p> <p><b>Torfaen</b> Vicky Thomas</p> <p><b>Bro Morgannwg / Vale of Glamorgan</b> Dafydd Treharne</p> <p><b>Wrecsam / Wrexham</b> Libby Jones</p> <p><b>Sylwedyddion / Observers</b> Tudor Thomas (WJEC)</p>
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## Draft Minutes

### 1. Cyflwyniad a chroeso / *Introduction and welcome*

Cllr Roche Davies gave members a warm welcome to Powys and said how delighted he was that the meeting was being held within his term of office. He emphasised how RE is a unique subject as it is locally determined and that he was pleased to say it is a popular subject in Powys schools, including at GCSE level. Cllr Roche gave his best wishes to members for the main meeting and the AGM this afternoon.

Vice Chair, Gavin Craigen chaired the meeting and thanked Cllr Davies for his words and for hosting the event.

### 2. Adfyfyrio tawel / *Quiet reflection*

Gavin Craigen asked members to reflect on their role in ensuring quality religious education that is effective, and how vital RE is today in a time when so much violent extremism takes place.

### 3. Ymddiheuriadau / *Apologies*

Tania ap Sion, Jen Malcolm, Edward Evans, Sue Cave, Carys Pritchard, Ernie Glaswworthy, Meinir Loader, Cllr Michael Williams, Wyn Meredith, Dave Mackie, Nicholas Richter, Tim Rowlands. (Mark Durbin)

### 4. Cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhalwyd yng Nghaerffili, 27 Mawrth 2014 /

#### *Minutes of meeting held in Caerphilly, 27 March 2014*

P4. Item 6. A discussion regarding the new RENews website arrangements took place and questions were raised as to how the website will be publicised. It was confirmed that there will be no password from September and therefore anyone can access the website from then on. A link from the WASACRE website to the RENews website was suggested and well received by members. P6. Item 9. Phil Lord confirmed that flyers for REQM are ready and have been sent to SACREs. Phil is putting together a letter to explain how the quality mark can be used and encouraged other SACREs to do the same. Vicky Thomas and Gill Vaisey have already done this in the SACREs they service and Vicky highlighted the usefulness of the REQM as a self-evaluation tool for teachers even if they do not go for the mark and the importance of the information reaching the right person in school. Gavin Craigen pointed out how helpful feedback from schools would be about how useful the REQM is and how they have used it. This could then be shared with all SACREs for circulation to their schools. P7. Item 10. Libby Jones corrected the spelling of OFQUAL in the minutes.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. This was proposed by Phil Lord and seconded by Michael Gray.

### 5. Diweddarriadau/*Up-dates:*

#### (a) Cyngor AG yng Nghaerdydd / *RE Council AGM in Cardiff*

In his feedback Gavin Craigen described the welcome speech given by the Minister for Education and Skills, Huw Lewis as being positively received by members of the RE Council (A copy of the speech was included in the WASACRE papers). The speech sent a positive message about Religious Education in Wales and as this was the Minister's first

speech that included anything about RE it was very encouraging. The Minister ended his speech by inviting a response from the RE Council to the current curriculum review in Wales. The REC agreed to liaise with WASACRE before sending a response to Welsh Government. Following that meeting a request was sent by WASACRE to the Minister's office asking to be part of that review. The request was granted and representatives from the WASACRE Executive committee were invited to a meeting on Friday, 20 June 2014, with Professor Graham Donaldson who is leading the review. Other key messages from the REC AGM included the ongoing issue about representation on the board for Wales. Currently the representatives are Tania ap Sion and Gavin Craigen, the REC are looking in to the possibility of securing a more flexible representation in future. WASACRE is in correspondence with the REC to ensure that a fair and effective representation for Wales is secured. Rheinallt Thomas told members that at the recent Free Church Council meeting members were motivated and encouraged by Huw Lewis' speech and as a result a letter was sent to encourage all Free Church members to write to Welsh Government to request better support for SACREs and to emphasise the need for RE advisors, pointing out that the principles in the Minister's speech are in danger of being lost owing to consortia changes. Rheinallt confirmed that many letters have gone from the Free Church Council. Vicky Thomas added that teachers have been encouraged by his comments, but Welsh Government needs to be reminded of them. High quality religious education only happens with good training, appropriate CPD and support provided by Local Authorities. A copy of the Minister's speech will be kept on file to be used at appropriate times. Gavin Craigen concluded the discussion by confirming that the letter of response from the Minister had answered WASACRE's request to meet with the minister annually, as we did with Leighton Andrews. The letter stated that Huw Lewis would like to give consideration to reinstalling that meeting after the review. Members agreed that WASACRE need to keep an eye on this situation and make sure it happens.

(b) Adolygiad Donaldson / *Donaldson Review*

Libby Jones gave a brief outline of the on-going Welsh Government curriculum review and WASACREs place within it, from the meeting in Dolgellau on 12 June at which the questionnaire was completed, to the meeting on 20 June involving representatives from the WASACRE Executive, (Tania ap Sion, Libby Jones, Mary Parry, Vicky Thomas, Professor Leslie Francis) and Professor Donaldson. Members were assured that the meeting was positive and the main points raised at the meeting with Professor Donaldson were shared. 1. The historical context of religious education and SACREs within Welsh education. 2. The current situation in Wales. 3. The importance of religious education and its contribution to the education of our young people, the three national priorities and community cohesion. 4. The importance of training for teachers, including Initial Teacher Training in religious education. Professor Donaldson raised the issue of negative comments about RE coming from some pupils that he had met with as part of the review. WASACRE representatives at the meeting agreed to send him a list of schools where he can find best practice in RE. Vicky Thomas, who attended the meeting, said that it was made very clear that a review of the curriculum would have implications for RE and the National Framework for RE. She felt that Professor Donaldson had received that message loud and clear and that any changes to the curriculum would need to be considered for RE. Bethan James thanked those who attended both the meeting in Dolgellau and Cardiff and reiterated the importance of finding those schools that can provide rich examples of good practice in RE and urged members to look for such examples and ask their own SACREs to do the same.

(c) EFTRE / *EFTRE*

Phil Lord confirmed that the EFTRE report has been shared with the Executive committee. The main points from the report were as follows: The importance of the commitment of EFTRE members; the possible funding of some of the further Eastern European countries where there is commitment to RE and EFTRE but lack of money; the wealth of experience on the board and a commitment to make the board more visible. Phil urged members to look at the website for further information and explained that he has been asked to put something together to reflect the situation in Wales, which will be available on the website in the future. A newsletter will also be created including views of pupils and teachers in Wales. Gavin Craigen said that it is very important to have this representation and thanked Phil and WASACRE for the support. Phil concluded his report by saying that Wales was not mentioned in their gift to EFTRE as other countries were in the meeting, however it was confirmed in the Executive meeting by John Mitson that the £90.00 subscription for 2013 went to EFTRE from WASACRE. Rheinallt Thomas reminded members that there used to be a fund set up to support Eastern European countries which was based in Switzerland- The Walter Stenhouse Trust, and suggested that we need to look in to this.

(d) *Hyfforddiant CCYSAGauC / WASACRE training*

Bethan referred back to the conference in October 2013 and Gavin's KS3 training, both of which she felt established a good way to fill the gap in providing training for RE teachers no longer offered by local authorities and consortia. A paper has been created by NAPfRE outlining possible training ideas.

**6. Cyflwyniad NAPfRE: CYSAGau a'r trefniadau Consortia**

***NAPfRE presentation: SACREs and current Consortia arrangements***

Members were shown a PowerPoint which was presented by Mary, Gill, Bethan, Libby, Vicky and Phil. They described and explained the new arrangements for each consortia and how SACREs are supported now in each local authority as a result of the changes. Following the presentation Rheinallt Thomas asked whether SACREs monitor the training in colleges in their area because they should be doing so. That dialogue needs to be happening and can be facilitated through Rachel Bendall at Trinity college/Swansea. Vicky Thomas raised the issue of how SACREs can continue supporting local authorities in religious education and the current challenges SACREs face including personnel e.g. what happens when the current consultants are gone and the system leaders like Carys have the responsibility for SACRE taken away from them? The message from this suggested that SACREs need to be more proactive and less reliant on the LA/Consortia rep or consultant servicing their SACRE. An issue was raised by the Baptist representative for Powys SACRE that Faith groups don't know about SACREs and SACREs don't know about them. This needs to be addressed.

An activity followed this presentation which involved members working in groups to discuss the following questions:

1. How can members contribute to the work of SACREs?
2. How can we ensure regular attendance from the 3 groups and co-opted members?
3. How could you persuade people to become a SACRE member?
4. How can we monitor Religious Education and collective worship?
5. How can we support schools to deliver good RE and CW

**6. How can we ensure that local authorities support the function of SACREs sufficient money/funding**

Some of the feedback from these questions included: Each representative on any SACRE should have in place a deputy who attends in their place when they are unable to attend themselves; SACREs need to be proactive in contacting faith groups and organisations by inviting them to send a representative of their choice to SACRE meetings. This can be done by writing letters to schools and local faith groups, actively encouraging their support. With regard to teacher representatives once a teacher has been selected for a SACRE the teaching union should be asked if they are happy for that person to represent their union on SACRE; Some SACREs including Powys offer members the opportunity to observe collective worship and visit schools on a regular basis to help the monitoring process.

Phil Lord encouraged members to take this activity back to their SACRE and to discuss the answers to these questions with careful consideration.

**7. Adroddiad ar gyfarfod y Pwyllgor Gwaith a gynhaliwyd ar 14 Mai 2014 /Report from the Executive Committee held on 14 May 2014**

The date for the next Executive meeting is 26 September 2014 not 25 September 2014. The report was amended by Libby Jones and was accepted as an accurate record.

**8. Gohebiaeth /Correspondence**

All covered within previous items or with the executive committee.

**9. Enwebiadau ar gyfer y Pwyllgor Gwaith / Nominations for Executive Committee**

Gavin Craigen reminded members that they are required to vote for two new members to the Executive committee and voting commenced.

**10. U.F.A. / A.O.B.**

**11. Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf / Date for next meeting: 26 November 2014, Pontypool.  
Dyddiadau cyfarfodydd yn y dyfodol / Future meeting dates:**

Spring meeting- Neath Port Talbot, 6 March 2015

Summer meeting- Flintshire 25 June, 2015

Autumn meeting- Blaenau Gwent, 25 November 2015



**Cyfarfod Pwyllgor Gwaith Cymdeithas CYSAGau Cymru/  
Wales Association of SACREs Executive Committee meeting**

**Dydd Gwener, 26 Medi 2014, Caerdydd/  
Friday, 26 September 2014, Cardiff**

**Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

Tania ap Siôn, Gavin Craigen, John Mitson, Edward Evans, Rheinallt Thomas, Bethan James, Gill Vaisey, Vicky Thomas, Libby Jones

**1. Croeso / Welcome**

TaS welcomed all members to the meeting at City United Reformed Church.

**2. Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies**

Mary Parry, Tim Rowlands.

Members requested a current list of the Executive members to circulate to all SACREs with the minutes of the July meeting. LJ actioned this.

**3. Cofnodion cyfarfod y Pwyllgor Gwaith diwethaf (14/05/2014) / Minutes of the last Executive meeting (14/05/2014)**

Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Vicky Thomas and seconded by Phil Lord.

**4. Materion yn codi / Matters arising**

Item 6. RE Council for England and Wales AGM. EE was concerned about not being able to hear the Minister, Huw Lewis' speech at the REC meeting. Rheinallt Thomas shared with members that in the Free Church meeting members were impressed with the speech and published it in the weekly newsletter.

**5. Cofnodion cyfarfiad CCYSAGauC, 2 Gorffennaf 2014 / Minutes of the WASACRE meeting, 2 July 2014**

TaS thanked GC for chairing the meeting. The minutes were accepted by members as ready for circulation and LJ will circulate them to SACREs in English before arranging for them to be translated.

VT raised the question of how we choose example schools to highlight to Professor Donaldson. PL suggested using the REQM schools on the understanding that they have already achieved the Quality Mark in religious education and should therefore be able to offer examples of good practice. Members agreed that this was a good idea and PL agreed to chase this up.

BJ has made enquiries on developing a questionnaire that could be used by individual SACREs and/or WASACRE, which asks pupils about RE, so that departments/ schools/ LAs/ SACREs can compare their situation with other areas and nationally to help with self-evaluation. BJ explained that the model is similar to the Estyn questionnaire. VT suggested putting it on the NAPfRE agenda. TaS suggested it for a future presentation at a WASACRE meeting. The idea of an on-line questionnaire was discussed with reports being fed back or available to participating schools.

Members agreed that it would be useful to monitor and highlight patterns, that it could help with reviews in the future such as the Donaldson review, and that funding would be required.

#### **6. Taflen What Islam Really Says / What Islam Really Says leaflet**

Carys Prichard has shared the leaflet with NAPfRE and WASACRE (the leaflet was originally presented to Cardiff SACRE). The leaflet was discussed by members and it was considered that further information was required. It was agreed that LJ will check with Carys Pritchard regarding its origins and ask Cardiff SACRE whether they would be willing for WASACRE to share it with other SACREs. If Cardiff SACRE agree, then LJ will send the leaflet out to SACREs for their information, within the context of this being an initiative by the Cardiff Muslim community speaking as one voice about their common understanding of what Islam really says. It would depend on each individual SACRE as to whether or how they would use it.

#### **7. Materion Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government matters**

- Donaldson review - Professor Donaldson is currently writing up his report to present to Welsh Government and all other parties including WASACRE at the 'end of the year'. We need to be aware of this being published. We also need to send the REQM information about example schools/RE departments to him as soon as possible. BJ has highlighted that Welsh Government are drip feeding information through twitter re: education review. Members agreed to keep a watching brief.
- TaS updated members about WASACRE's Welsh Government contacts and correspondence. VT raised the point that as an Executive we should be following up on the Minister's promise to respond to us regarding our annual meeting with him and WASACRE should request a spring meeting in March/April/May. LJ will write to the Minister regarding this matter.

#### **8. Adroddiadau arolygu Estyn / Estyn inspection reports**

VT raised that there are few instances of RE and Collective Worship in Estyn reports. Two reports from Caerphilly had nothing at all and one from each of the other authorities in VT's area. Vicky suggested that the Executive should write to Estyn to draw their attention to the absence of comments regarding RE and Collective Worship on quality and meeting statutory requirements. VT read out her own letter to members. Members agreed that WASACRE could write to Estyn to highlight that SACREs have noticed that some reports lack any comments on SMSC and in particular the contribution Collective Worship makes to it. Members were requested to share with WASACRE their experiences of this from their own LA for information, and LJ will write the letter to WG.

#### **9. Gohebiaeth / Correspondence**

RE News. The letter received from Vaughan Salisbury from RE News was shared. LJ will add the RE News web address to these minutes. <http://www.religious-education-wales.org/> Members were asked if WASACRE should contribute financially to RE News, as suggested in VS's letter, but it was agreed not to do so.

John Mitson confirmed that the RE Council invoice was paid to the amount of £250.00. Members agreed for Libby Jones to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> named representative for WASACRE to receive correspondence with regard to REC meetings. LJ will email Sophie Agrotis from REC to accept and to seek clarification about WASACRE representation on the REC Board.

Right of withdrawal. GV raised the question of whether WASACRE should produce a guidance document on this. It was suggested that we ask SACREs if they have any guidance they already in use and to ask NASACRE also. Members agreed that we should produce some guidance and PL confirmed that we already did this for the post-16 Collective Worship guidance. Gill offered to collate all documents and work on one guidance document for WASACRE.

Exam data. LJ will request GCSE RE exam data for all LAs.

LJ confirmed that VT and PL are the WJEC representatives for the RE developments group (they will be representing WASACRE).

**10. Agenda ar gyfer cyfarfod y Gymdeithas (Torfaen), 26 Tachwedd 2014 / Agenda for the Association meeting (Torfaen), 26 November 2014**

NAPfRE presentations-

- WJEC presentation by Andrew Pearce. This will be on Data for Wales and what it tells us. LJ to write to Andrew to confirm.
- Feedback on last NAPfRE presentation and discussion.
- Monmouthshire SACRE presentation of their Yr 6 transition project.  
20 minutes on each.

**11. U.F.A. / A.O.B**

GV asked about School Self Evaluation. Who is doing what in each LA? It would be useful to have an overview of what is going on in terms of whether they ask, how and their success. Feedback was requested for next meeting.

GC confirmed that in RE Today the new membership scheme for NATRE is now out. They are keen to include Wales more. GC handed out the NATRE leaflet. GC will write something about RE in Wales to go in the handbook and circulate to the Executive before sending it to NATRE.

JM raised the issue of a new Treasurer being needed soon due to his upcoming retirement. Discussion took place about the possibilities of John continuing in this role until the AGM and possibly beyond.

**12. Dyddiad cyfarfod nesaf y Pwyllgor Gwaith / Date of the next Executive meeting:** 2 Chwefror 2015 / 2 February 2015.  
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