

NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of the 140th Meeting

Date: 7 July 2011

Location: NAM Chelsea

Present: General Sir Jack Deverell (Chairman), Mrs Judith Anthony, Mr Patrick Bradley, The Rt Hon Lord Freeman, Mr Richard Nunneley, Dr William Philpott and Major General Charles Vyvyan.

Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, Colonel Tony Figg, Mr Anthony Rose, Mr David Scott and Mr James Alexander (for item 4 only).

The Director, Assistant Director (Collections), Assistant Director (Museum Services), Assistant Director (Operations), Assistant Director (Human Resources), Commercial Development Manager, Development Fundraising Manager and Head of Printed Books (Minutes)

Apologies: HRH The Duke of Kent and Mr Keith Baldwin.

1 Register of Members' Interests

The *Register* was made available before the meeting, in accordance with Charity Commission advice.

2 Minutes of the 139th Meeting of Council, held on 14 April 2011

Council approved the Minutes and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

3 Finance

Council endorsed the 2010-11 Accounts and authorized the Chairman to sign them.

Non-Public Account - Investments: The Honorary Financial Adviser will write to the Director with recommendations for alternative investments.

National Army Museum Trading Limited: Members noted that the NAMTL budget had been reforecast for the current financial year and the next two years.

4 Chelsea re-development: outcome of master-planning work

The CEO, Event Communications, gave a presentation on the proposed new NAM Interpretation Strategy. He then explored three possible development options for the Chelsea site and their associated costs.

After discussion of the three possible development options, Council endorsed the interpretation strategy and Option 3, and instructed the Director to proceed with further planning work, with a view to a Phase I HLF application, the results of which would be known by April 2012.

5 NAM Strategic Plan 2011-2016

Council adopted the forward Strategic Plan 2011-2016, subject to any revisions required by the decisions taken at para 4 above.

6 Any other business

Council noted that any business case put to the MOD in connection with these developments would have to be detailed and costed, particularly in respect of any proposed period of Museum closure.

As Lord Freeman was retiring from Council after this meeting, Members wished to place on record their thanks for his contribution to the work of Council over the past six years.