

NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of the 146th Meeting

Date: 4 July 2013

Location: NAM Chelsea

Present: General Sir Jack Deverell (Chairman), Mr Keith Baldwin, Mr Mihir Bose, Mr Patrick Bradley, Brigadier Douglas Erskine Crum, The Rt Hon Lord Hamilton of Epsom, Professor William Philpott, Lieutenant General Sir Barney White-Spunner and Mrs Deborah Younger.

Field Marshal Sir John Chapple and Colonel Tony Figg.

The Director General, Museum Director, Assistant Director (Collections), Assistant Director (Development), Assistant Director (Human Resources) and the Access & Outreach Manager (Minutes)

Apologies: HRH The Duke of Kent, Mr Algy Cluff, Mr Anthony Rose, Mr David Scott and Major General Charles Vyvyan.

1 **Register of Members' Interests**

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

2 **Minutes of the 145th Meeting of Council held on 14 March 2013**

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

3 **Matters arising**

All matters arising were covered by other items on the agenda.

4 **Council Matters**

Reports from Committee

a. Building for the Future (BFTF)

Council approved the BFTF Sub-Committee's recommendation to reduce the build and fit-out costs.

Council approved the Committee's recommendation to change the HLF Round Two submission date from October 2013 to December 2013.

The Committee's risk overview was approved by Council.

Enabling works and base build: Council approved the Committee's recommendation that the final decision would be made at the RIBA E stage.

Council noted the reports on fundraising and agreed the principle of sponsorship. After discussion they approved the suggested delegation level for the Director General in respect of temporary exhibitions. Any sponsorship in excess of this level would be referred back to Council for approval.

NAM's planning application: Options for the external appearance of the front of the building were presented to Council. Council instructed the Museum to submit Option 1.

b. NAMTL

Council noted that NAMTL was trading above budget.

c. Council Membership

The Chairman reported that Mr Algy Cluff had been approved as a Member of Council by the Army Board.

5 Finance

a. Management Accounts

Noted.

b. Non-Public Account: Investments

The location of the NAM's funds would need to be kept under review in the light of the requirements of the *Building for the Future* project.

c. NAMTL Accounts

The Director General reported that a full Business Sustainability Plan for the next five years would be ready for the October meeting.

6 Draft NAM Consolidated Financial Statements, 31 March 2013

The Museum Director reported that the National Audit Office had no material issues to resolve with the accounts, and they would be ready for the Chairman to sign off in July.

7 Draft NAMTL Financial Statements, 31 March 2013

There were no questions on the accounts.

8 Indian Army Memorial Room

The Director General reported that the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst authorities wished to 'revisit' the room as part of their intended development. Council felt it was important that the Indian Army continued to be commemorated, and that the NAM continued to maintain a relationship with the RMAS.

9 Any Other Business

Council noted the Museum's draft plan for First World War Commemorations

The Chairman advised Council that the Museum had been unsuccessful in its bid to the Government's LIBOR Fund for financial support for *Building for the Future*.