

## NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM COUNCIL

### Summary Minutes of the 149th Meeting

**Date:** 3 April 2014

**Location:** NAM Chelsea

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

Field Marshal Sir John Chapple and Mr David Scott.

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

**Apologies:** HRH The Duke of Kent.

#### 1 Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

#### 2 *Register of Members' Interests*

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

#### 3 Minutes of the 148th Meeting of Council held on 13 February 2014

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

#### 4 Matters arising

These were all discussed elsewhere on the Agenda.

#### 5 Finance 2013-14

The MOD had confirmed the Museum could carry forward more than 2% of its Grant-in-Aid to the Financial Year 2014-15.

Council accepted the recommendation that there should be no changes at present to NAM investments.

#### 6 Council Matters

##### a. Membership

General Sir Richard Shirreff was proposed as a Member of Council. His appointment would be subject to Army Board approval in the usual manner.

The Chairman reminded Council of the need to fill the vacancy on the Acquisition and Disposal Committee.

b. Audit & Risk Assurance Committee

Council were briefed on NAM's insurance liability in respect of the proposed redevelopment.

c. NAMTL

Council noted that the NAMTL Board was still one Council Member short, although it remained quorate.

**7 Building for the Future Project**

a. Draft Terms of Reference

Council were reminded that the main change was to give the Committee executive powers. Its numbers would be increased from three to five members, with the quorum rising from two to three.

Following discussion of the authority limits that should be vested in the BFTF Committee, Council decided that the Committee should review any changes with a cumulative impact of more than £250,000, plus any changes to programmes, timeline end dates or design.

b. Council Insurance

Council agreed that the level of cover should be increased to £5m with immediate effect.

c. Options Paper

Council were updated on the current situation and noted that the outcome of NAM's planning application would be known on 8 April.

**8 Annual Health & Safety Report**

Council noted the Annual Health & Safety Report.

**9 Information Assurance Annual Report**

Council noted the Information Assurance Annual Report.

**10 2013-14 Business Out-turn**

The Chairman wished to record Council's thanks to the staff, who had done a difficult job in very challenging circumstances.

**11 Any Other Business**

The Siborne Model: The Chairman reported that there had been no movement on the issue of ownership of the model.

The Chairman reported that he had been asked whether the NAM would be interested in parts of the Cambridge Military Hospital. He felt that there might be future possibilities to house large objects there and had responded to that effect.

Council were updated on the recent 'India and the Great War 1914-1918' conference organised by the United Service Institution of India.