

NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of the 169 Meeting of the Council held at the NAM Chelsea on Wednesday 26 February 2020

Present

Gen Sir Richard Shirreff (Chair), Mr William Wells, Mr Patrick Aylmer, Dr Paul Schreier, Mrs Sabine Vandenbroucke, Ms Jessica Spungin, Mr John Duncan, Mr Guy Perricone, Professor Jonathan Boff.

In Attendance

Director, Deputy Director (Operations & Resources), Committee Clerk (Minutes), Brigadier Simon Banton, Ms Brenda Hobday, Field Marshal Sir John Chapple.

Item 1. Council Administration

Item 1.1 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Council membership: as several Members were appointed at the same time, the Chair proposed staggering the end of tenures to ensure continuity and facilitate a rolling turnover.

Item 1.2 Register of Members' Interests

The Register was made available in accordance with Charity Commission advice and no amendments or additions were made.

Item 1.3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from HRH The Duke of Kent, Royal Patron of the NAM, Lt Gen Sir Simon Mayall, Mr Mike Robbins and Mr Richard Hughes.

Item 1.4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Matters Arising

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record. The Chair ran through matters arising and the action tracker was updated.

Item 2 Director's Update

The Director updated Council on NAM performance with a presentation and briefed Members on progress with priority projects.

In response to a query, the Head of Arms & Services, Home Command, confirmed the Army Heritage Committee was scheduled to meet in the summer.

Members appreciated the clarity of direction and consistent framework of reporting by the Director and were content with the overall picture. The Director was grateful for the wisdom and experience around the table.

Item 3. Reports from Committees:

3.1 Building for the Future

The Museum was awaiting the final invoice from the construction company.

3.2 Performance, Audit & Risk Assurance

The Chair of the Committee briefed Council on key points following their meeting in mid-February. Council noted the Financial Procedures Manual had been reviewed and was approved as fit for purpose.

3.3 NAMTL

A Member of the Board updated Council on NAMTL's January meeting where a broad range of topics was discussed. Council noted the Board had approved the budget.

3.4 Development Committee

The Chair of the Development Committee reported on the corporate partnership programme.

Item 4. Finance

Council noted the finance summaries.

Item 5. Draft Budget 2020/21

The Deputy Director walked through the budget which Council noted.

Item 6. Health & Safety Report

Council noted the Health & Safety report.

The Museum was following government guidelines and complying with Public Health England regarding Covid19. Staff had been appropriately advised and the situation would continue to be closely monitored.

Item 7. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting.