

## NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM COUNCIL

### Summary Minutes of the 145th Meeting

**Date:** 14 March 2013

**Location:** NAM Chelsea

**Present:** General Sir Jack Deverell (Chairman), Mrs Judith Anthony, Mr Mihir Bose, The Rt Hon Lord Hamilton of Epsom, Professor William Philpott, Major General Charles Vyvyan, Mrs Deborah Younger and Lieutenant General Sir Barney White-Spunner.

Field Marshal Sir John Chapple and Colonel Tony Figg.

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, Mr Keith Baldwin, Brigadier Douglas Erskine Crum, Mr Anthony Rose and Mr David Scott.

#### 1 **Register of Members' Interests**

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

#### 2 **Minutes of the 144th Meeting of Council held on 25 October 2012**

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

#### 3 **Matters arising**

The Siborne Model: The Director General outlined the current situation. Council Members would be kept informed of developments.

#### 4 **Finance**

- Council noted that the Museum was on target to spend its Grant-in-Aid and any carry-over would be within the 2% allowed by MOD.
- Council endorsed the decision not to change investments in the Non-Public Account.
- NAM had suggested two amendments to the existing Financial Framework. Following discussion the Director General and the Chairman were authorised to sign off the Financial Framework when a satisfactory agreement had been reached with the MOD.

#### 5 **Council Matters**

- Council agreed to delegate the authority to sign off the Accounts to the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee, subject to oversight by Council at its meeting on 4 July and assurance from the NAO that no changes of significance would occur after that date.
- Council agreed to the establishment of a sub-committee to have oversight of governance and expenditure relating to the *Building for the Future* project.

- Council agreed the levels of financial delegation to the Director General proposed by the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee.
- Council recorded its thanks to Mrs Judith Anthony who was attending her last meeting of Council.
- Council approved Mr Patrick Bradley's appointment for a second term.

## **6 Building for the Future**

- Council noted the Director General's report.
- Presentations were given by the project management consultants and architects.
- The NAM Foundation had been registered on 6 February 2013.

## **7 Business Planning**

- (i) Annual Health & Safety Report: Council noted that there had been no major incidents during the year.
- (ii) Draft Business Plan 2013-14: The Director reported that the Museum would be focussed on getting to Phase II and making arrangements for the decant of the collections from NAM Chelsea in spring 2014.

## **8 Information Asset Report**

Council noted that there had been one major incident of data loss during the year. The Information Commissioner's Office had been notified and recommendations implemented.

## **9. Any Other Business**

The Director General circulated information about the Museum's forthcoming 'Unseen Enemy' exhibition.