

NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM COUNCIL

Minutes of the 160th Meeting of the Museum Council Held in the Boardroom at the National Army Museum Chelsea At 1000hrs on Thursday 23rd November 2017

Present

General Sir Richard Shirreff (Chairman), Mr William Wells, Ms Jessica Spungin, Mr Patrick Aylmer, Lieutenant General Sir Simon Mayall, Mrs Judith Donovan, Mr John Duncan, Dr Paul Schreier, Mrs Sabine Vandembroucke, Mr Guy Perricone, Dr Jonathan Boff, Brigadier Douglas Erskine Crum and Mr Keith Baldwin.

In Attendance

Mr Richard Hughes, Ms Brenda Hobday, Mr Mike Robbins, Mr Timothy Cooke. Interim Director General, Assistant Director, Commercial & Visitor Experience, Assistant Director, Collections, Committee Clerk (Minutes), National Army Museum.

Item 1: Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed new Members to Council and introductions were made around the table.

Item 2: Register of Members' Interests

The *Register* was made available in accordance with Charity Commission advice. Mr John Duncan and Sir Simon Mayall made additions.

Item 3: Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from HRH The Duke of Kent, Royal Patron of the NAM, Field Marshal Sir John Chapple and Brigadier Martyn Gamble.

Item 4: Minutes of the 159th Meeting of Council, held on 7 July 2017

Council approved the minutes of the 159th meeting and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true record.

Item 5: Matters Arising

Item 5.1: Siborne Model

It was agreed the Chairman would meet with the Chairman of RUSI in the new year to progress the matter.

Item 6: Council Matters

6.1 Building for the Future Committee

The Interim Director General updated Council on the final account.

6.2 Appointments Committee

The Chairman updated Council on the appointment of the new Director General.

The Chairman confirmed all the vacancies in NAM Committees had been filled.

6.3 Audit & Risk Assurance Committee

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was a standing item on the A&RA agenda and a working group had been established. Judith Donovan was confirmed to be the Council's GDPR champion.

The NAM's Health & Safety procedures are exemplary but in the wake of Grenfell, the Interim Director General would produce quarterly reports for the A&RA Committee and Council.

The Chairman of the A&RA Committee proposed increasing A&RA committee meetings to a quarterly basis with which the Chairman of Council agreed. Council would also meet on a quarterly basis going forward.

6.4 NAMTL

The Assistant Director of Commercial & Visitor Experience reported on trading.

6.5 NAM Foundation

Mr Wells, the new Chairman of the NAM Foundation, ran through his vision for the Foundation's development.

Item 7: NAMTL Reforecast 2017/18

The Chair of NAMTL presented the reforecast. Council discussed the figures and agreed there was plenty of potential ahead.

Item 8: Special Forces Exhibition

The Assistant Director of Collections presented a slideshow of the upcoming Special Forces exhibition which opens in mid-March 2018. It will be the first time an exhibition of this scale is mounted anywhere, bringing together stories and key aspects of the Special Forces.

Item 9: Development Update – NAM Foundation

The Interim Development Director presented his paper which was noted by Council.

Item 10: Finance Summaries 2017-18

The Interim Director General summarised NAM finances which Council noted.

10.5 Trusts Update

The Interim Director General was progressing the matter with the Charity Commission.

Item 11: Any Other Business

Council unanimously voted to retain Mr Keith Baldwin and Brigadier Erskine Crum as co-opted Members of the Building for the Future Committee and thanked them for their work.