

NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of the 138th Meeting

Date: 27 October 2010

Location: NAM Chelsea

Present: General Sir Jack Deverell (Chairman), Mrs Judith Anthony, Mr Keith Baldwin, Mr Patrick Bradley and The Rt Hon Lord Freeman.

Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, Colonel Tony Figg, Mr Anthony Rose, Mr David Scott and Dr William Philpott.

The Director, Assistant Director (Collections), Assistant Director (Museum Services), Assistant Director (Operations), Assistant Director (Human Resources), HEO-Accounts and Head of Printed Books (Minutes)

Apologies: HRH The Duke of Kent, Major General Charles Vyvyan and Mrs Deborah Younger

Opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting, and in particular Janice Murray, attending her first meeting as Director NAM.

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

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

2 **Minutes of the 137th Meeting of Council, held on 8 July 2010**

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

3 **Matters arising from previous meetings**

Council approved in principle the creation of a NAM Development Office, to be funded in the first instance by a grant from the NAM Development Trust.

4 **Finance**

Council endorsed two decisions taken by the Audit & Remuneration Committee:

- (i) to approve a loan to NAMTL repayable over two years;
- (ii) to approve the new structure of the Museum's annual recharges to NAMTL.

Council approved the recommendations in a paper by the Strategic Review Group, that:

- (i) the Museum Directorate should continue to draw up plans to deal with a potential reduction in core Grant-in-Aid;
- (ii) Council should review the existing Strategic Plan 2008-13 and approve a new Strategic Plan for 2011 onwards.

5 Council matters

Audit & Remuneration Committee: Council noted that the topics selected for Internal Audit this year were Health & Safety and Museum Security.

The Chairman reported that Dr William Philpott had been appointed a Member of Council and had agreed to chair the Acquisition & Disposal Committee.

6 NAM Strategic Plan

Council noted that MOD had agreed additional funding for the fitting out of NAM Stevenage and the relocation of collections from RMA Sandhurst.

7 Any other business

It was noted that the Museum was not resourced to carry any significant financial or staff burden in respect of 200th anniversary commemorations of the Battle of Waterloo.