

# NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM COUNCIL

## Summary Minutes of the 141st Meeting

Date: 27 October 2011

Location: NAM Chelsea

Present: General Sir Jack Deverell (Chairman), Mrs Judith Anthony, Mr Keith Baldwin, Mr Mihir Bose, Professor William Philpott, Major General Charles Vyvyan and Mrs Deborah Younger

Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, Colonel Tony Figg and Mr David Scott.

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

Apologies: HRH The Duke of Kent, Mr Patrick Bradley, Mr Richard Nunneley, and Mr Anthony Rose

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

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

### **2 Minutes of the 140th Meeting of Council, held on 7 July 2011**

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

### **3 Finance**

Council noted an additional £250,000 had been received from the MOD towards the cost of the installation of air-conditioning plant at Stevenage.

Non-Public Account: Investments - The Honorary Financial Adviser recommended the bond fund should be moved.

### **4 Reports from Committee**

Audit & Remuneration Committee: Performance-related pay - Council considered and approved the recommendations for the performance-related elements of staff pay.

National Army Museum Trading Limited: Council were briefed on the current outlook for NAMTL, its recent re-organisation, and the key areas of profit going forward. It was

agreed additional paperwork would be forwarded to Council Members so that they were in a better position to judge NAMTL's performance.

Acquisition and Disposal Committee: A report was made on the disposal of material to regimental museums, the introduction of computer bar-coding to improve the tracking of museum objects, and the development of the Museum's academic linkages.

### **Membership of Council**

Council formally requested the Chairman to remain in post until 2012.

Council noted there were three vacancies on Council.

### **Chair & Membership of the Audit & Remuneration Committee**

The Chairman suggested that the Chair and Membership of the Committee should be examined as a separate issue out of Council.

### **Building for the Future**

Council formally approved the NAM's submission of a Phase 1 funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund by 30 November 2011.

### **NAM Business Plan**

Council noted the Director's half-yearly report against the Business Plan.

### **Health & Safety**

Council received a report on the implementation of recommendations made in the Museum's recent external Health & Safety review.

### **Any other business**

Council were made aware of the forthcoming retirement of the Assistant Director (Collections) and thanked him for all his work.