

NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of the 142nd Meeting

Date: 22 March 2012

Location: NAM Chelsea

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

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

The Director, Assistant Director (Collections), Assistant Director (Operations), Assistant Director (Human Resources), Development Fundraising Manager, Commercial Development Manager (Interim) and Head of Printed Books (Minutes)

Apologies: HRH The Duke of Kent

1 Register of Members' Interests

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

2 Minutes of the 141st Meeting of Council, held on 27 October 2011

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

3 Matters arising

It was reported that the movement of the Museum's investments was in progress.

4 Finance

Museum Accounts 2011-2012: NAM had received written confirmation from the MOD that a carry-over of Grant-in-Aid would be allowed.

NAMTL Accounts 2011-2012: Profit margins had increased because retail costs had been reduced, but overall income growth was limited by shop size and the current economic environment.

5 Draft NAMTL Minutes

Council noted that in view of the prevailing economic climate and the uncertainties of the next few months, the budget for 2012-13 included a conservative target.

6 Business Planning

End of Year Report: Council's attention was drawn to three major achievements - the move of the collections from Sandhurst to Stevenage, the opening of the War Horse special exhibition, and the submission of the development funding bid to the HLF.

Council welcomed the appointment of a NAM Regimental Museums Liaison Officer.

Draft Business Plan 2012-13: Members noted the contents of the draft Plan which was based on the premise that the NAM's HLF bid was successful.

Members requested regular updates on progress with fundraising to help them have a clearer view of the exact position when talking to potential supporters.

Council agreed that if the HLF bid was unsuccessful, an extraordinary meeting should be held to discuss the way ahead.

7 Annual Health & Safety Report

Members noted that the NAM's five-star health & safety audit had been completed.

8 Constitutional Matters

Chairmanship of Council: In view of the exceptional circumstances surrounding the Museum's HLF bid and fundraising effort, the Chairman agreed to serve for a third term, expiring in November 2014.

9 Any other business

Council approved the acceptance of an offer of complimentary membership of the Sloane Club for the Director and the Development Fundraising Manager.