

NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of the 144th Meeting

Date: 25 October 2012

Location: NAM Chelsea

Present: General Sir Jack Deverell (Chairman), Mrs Judith Anthony, Mr Keith Baldwin, Mr Mihir Bose, Mr Patrick Bradley, The Rt Hon Lord Hamilton of Epsom, Professor William Philpott, Major General Charles Vyvyan and Mrs Deborah Younger.

Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, Colonel Tony Figg and Brigadier Douglas Erksine Crum.

The Director, Assistant Director (Collections), Assistant Director (Human Resources), Assistant Director (Operations), Assistant Director (Public Programmes), Development Fundraising Manager, Head of Marketing and Communications (for Item 7 only) and the Access & Outreach Manager (Minutes)

Apologies: HRH The Duke of Kent, Mr Anthony Rose, Mr David Scott and Lieutenant General Sir Barney White-Spunner.

1 **Register of Members' Interests**

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

2 **Minutes of the 143rd Meeting of Council, held on 5 July 2012**

With a minor amendment to the wording, Council approved the Minutes and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

3 **Matters arising**

- The five-year Marketing Strategy had been circulated to Council.
- A cashflow statement had been included with Council papers for this meeting.
- The relevant action had been taken in respect of NAM's investments.

4 **Finance**

- The rise in investments was noted.
- NAMTL was ahead of its target for the Financial Year 2012-13.

5 **Council Matters**

Audit & Risk Assurance Committee:

- (i) The Committee had reviewed the mechanism for the payment of performance-related pay and was satisfied it was operating properly.
- (ii) In future only those risks in the NAM Risk Matrix rated 'red' or 'amber' would be brought to Committee for consideration.

- (iii) At the request of the Committee, a special update on the Building for the Future development was to be arranged in November.

Acquisition & Disposal Committee:

- (i) The Committee had approved the NAM's new contemporary collecting policy.
- (ii) Council endorsed the Committee's decision to refuse a request for the return of an item in its collection.

National Army Museum Trading Ltd:

- (i) The Chairman (NAMTL) reported on the review of the NAM/NAMTL recharge.
- (ii) It was noted that the NAMTL Board were reviewing where commercial activities would sit both in the new building and during closure.

Membership:

Nominations Committee: Professor Philpott agreed to serve as the third member of the Committee.

6 Business Plan 2012-13 (Mid-year Report)

Council noted that performance against all KPIs was on track, with the exception of fundraising.

It was agreed future reports would be colour coded to distinguish those areas where hitting targets was critical.

Annual Review 2012-13

On behalf of Council, the Chairman congratulated the Senior Management Team and staff on a very good year's work.

7 Building for the Future

It was noted a Project Manager had been appointed and interviews for architects and designers would follow shortly.

8 Health & Safety

Council noted that Health & Safety had been selected as an internal audit topic for next year.

9 Directorate Titles

Council approved the Director's change of title to Director General which would provide parity of status with the CEOs of other major service museums.

10 Any other business

The Siborne Model: Council noted there was a potential for dispute with the RUSI over ownership of the model.

Change in funding to MOD-Sponsored Museums, 2017: After discussion Council agreed to revisit this matter at a future date.