

NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of the 174 Meeting of the NAM Council on 27 May 2021 by video conference

Present

Gen Sir Richard Shirreff (Chair), Lt Gen Sir Simon Mayall, Mr William Wells, Mr Patrick Aylmer, Dr Paul Schreier, Mrs Sabine Vandembroucke, Mr Guy Perricone, Professor Jonathan Boff, Mrs Judith Donovan, Mr Andrew Roberts.

In Attendance

Director, Deputy Director (Operations & Resources), Mr Richard Hughes, Mr Jamie Wilson, Mr Timothy Cooke, Mr Mike Robbins, Brigadier Alex Potts.

Item 1. Council Administration

Item 1.1 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone and hoped it might be the last virtual meeting.

Item 1.2 Register of Members' Interests

The Register was made available in accordance with Charity Commission advice and amendments or additions were made.

Item 1.3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from HRH the Duke of Kent, Field Marshal Sir John Chapple and the Committee Clerk.

Item 1.4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Matters Arising

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record. The Director updated Council on matters arising.

Item 2 Director's Update

The Director spoke to his presentation and was optimistic for the future. It was noted that the Museum would be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays but kept open at weekends.

Item 3. Reports from Committees

3.1 Performance, Audit & Risk Assurance Committee

The Committee was reviewing their Terms of Reference and considering their areas of remit. An annual agenda would be adopted so that meetings could be more evenly balanced. Council agreed with this approach and asked for emerging thoughts to be shared.

3.2 NAMTL

The Chair of NAMTL Board briefed Council on figures.

3.3 Development Committee

The Committee Chair reported on patrons/memberships, development opportunities and fundraising.

3.4 Collections & Research Committee

The Chair updated Council on acquisitions and disposals and the digitisation project.

Mrs. Vandembroucke stepped down from the Committee as she was joining the Remunerations & Appointments Committee. The Chair thanked her for her time and contribution.

Item 4. Finance

Council noted the finance report and discussed reserves.

Item 5. Health & Safety Report

The Deputy Director highlighted all the measures put in place in order to reopen the building. The NAM remained a secure environment and would continue to follow government guidelines. Council were content with the report and appreciated its importance.

Item 6. Proposal for a Research Partnership

Council agreed the Collections & Research Committee would look at the proposal in detail.

Item 7. Any Other Business

The Chair thanked the Director for continuing to steer the NAM through such turbulent times and closed the meeting.