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**MINUTES OF THE 10TH LI COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN LONDON ON 14 OCTOBER 2010**

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| Present       | Lt Gen R V Brims CB CBE DSO DL<br>Maj Gen M D Regan CB OBE<br>Col B Denney TD DL<br>Col M R Goldsack OBE<br>Lt Col R T Bevan MBE<br>Lt Col P J Wykeham<br>Capt I I Foster<br>Mr S Harris<br>Maj N A de C Jones | Chairman LI Committee<br>Chairman LI Club<br>Col RIFLES Yorkshire<br>Member<br>Member<br>Member<br>Asst Sec Fin RHQ RIFLES<br>Member<br>Sec LI Committee | Chairman<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Sec |
| In Attendance | Maj Gen B M Lane CB OBE  |  |   |
| Apologies     | Col D H R Stephenson CBE<br>Maj H L Kennedy MBE  | Member<br>Member   |   |

| Item<br>(a)                | Discussion and Decisions<br>(b)  | Action<br>(c) |
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| 1. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME | <p>1. <u>SDSR</u>. The Chairman welcomed the Committee members, adding that the Strategic Defence Security Review would be open to considerable interpretation. It would be more a “direction of travel”.</p> <p>2. There would be far less regional infrastructure, with its potential knock on effect on County Offices.</p> <p>3. <u>Associations</u>. There was terrific enthusiasm within the Association and Lt Col Wykeham added that the number of Association Branches grasping the “Rifles and LI” future was most encouraging.</p> <p>4. <u>Finances</u>. The Chairman still awaited a reply from the DCLI, Som LI, KSLI &amp; HEREFORDS about the funds held so that he could have an overview of the charitable funding across the former LI regiments. The Secretary undertook to gain a response from the Shropshire &amp; Herefordshire Combined Charitable Trust. <u>Afternote</u>. The Secretary had sent the Chairman the required documentation for the Shropshire &amp; Herefordshire LI Combined Charitable Trust.</p> |               |

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| 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as a true record and signed.</li> <li>2. The Chairman asked if there was any information about the presentation of the Elizabeth Cross to the family of Pte Turner.</li> </ol>   | Secretary  |
| 3. THE LI BOOK                                     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Col Goldsack informed the Committee that the LI Book would not be ready by 4 Dec 10 and asked if that presented any serious problem.</li> <li>2. He would write to those who had already paid.</li> <li>3. Significant progress had been made and there had been an overwhelming response. Half of the chapters were complete and the dilemma was the balance between photos and text.</li> <li>4. The Editor would circulate a hard copy draft to Committee members for comment.</li> <li>5. <u>Honours</u>. He explained the difficulty of obtaining a definitive honours list and was concerned about the disparities. It was agreed that he should circulate the Roll of Honour to the Committee for comment.</li> <li>6. <u>Sales</u>. There had been a patchy take up by the Rifles Battalions. Col Goldsack hoped to catch them before Christmas.</li> <li>7. <u>Finance</u>. The funding allocation between the LI Memorial and the Book was explained.</li> <li>8. <u>Summary</u>. The Chairman confirmed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The LI Book would not be published by 4 Dec 10. Col Goldsack would submit a rescheduled publication timetable by the end of Oct followed by a meeting chaired by him in November for a central debrief.</li> <li>b. Comments on the circulated draft must be submitted to the Editor swiftly for incorporation as applicable in the final draft.</li> <li>c. £300 would be granted to Maj Gen Lane for an artist's draft of the LI Memorial for inclusion in the Book.</li> <li>d. It was agreed that the LI Book would be launched over the LI Reunion weekend (10/11 Jun 11).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <p>Col Goldsack</p> <p>Capt Foster</p> <p>Col Goldsack</p> |
| 4. NATIONAL ARBORETUM                              | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maj Gen Lane briefed the Committee on the meeting that he, the Chairman and Col Kendall had with the Arboretum Chief Executive. The following points were noted: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) Trustees had decided that there would be no more memorials on the Causeway approach to the Armed Forces Memorial (AFM).</li> <li>b. The LI had been steered towards a site on the "Mall", where all Army Memorials would in future be sited: Household Division and REME are nearby. It was made clear that our first choice remained the original position on the approach to the AFM. If, however, that was not possible then the "Mall" and adjacent areas needed to be prepared for further memorials.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>   |  |

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| <p>NATIONAL ARBORETUM<br/>(Contd)</p>                               | <p>2. On 12 Oct the NMA Curator reported that their Landscape Committee was entirely content with the proposed design for our memorial and would recommend its approval by their Board of Trustees. <u>Afternote.</u> Maj Gen Lane has since received written confirmation from NMA that their Board of Trustees, at their meeting on 26 Oct, approved our proposal for a memorial and that it should be on a site off the "Mall".</p> <p>3. The outstanding matters were:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. The letter colouring: plain, silver or dark green. The Sub-Committee will review this and report back in Feb 2011.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. The Badge. The Sub-Committee were seeking proposals from different firms to forge the badge to be mounted on the main memorial stone. Mrs Gemma Montagu was kindly helping and had offered to provide the master mould. The Sub-Committee would report back to the Chairman as soon as a decision could be made.</p> <p>4. Maj Gen Lane reported that unfortunately the Stone Firms Ltd of Portland, whose estimates for the work had been accepted in principle, had unexpectedly gone into administration. He had spoken both to the Administrator (KPMG) and to the Managing Director of the company. He reported that there seemed a good chance that the company would survive this period because of their assets and wide experience in this field. He recommended awaiting further developments before seeking an alternative supplier, not least because other firms might be more expensive. <u>Afternote.</u> Maj Gen Lane had learned on 10 Nov that Stone Firms Ltd of Portland was in a better position now and hoped to restart limited production soon. He and the architect would monitor the situation carefully.</p> <p>5. It was agreed that the mottos on the reverse of the memorial stone from above would be in the order:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Faithful.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Cede Nullis.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. Aucto Splendore Resurgo.</p> <p>6. In response to Maj Gen Regan's question about where the HEREFORDS badge should be in the regimental order, Lt Col Wykeham stated it should be at the end as it had been a TA Battalion.</p> <p>7. The Chairman thanked Maj Gen Lane and his team for their excellent work.</p> <p>8. The Chairman summarised:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. The colour of the lettering was still under consideration. He recommended that no decision need be taken yet.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. The provision of the stone memorial and seats remained with the Stone Firms Ltd of Portland until the Sub-Committee were forced to look elsewhere (see para 4.4 above).</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. If Maj Gen Lane found that any of those assisting the project did not want payment he would arrange appropriate gifts to be made on behalf of the Regiment.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d. The input for the NMA brochure was agreed.</p> |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;">5<br/>LI MEMORIAL<br/>DEDICATION</p> | <p>1. It was agreed that the Dedication Ceremony would take place on Sunday 12 June 2011.</p> <p>2. Maj David Wroe was clear that there must be no limit on numbers attending.</p>  |  |

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|                          | <p>3. The whereabouts of the Revd Tim Daplyn was sought. <u>Afternote</u>. Located in Scotland and the Chairman would contact him.</p> <p>4. The Secretary was to book the Rifles Band &amp; Bugles for the Ceremony. <u>Afternote</u>. Bid submitted.</p> <p>5. Col Goldsack indicated the possibility of Ian McGregor contributing towards the NMA Memorial, the LI Book and The Rifles.</p> <p>6. No decision was taken on who would produce the article for The Bugle but the aim was to produce something as a proper record.</p>   | Chairman   |
| 6. MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES   | <p>1. All the Archives were now in Bodmin and the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall continues as the Chairman of the Museum Trustees.</p> <p>2. The major outstanding issue was the requirement for £3.5k income for the researcher. It was agreed that, if there was a clear ongoing requirement for income, RHQ Rifles should be asked to assist. Capt Foster explained that existing funds could be used in the short term but a decision about any long term funding requirement must be discussed. The Committee agreed that £10k would be made available to the Museum Trustees.</p>   | Capt Foster  |
| 7. LIGHT DIVISION CHAPEL | <p>1. Lt Col Wykeham explained that, whilst the Lt Div Chapel is also the Training Regiment Chapel, its status remains unchanged.</p>  |  |
| 8. LI WEBSITE            | <p>1. Mr Harris updated the Committee and explained that the website would be divided into sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. LI Club.</li> <li>b. LI Association.</li> <li>c. Archives.</li> <li>d. Rifles.</li> </ul> <p>2. The Chairman asked him to provide a copy of the plan to Col Goldsack ready for the first week in Nov.</p> <p>3. Mr Harris undertook to take on the investigation of protocols of uploading the Bugle Magazine.</p> <p>4. The plan was to have the site up and running by 1 Jan 11.</p>  | <p>Mr Harris</p> <p>Mr Harris</p> <p>Mr Harris</p> |
| 9. LI CLUB               | <p>1. Maj Gen Regan suggested that accounts should be provided for the LI Committee in future. Capt Foster informed the Committee that the end of the financial year was 31 Mar and so the accounts could be presented at the June 2011 meeting.</p> <p>2. 60+ were expected at the LI Club Dinner.</p> <p>3. The Lunch at The Wardrobe (18 Jul 10) had been a great success.</p> <p>4. Maj Gen Regan believed that there was a need to expand the LI Reunion Saturday lunch.</p> <p>5. He hoped to include the information about the LI Memorial Dedication in his New Year Newsletter. <u>Afternote</u>. Maj David Wroe has agreed to produce this in conjunction with the Chairman in early December.</p> | Capt Foster  |

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|                    | 6. It was agreed that the LI Club would dine out the General Staff "late LI" officers at the Annual Dinner wef the LI Club Dinner on 14 Oct 10.   |               |
| 10. LI REUNION     | <p>1. Lt Col Bevan informed the Committee that 1500-2000 attended the LI Reunion. The Chairman expressed the Committee's appreciation for an excellent weekend.</p> <p>2. Lt Col Bevan highlighted aspects of the 2011 Reunion programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cocktail Party and Sounding Retreat on Friday 10 June.</li> <li>b. There would be an increasing problem with using the RIFLES RSTs with the resultant knock on effect for labour costs.</li> <li>c. The Saturday Officers' Mess Lunch would be fine tuned to incorporate the lessons from 2010. Although Sodexo had been unhappy with the use of outside caterers in 2010 it was hoped that common sense would prevail. Lt Col Bevan would be raising the subject with the new Sodexo Manager.</li> <li>d. Capt Ron Gittings had agreed kindly to run the Raffle next year.</li> <li>e. Maj Richard Jones had agreed to mastermind the Association Parade.</li> </ul> |               |
| 11. OBITUARIES     | 1. The Chairman reported that Col Kendall would be unable to become the Obituary Co-ordinator due to his commitments. He asked that the Committee continue the search for a suitable volunteer.   |               |
| 12. FINANCE REPORT | 1. Capt Foster briefed the Committee on the financial state of affairs. The Minutes of the 80 <sup>th</sup> of the Managing Trustees were approved and signed by the Chairman.  |               |
| 13. AOB            | <p>1. There was no other business raised.</p> <p>2. <u>Date of Next Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>22 Feb 11 @ 1030 hrs in Winchester.</b></li> <li>b. The subsequent meeting date would be confirmed on 22 Feb 11.</li> </ul> <p>3. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 1655 hrs.</p>   | <b>All</b>    |

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