

**THE RAM COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP (CLG)
HELD AT 1830 HRS ON MON 10 FEB 20 IN THE PHOENIX HALL, NETHERAVON**

Attendees		
Name	Appointment	Remarks
Ian Blair-Pilling	Wiltshire Councillor for The Collingbournes and Netheravon	Chairman
Graham Wright	Wiltshire Councillor for Durrington and Larkhill	
Fred Westmoreland	Wiltshire Councillor for Amesbury West	
Paul Oatway	Wiltshire Councillor for Pewsey Vale	
Rhod Evans	Vice Chair Amesbury Town Council	
David Burke	Chair Netheravon Parish Council	
Tina Cole	Vice-Chair Figheldean Parish Council	
Nick Tissot	Figheldean Parish Council	
Richard Roberts	Chair Enford Parish Council	
Mark Hiskett	Vice Chair Enford Parish Council, SDDFA	
Simon Vaughan-Edwards	Vice Chair Fittleton Parish Council	
John Tighe	Chair Upavon Parish Council	
Sam Fox	Wiltshire Council	
Tim Pennett	Army Headquarters	
Nick Eeles	Chair RAM	
Martin Harvey	Programme Manager, RAM	
Mary Towle	Secretary	

Apologies: John Smale, John Menzies.

Declined to attend: Richard Aubrey-Fletcher.

Ser	Item	Action
1	<p>Welcome/Opening Statement. Introductions.</p> <p>Ian Blair-Pilling opened the meeting by explaining purpose and aims of the CLG. He stated that all parishes from Amesbury to Upavon had been invited to be part of the Group as RAM had discovered from consultations that the main concern was traffic on the A345, and this would be relevant to all those parishes. Afternote: Milston Parish Meeting would be invited in future.</p>	Sec
2	<p>Terms of Reference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that: ‘Membership does not imply support for the Project’ is in bold • It was agreed that : Para 2 AIM. First sentence should start ‘To enable and maintain a constructive exchange ...’ • Ian Blair-Pilling read out an email from Richard Aubrey-Fletcher from Protect Netheravon Down (PND) explaining why they felt unable to attend the CLG (see full text below). Sam Fox recommended that the Chairman should write back and leave the door open for future attendance. This was agreed. • Sam Fox felt that the TOR should be a living document which can be reviewed at each meeting. • It was agreed that the CLG should be open to other groups which might be affected by the project. Any such groups would be invited to nominate a representative to attend. SDFFA will be added to the list. • RAM agreed to amend and circulate the revised TOR. 	<p>Chair</p> <p>Sec</p> <p>RAM</p>
3	<p>Selection of Chair.</p> <p>It was agreed that Ian Blair-Pilling should chair the meeting.</p>	

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4	<p>Update Briefing on Museum Project.</p> <p>Nick Eeles outlined the most recent developments (see details in slides attached):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designs for the museum were nearing completion. • The Outline Business Case has been completed and sent to the LEP. The LEP will publish it in due course, most likely after the March meeting of the LEP Board. • Ecological, UXO and archaeological surveys are being carried out. • It is expected that the Planning Application will be submitted in March. • A new museum website will be up and running shortly. • Visitor figures had been produced by an appropriate consultant. • He emphasised that this was a military museum with linked displays and activities, and not a theme park. <p>Nick Eeles stressed that concerns expressed by residents at the consultation events had been taken into account and, where possible, the designs have been amended in response to the points raised. He highlighted the examples of the road junction (which had been moved to the south east corner of the site), and the adjustments to allow pedestrian/dog-walking movement around the site.</p>	
5	<p>Identification of Significant Local Concerns</p> <p>Ian Blair-Pilling asked everyone to record their top concerns/questions on post-it notes. These were grouped on a board for subsequent discussion. It was noted that where answers could not be provided immediately, RAM would aim to include them in the meeting minutes. The following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic on the A345 (including the speed limit) was a key concern which would be addressed in the Transport Statement which would be part of the planning application.. • Sam Fox explained the process which would be followed by Wiltshire Council, emphasising that no one who was too closely involved or who had adopted a clear position would be involved in the independent decision-making process at Strategic Planning Committee level. • Tim Pennett stated that Avon Camp West was the optimum location for the museum as far as the Army was concerned, and that the Army supported the project. He confirmed that the Army would not take a view on local public opinion as that was a matter for the planning process. Finally, he explained that Avon Camp East would be used for the ash dieback programme for the foreseeable future, and the Army had no firm plans for the site thereafter. 	RAM
6	<p>Discussion of Key Issues</p> <p>All of the questions raised under Agenda Item 5 are included in the attachment to these minutes, along with the responses provided by RAM.</p>	

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7	<p>Summary and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam Fox recommended that another meeting should be held prior to the planning application being submitted. • Nick Eeles reconfirmed that the SWLEP had now received the updated Outline Business Case, and that it was up to its board to decide when to release it. • Nick Eeles confirmed that the Planning Application would contain more detail than the Outline Business Case in many areas, including reports on Transport and Environmental impact. He believed that this was the document which parishes would be most interested in studying. • Nick Eeles agreed that RAM would attempt to attend parish meetings when requested to do so. 	Sec
8	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Eeles agreed that additional questions from members of the CLG would be answered in the attachment to the minutes. It was agreed that all questions were to be submitted to the Secretary by 17 Feb 20. • It was agreed to decide on a Chairman at the start of each meeting. 	All
9	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be in early March. There will also be meetings during the planning application process.</p>	Sec

Richard Aubrey-Fletcher <rafyewhouse@btinternet.com>

Sat 08/02/2020 14:36

Dear Nick

Thank you for offering the Protect Netheravon Down Group (PND) the opportunity to be represented on the RAM Community Liaison Group (CLG). As promised I have consulted with other members of the Group and our decision is to decline membership of the CLG.

Our reason for doing so is that PND is a single-purpose pressure group working to prevent the build of the RAM on Netheravon Down in any shape or form. PND wholeheartedly supports the need for the RA Collection to be displayed but is implacably opposed to the site chosen for the museum.

In this context it would be impossible for any PND representation to conform with the spirit and stated purpose of the CLG. The CLG has been established to support the design, build and then operation of the RAM on Netheravon Down; an outcome which PND opposes.

We are confident that supporters of PND will receive information, and be consulted as to their views, through their Parish/Town representatives and indeed through the channels already open between PND and the RAM Trust.

You will be disappointed that PND has declined your offer but, given the stark difference in outcome sought, we are certain that it is for the best.

yours ever

Richard

ROYAL ARTILLERY MUSEUM: UPDATE

- Refined site plan and building design nearing completion.
- The Outline Business Case (OBC) will be put before the SWLEP board in March.
- Ecological survey ongoing.
- Archaeological/UXO surveys ongoing.
- Planning application submission planned for March.
- New website launch imminent.

ROYAL ARTILLERY MUSEUM: VISITOR NUMBERS

Independent visitor research has led the RAM board to set realistic visitor number targets after opening.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
Paying Visitors	91,000	82,000	87,000	106,000	130,000	143,000	153,000
Events	1,500	3,000	4,500	6,000	7,500	9,000	10,500
Other Visitors	9,608	8,932	9,656	11,780	14,324	15,644	16,644
Total	102,108	93,932	101,156	123,780	151,824	167,644	180,144
FTE Staff	23	23	23	31	34	37	40
Volunteers	25	25	30	34	38	42	46

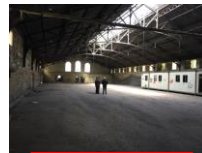
ROYAL ARTILLERY MUSEUM: LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Local employment – build period, permanent and seasonal.
- Volunteering opportunities.
- Outreach programmes.
- Local visitor spend: pub, B&Bs, other businesses.
- Local contracts: maintenance, automotive, gardening, beer.
- Community Hub: cafe (local produce) and play-park.
- School education programmes (free for Netheravon School).
- Local military history interpreted/exhibited.
- Civil-Military Integration centre.
- Potential to improve bus services, cycle and walking routes.
- Meeting, dining and lecture facilities.

ROYAL ARTILLERY MUSEUM: LOCAL CONCERNS

- Visitor numbers and event days.
- Increased traffic on A345.
- Increased village traffic.
- Pollution affecting Netheravon School.
- Visual Impact.
- Ecological Impact.
- Light and noise pollution.
- Impact on property prices.
- Impact on Army training.
- Don't want "Alton Towers on the Plain".
- Farmer's livelihood endangered.

ROYAL ARTILLERY MUSEUM: ENHANCEMENTS



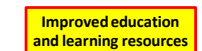
Cavalry Riding School Renovation



Archive and Research Centre, and Additional Gallery



Additional Attractions



Improved education and learning resources



Railway Gun Dome



Acquisitions and Conservation (in enhanced workshop)



Interpretation Enhancement