

Display of HMS Campbeltown Bell

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on a display of the HMS Campbeltown bell.
- 1.2 The Report recommends that the Area Committee notes the ongoing work in relation to securing the permanent display of the HMS Campbeltown bell in the Burnet Building, Campbeltown.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on a display of the HMS Campbeltown bell.
- 1.2 The bell is currently held in a safe at the Burnet Building.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Area Committee notes the ongoing work in relation to securing the permanent display of the HMS Campbeltown bell in the Burnet Building, Campbeltown.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 Background to report

The 2nd HMS Campbeltown was a type 22 frigate built at Cammell Laird in Birkenhead. Following 22 years of operational life she was decommissioned on 7 April 2011.

On 13 March 2011 Commander Keri Harris presented the bell and White ensign of the 2nd HMS Campbeltown to the people of Campbeltown.

The bell and White ensign were exhibited in Campbeltown Museum during 2014/15 as part of a temporary exhibition: Campbeltown and the Navy.

3.2 Display of the bell in the Burnet Building

The Community and Culture Service (Museums) will liaise with the Royal Navy and the Friends of Campbeltown Museum to facilitate the permanent display of the bell in the Burnet Building.

3.3 Display case and mount

The bell will be displayed in a museum grade display case with a bespoke mount. The Community and Culture Service (Museums) is liaising with the Friends of Campbeltown Museum to secure the funding necessary to allow this to happen.

3.4 Location of display case

The case could be a centerpiece for the foyer at the Burnet Building, designed in tandem with the Campbeltown Museum Interpretation Strategy.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 That the Area Committee notes the ongoing work in relation to securing the permanent display of the HMS Campbeltown bell in the Burnet Building, Campbeltown.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

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| 5.1 | Policy | SPECTRUM: The UK Museum Documentation Standard. Campbeltown Museum Interpretation Strategy. |
| 5.2 | Financial | Cost of display case, bespoke mount and installation (approx. £1,650 - £2,200). |
| 5.3 | Legal | None. |
| 5.4 | HR | Staff time in negotiating loan and preparing display and installation. |
| 5.5 | Equalities | None. |
| 5.6 | Risk | None. |

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