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Advisory Committee on the Government Art Collection

Summary of the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17 March 2011 at the Government Art Collection's London premises

Present

Chair: Sarah Shalgosky

Members: David A Bailey, Iwona Blazwick, Penelope Curtis, Mick Elliott, Penny Johnson (GAC Director), Sandy Nairne, Andrew Renton

GAC: Adrian George, Clive Marks, Julia Toffolo

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Julia Somerville and Nicholas Penny.

2. Minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 18 November 2010

Minutes were agreed and signed by the acting Chairman (in Julia Somerville's absence), Sarah Shalgosky.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

The Director noted budget reductions for the next financial year.

Sarah Shalgosky congratulated GAC on becoming an Accredited Museum under the Museums, Libraries and Archive Council scheme.

4. Acquisitions

4.1 Acquisitions since 18 November 2010

These were noted.

4.2 Proposed Acquisitions

The following purchases were agreed,

Henry Howard (1769-1847)

Thomas Rowcroft (c.1770-1824)

Oil on canvas

76.8 x 63.5 cm

£5,000

Colonel M.R. Goodliff, by descent

Susan Derges (born 1955)

Gibbous Moon Cloud – Alder 2009

Unique ilfochrome print

168.9 x 91.4 cm

£16,500 less discount £ 11,550 plus VAT: £13,860

Purdy Hicks Gallery, London

(Reduction to £10,000 + VAT was obtained)

4.2.2 Approaches by artists

No purchases were recommended.

5. Collections Review

Mick Elliott brought the Committee up to date with progress on his report.

6. De-classification of the Advisory Committee as an NDPB

The Director provided an update on progress. Discussions were ongoing with the Cabinet Office to finalise arrangements. It was expected that the Committee would be reclassified as a public sector working group.

7. Government Art Collection exhibition at Whitechapel Gallery

The Director brought the Committee up to date with progress.

Proposed options for the title of Cornelia Parker's display (the second one of the series) were discussed, with the Committee preferring Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain.

8. MA student project at the GAC

The Committee noted the report.

9. Director's Report of GAC activities since 18 November

The Committee noted the report.

10. AOB

As this was Mick Elliott's last meeting the Chairman thanked him for his efforts and support.

11. Date of next meeting

14 July 2011.