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There shall be a Standing Committee of the Court on Management of the Clerk of Tynwald's Office.

The Committee shall be chaired by the Speaker of the House of Keys, the Vice-Chairman shall be the President of Tynwald and shall further be composed of two Members of the House of Keys and a Member of the Legislative Council.

The Committee shall -

- (i) oversee the management of the secretariat of the Office of the Clerk of Tynwald;*
- (ii) ensure that necessary services are provided for Members of Tynwald, that appropriate resources are made available to allow for such services and that such resources are properly used;*
- (iii) oversee the efficient and effective use of resources by the Clerk of Tynwald, who shall be the Accounting Officer for the Tynwald budget;*
- (iv) provide authority for setting staffing levels and overall terms and conditions of service of the staff of the Office of the Clerk of Tynwald;*
- (v) for the purposes of the Public Records Act 1999 be the Committee authorized to make decisions in relation to Tynwald papers;*
- (vi) be the Tynwald Management Committee referred to in section 3 of the Tynwald Auditor General Act 2011, with the relevant powers and responsibilities in relation to the Tynwald Auditor General; and*
- (vii) be the Tynwald Management Committee referred to in section 3 of the Tynwald Commissioner for Administration Act 2011, with the relevant powers and responsibilities in relation to the Tynwald Commissioner for Administration.*

The Committee shall consider nominations of deceased persons for inclusion in the Manx Patriots' Roll of Honour and may recommend to Tynwald the award of honours by the Court to living persons; and in relation to these duties –

- (i) The Committee shall report to Tynwald at least once during the life of each House of Keys, but not necessarily to make a recommendation.*
- (ii) Any recommendation made by the Committee shall be subject to the approval of a majority of the whole of Tynwald sitting in public and voting as one body.*
- (iii) The Committee shall be responsible for the erection and ongoing maintenance of the Manx Patriots' Roll of Honour, which shall be maintained in a prominent position in the public part of the Precincts of Tynwald.*
- (iv) A plaque shall be placed in a prominent position at a site in the Island appropriate to the person admitted to the Roll and the Committee may consider presenting a suitable memento to the family of the person concerned.*

The powers, privileges and immunities relating to the work of a committee of Tynwald are those conferred by sections 3 and 4 of the Tynwald Proceedings Act 1876, sections 1 to 4 of the Privileges of Tynwald (Publications) Act 1973 and sections 2 to 4 of the Tynwald Proceedings Act 1984.

Committee Membership

The Hon J P Watterson SHK *ex officio* (Chair) (Rushen)

The Hon S C Rodan OBE MLC *ex officio* (Vice-Chair)

Mr R Mercer MLC

Mr T S Baker MHK (Ayre and Michael)

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To: The Hon. Stephen C. Rodan OBE MLC, President of Tynwald,
and the Hon. Council and Keys in Tynwald assembled

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I. BACKGROUND

1. The Tynwald Honours Committee was established in December 1998, following recommendations made by the Select Committee on Manx Patriots, to propose names to Tynwald for inclusion in a Manx Patriots' Roll of Honour for deceased persons.
2. In December 2002 the Committee's remit was extended to recommend to Tynwald the awarding of honours to living Manx persons: the Tynwald Honour.
3. At the May 2018 sitting, Tynwald Court considered the 'First Report of the Tynwald Standing Orders Committee for the Session 2017-2018 – Suspension of Members; Organization of Committees; Other Matters' [PP No 2018/0074] and agreed to the recommendation that the functions of the Tynwald Honours Committee be added to the remit of the Tynwald Management Committee.

II. THE MANX PATRIOTS' ROLL OF HONOUR

4. The Roll of Honour is designed to give formal recognition to deceased persons who have made an outstanding contribution to Manx life; the names of those included are listed in Annex A.

5. The recommended criteria for inclusion on the Manx Patriots' Roll of Honour are:

- 1) *before the name of any person is recommended for inclusion in the Manx Patriots' Roll of Honour that person must be shown to have disinterestedly or self-sacrificially exerted himself or herself to promote the well-being of the Isle of Man;*
- 2) *no living person be considered for inclusion in the Manx Patriots' Roll of Honour; and*
- 3) *inclusion in the Manx Patriots' Roll of Honour be not restricted to persons born in the Island or of Manx parentage.*

III. METHOD OF COMMEMORATION

6. The Manx Patriots' Roll of Honour is displayed in the entrance foyer of Legislative Buildings.
7. A more detailed record of each Manx Patriot is included within a dedicated section of the Tynwald website.¹
8. In June 2016 Tynwald approved the creation of a prominently located Manx Patriots' Roll of Honour Board and a Tynwald Honour Board. The Boards were made by the Manx Workshop for the Disabled and are located at St John's Chapel.²

IV. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL PROPOSED FOR ADDITION TO THE MANX PATRIOTS' ROLL OF HONOUR

9. At the May 2014 sitting of Tynwald, on the recommendation of the Tynwald Honours Committee, a motion was carried that Mr Hector Duff MM BEM be awarded the Tynwald Honour. Mr Duff was awarded the Tynwald Honour on 7th July 2014 at the age of 95.³
10. Mr Duff passed away at the age of 101 on 30th November 2020.

¹ <http://www.tynwald.org.im/education/history/roh/Pages/default.aspx>

² <http://www.tynwald.org.im/about/news/Pages/1861.aspx>

³ <https://www.tynwald.org.im/about/tynday/Pages/TH/Duff-Hector.aspx>

11. Although already a recipient of the highest award that the Island can bestow, the Tynwald Management Committee has taken the exceptional decision to propose that Hector Duff OBE MM BEM TH (1919-2020) also be added to the Manx Patriots' Roll of Honour.

Hector Duff OBE MM BEM TH

12. Mr Duff was a World War 2 veteran who was born in Sulby in October 1919. While working on the Isle of Man Railway at the age of 19, he was called up and served with the 7th Armoured Division (known as the Desert Rats) from 1940-1945. His time in service took him across Europe and Northern Africa. In 1944 he and the 7th Armoured Division landed in Normandy on the afternoon of D-Day. They continued through France and were in Germany when the war ended, taking part in the Victory Parade in Berlin some weeks later. He was awarded the Military Medal for Bravery for his services.
13. On his return to the Island he initially resumed his work on the Isle of Man Railways before embarking on a 30 year career serving the Island with the Isle of Man Constabulary. During this time he earned the reputation as a firm, fair and fearless public servant. He was held in especially high esteem by the public, who respected his obvious integrity.
14. For most people a distinguished military service followed by a lengthy career protecting the Manx public and upholding the law would have been enough. However, upon his retirement from the Police he dedicated his life to important charitable work and to ensuring that those who lost their lives serving in the World Wars are not forgotten.
15. For many years he was guardian of the Island's many war memorials, which he recorded and cared for, and he lobbied to establish the War Memorials Committee which now undertakes this task.
16. At the time of being awarded the Tynwald Honour in 2014, his 95th year, he was still active in the following organisations:
 - Chairman (and founding member) of the Normandy Veterans Association;
 - Chairman of the Joint ex-Services Association;
 - Member of the Isle of Man Government Armed Forces Day Committee;
 - Member of the War Pensions Committee;
 - Member of the War Memorial Committee;
 - Member of the Committee of the Police Benevolent Fund.

17. He also continued to participate in the work of the Royal British Legion, as President of the Onchan Branch, and the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association, giving these organisations a great deal of time and energy.
18. Mr Duff was committed to promoting understanding of the reasons behind, and the realities of, world war. He delivered many hours of education to young people.
19. Having not spoken about his personal experiences of war for much of his life, he talked to students about the horrors of war and consequently spent a considerable amount of time describing war to a generation that can only begin to imagine what a world war was like. He undoubtedly made a difference to the understanding of young people, but also made a difference to their development as individuals for which we should all be grateful.
20. In the New Year's Honours List in 2013 he was awarded the British Empire Medal; it was presented at a ceremony at Government House in recognition of his work with the Island's school children.
21. In 2014, as well as being awarded the Tynwald Honour, Mr Duff was also awarded the French Legion d'Honneur for his role in the country's liberation.
22. In 2016, Mr Duff was granted Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Douglas in recognition of his tireless devotion to ensuring those who lost their lives serving in the First and Second World Wars are not forgotten.⁴
23. In the 2020 Queen's New Year's Honours List, Mr Duff was awarded the Officer of the Order of the British Empire medal for his 'outstanding services to the community of the Isle of Man'.
24. The Soldiering On Awards recognise the outstanding achievements of those who have served their country. On 15th October 2020 Mr Duff was the winner in a UK-wide public vote from a final shortlist of five for the prestigious 'People's Choice' award.⁵

⁴ <http://www.douglas.gov.im/index.php/news/council-news/item/1322-council-confers-honorary-freedom-of-the-borough-on-hector-duff>

⁵ <https://www.soldieringon.org/announcing-our-peoples-choice-award-winner/>

Recommendation

That Tynwald approves Hector Duff OBE MM BEM TH for inclusion in the Manx Patriots' Roll of Honour.

J P Watterson (Chair)

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C A Corlett

January 2021

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<https://spiritofnormandy.org.uk/2020/12/11/hector-duff-eulogy-by-sir-laurence-new-cb-cbe/>

V. ANNEX A - MANX PATRIOTS' ROLL OF HONOUR

Edward Christian	1600-1661	Electoral Reformer
William Christian - Illiam Dhone	1608-1663	Manx Patriot
Godred Crovan	d. 1095	First King of Mann and the Isles
Rt Revd Thomas Wilson DD	1663-1755	Church and Educational Reformer and Historian
Rt Revd Isaac Barrow DD	1613-1680	Church and Educational Reformer
Eleanor (Nellie) Brennan	1792-1859	Nursed Cholera Victims
Thomas Edward Brown	1830-1897	Manx National Poet
Major Robert Henry Cain VC TD	1909-1974	Gallant and Distinguished Soldier
Sir Thomas Henry Hall Caine CH KBE MHK	1853-1931	Author and Constitutional Reformer
Sir William Percy Cowley KBE	1886-1958	Constitutional Reformer and Culturalist
John Christian Curwen MP MHK	1756-1828	Agricultural Reformer
Mona Douglas MBE RBV	1898-1987	Poet, Folklorist and Collector
Sir James Gell CVO JP	1823-1905	Constitutional Reformer
Sir William Hillary Bt	1771-1847	Founder of RNLI
Sir Henry Charles Kerruish OBE LLD(hc) SHK CP	1917-2003	Reforming Parliamentarian
Arthur William Moore CVO JP SHK	1853-1909	Constitutional Reformer and Historian
Henry Bloom Noble	1816-1903	Public Benefactor
Sir Joseph Davidson Qualtrough CBE JP SHK	1885-1960	Constitutional Reformer
Captain John Quilliam RN	1771-1829	Distinguished Naval Officer
Marion Shimmin MHK	1879-1942	First Female MHK
Mavis Kelly LRAM	1926-2005	Musician and Teacher
James Brown	1815-1881	Democratic Reformer
Robert Fargher	1803-1863	Democratic Reformer
Samuel Norris MLC	1875-1948	Reforming Parliamentarian
William Kennish	1799-1862	Inventor, Explorer, Polymath
Archibald Knox	1864-1933	Artist, Designer and Teacher

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