

Minutes of the meeting of

THE SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS ALLOCATION PANEL

10:45am, Thursday 3rd July 2014

The McManus: Dundee's Museum and Art Gallery, Barrack Street, Dundee

Present: Dr Evelyn Silber (Chair), Neil Curtis, Murray Cook, Mr Richard Welander (Historic Scotland), Jennifer Youngson (MGS), George Dalgleish – ex officio member from NMS for the meeting in place of Jilly Burns (NMS)

In attendance: Stuart Campbell (TTU), Dr Natasha Ferguson (TTU), Andrew Brown (QLTR Solicitor). Dr Natasha Ferguson took the minutes

Apologies: Dr Mary McLeod-Rivett

1. Chair Remarks

The Chair wished to thank Christina Donald, Curator of McManus: Dundee's Museum and Art Gallery, for hosting the SAFAP meeting at the Collection Unit on Barrack Street.

The Chair also thanked Andrew Brown for his hard work related to the Code of Practice Review.

She also welcomed George Dalgleish, Keeper of Scottish History and Archaeology, NMS, to the meeting and thanked him for attending the meeting as the ex officio member from NMS for this meeting in place of Jilly Burns who was unable to attend.

The chair informed the panel of her intention to appoint a Vice-Chair to deal with proceedings in the event of her absence. She suggested Neil Curtis as a potential candidate, which was accepted by NC.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of last meeting accepted.

3. QLTR Business

Andrew Brown reported to the panel that the reviewed Code of Practice will be launched on 11th July 2014.

Amongst other positive changes the COP review will allow for remote communications between panel members and for decisions to be taken outside SAFAP meetings. This includes the claiming of excavation assemblages.

AP – SC to write letters to stakeholders informing them of the COP launch
AP – JY to highlight with MGS that the revised Code is being issued.

4. Treasure Trove Unit Report

The release of the Annual Report was successful with good media coverage from BBC Scotland news website, BBC Radio Scotland and national papers.

NF appeared in BBC Two Quest for Bannockburn for Bannockburn shown in June, identifying the finds that had been recovered during the archaeological survey.

Currently developing the next batch of finds days and workshops. Two recent Finds Days have included the McManus Museum and the Kelvingrove Museum & Art Gallery. The aim is to target areas where metal detectorists are active, or where there is potential under reporting. The next series of workshops for museum professionals and non-professionals will be at an event at Nairn Museum and in Orkney Museum.

SC is currently in discussion with the Dig it! team to establish a TT input for events across Scotland. This will consist of an online presence and the production of posters as an educational tool.

SC discussed with the panel operational considerations when implementing 'an amnesty' for finders to report any previously unreported finds.

SC reported to the panel discussions with ALGAO and representatives of commercial units in relation to the process of reporting archaeological assemblages to Treasure Trove.

SC raised the matter of ex gratia awards in relation to the conduct of finders which was followed by a Panel discussion of the considerations arising.

5. New cases

In those cases which involved the museum to which they were affiliated, the relevant SAFAP members absented themselves from the discussion involving allocation or the ex gratia award.

TT.01/14	Middle Bronze Age chisel, Hawick	£150	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
TT.02/14	1 medieval coin from a hoard, Methven	£20	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT.03/14	17 th century dress fitting, Airth	£25	Falkirk Community Trust	Falkirk
TT.04/14	Medieval Papal Bulla, Brechin	£125	Montrose Museum	Angus
TT.05/14	Fragment of medieval silver figurine, Panbride	£125	Arbroath Museum	Angus
TT.06/14	Medieval brooch, Peebles	£50	Tweeddale Museum	Scottish Borders
TT.07/14	Bronze Age chisel, Peebles	£100	Tweeddale Museum	Scottish Borders
TT.08/14	Medieval silver finger ring, East Kilbride	£600	Low Parks Museum	South Lanarkshire
TT.09/14	1 medieval coin from a hoard, Kirriemuir	£30	Kirriemuir Museum	Angus
TT.10/14	1 medieval coin from a hoard, Kirriemuir	£30	Kirriemuir Museum	Angus
TT.11/14	2 17 th century buttons, Wemyss	£65	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT.12/14	18 th century shoulder belt plate Croy	£200	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland

TT.13/14	Prehistoric stone whorl, Duncanstone	£25	Aberdeen University Museums	Aberdeenshire
TT.14/14	Stone bead/whorl, Loch Leven	waived	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT.15/14	Post-medieval toy pan, Dumbarton	£50	Clydebank Museum and Art Gallery	West Dunbartonshire
TT.16/14	Roman brooch, Limekilns	waived	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT.17/14	Post-medieval silver toilet implement, Cupar	£125	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT.18/14	Medieval enamelled plate, Longniddry	£500	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT.19/14	Medieval zoomorphic buckle, Aberuthven	£20	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT.20/14	Medieval silver finger ring, Bankfoot	£350	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT.21/14	17th century pierced coin, Scone	waived	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT.22/14	Early Historic enamelled mount, Glenlochar	£150	The Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
TT.23/14	Medieval heraldic pendant, Bankfoot	£50	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT.24/14	Seal Matrix and vessel leg, Bankfoot	£30	Disclaimed	Perth & Kinross
TT.25/14	Medieval silver pendant, Twynholm,	£250	The Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
TT.26/14	Middle Bronze Age axehead, Ratho	£300	The City of Edinburgh Council, Museums and Galleries.	Edinburgh
TT.27/14	Early Bronze	£180	Inverness Museum	Highland

	Age flat axehead, Dores		& Art Gallery	
TT.28/14	Medieval silver gilt finger ring, Longniddry	£1300	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT.29/14	Medieval coin hoard, Jedburgh	£510	Jedburgh Castle Jail and Museum, Scottish Borders Council Museum Service	Scottish Borders
TT.30/14	Iron Age toggle fastener, Milton	£20	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
TT.31/14	2 Roman coins, Glenlochar	£125	The Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
TT.32/14	2 Roman coins, Blairadam	£20	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT.33/14	4 Roman coins, Wemyss	£200	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT.34/14	6 medieval coins, Luncarty	£130	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT.35/14	6 medieval coins, Crawford	£460	Biggar Museum Trust	South Lanarkshire
TT.36/14	3 pieces of Viking silver, Glenlochar	£530	The Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
TT.37/14	Medieval silver finger ring, Bankfoot	£1500	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT.38/14	Medieval pilgrim badge, Kirkcudbright	£150	The Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
TT.39/14	Medieval silver finger ring, Ladybank	£600	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT.40/14	Roman brooch and coin, Galashiels,	N/A**	National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders
TT.41/14	Post-medieval military assemblage, Roberton	£150	National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders
TT.42/14	Fragment of Bronze Age blade, Rickarton	£25	Aberdeen University Museums	Aberdeenshire
TT.43/14	Fragment of medieval altar stone, Wick	£150	Dunbeath Heritage Centre	Highland
TT.44/14	Medieval &	£200	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife

	later assemblage, Wemyss			
TT.45/14	4 Roman objects, Blackness	£165	Falkirk Community Trust	Falkirk
TT.46/14	18th century political button, Haddington	waived	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT.47/14	17th century finger ring, Parton	£1100	The Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
TT.48/14	Medieval silver finger ring, Kirriemuir	£275	Kirriemuir Museum	Angus
TT.49/14	17th century finger ring, Inverbervie	£700	Aberdeenshire Heritage	Aberdeenshire
TT.50/14	Middle Bronze Age axehead/chisel, Moneydie	£100	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT.51/14	Medieval dress pin, Forfar	£65	Forfar Museum	Angus
TT.52/14	Medieval key, Macduff,	£300	Aberdeenshire Heritage	Aberdeenshire
TT.53/14	Early Bronze Age axehead, Garvald	£180	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT.54/14	Neolithic stone axehead, Dalmeny	£90	The City of Edinburgh Council, Museums and Galleries	Edinburgh

*allocated to relevant museum where no application had been received from a local museum.

**As the objects had been removed from a Scheduled Monument without consent the panel advised that no ex gratia should be paid to the finder.

Excavation assemblages- 6 cases

TT No.	Description	Site Name	Museum
TT/55/14	Modern excavation assemblage	Gorgie Road, Edinburgh, City of Edinburgh	The City of Edinburgh Council, Museums and Galleries
TT/56/14	Medieval - Post Medieval excavation assemblage	Greyfriars Kirkhouse, Edinburgh, City of Edinburgh	The City of Edinburgh Council, Museums and Galleries
TT/57/14	Medieval - Post Medieval excavation assemblage	Liquid Room (Former St John's Church), City of Edinburgh	The City of Edinburgh Council, Museums and Galleries
TT/58/14	Prehistoric excavation assemblage	Alexadria Health and Care Centre, Vale of Leven Hospital, Alexandria, West Dumbartonshire	Clydebank Museum and Art Gallery
TT/59/14	Post Medieval - Modern excavation assemblage	Armadales Masterplan, Armadale, West Lothian	Disclaimed
TT/60/14	Late 18th - 20th century excavation assemblage	Greenburn OCCS, New Cumnock, East Ayrshire	Disclaimed
TT/61/14	Medieval - Modern excavation assemblage	Castle Rock, Princes Street Gardens, City of Edinburgh	The City of Edinburgh Council, Museums and Galleries
TT/62/14	12 - 13th century excavation assemblage, incl. architectural stone fragments	Coldingham Priory Church, Coldingham, Scottish Borders	National Museums Scotland*
TT/63/14	Prehistoric and post medieval excavation assemblage	Drone Hill Windfarm, Coldingham, Scottish Borders	National Museums Scotland*
TT/64/14	Prehistoric excavation assemblage	New Water Main, Duns Law Farm, Duns, Scottish Borders	National Museums Scotland*

TT/65/14	Prehistoric - Modern excavation assemblage	Edinburgh Drinking Water Pipeline and Glencorse Water Treatment Works, Midlothian and City of Edinburgh	The City of Edinburgh Council, Museums and Galleries
TT/66/14	Anglo-saxon (7th - 9th centuries), Prehistoric and modern excavation assemblage	Fallago Rig Windfarm, Longformacus, Scottish Borders	National Museums Scotland*
TT/67/14	Medieval - Modern excavation assemblage	18 - 22 Potterrow, Edinburgh, City of Edinburgh	Museum of Edinburgh
TT/68/14	Prehistoric excavation assemblage	Haughend Farm, Alyth, Perth and Kinross	Perth Museum & Art Gallery
TT/69/14	16th century architectural fragments	Greenburn Surface Mine Wellhill Extension, New Cumnock, East Ayrshire	Disclaimed
TT/70/14	Prehistoric (Early to mid-Neolithic) excavation assemblage	Land at Larkhall Academy, Larkhall, South Lanarkshire	Glasgow Museums
TT/71/14	Unknown and post medieval/modern excavation assemblage	North Berwick Law: Improvements to Summit Path, North Berwick Law, East Lothian	East Lothian Council Museums Service
TT/72/14	18th - 20th century excavation assemblage	Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme, City of Edinburgh and West Lothian	The City of Edinburgh Council, Museums and Galleries
TT/73/14	Modern excavation assemblage	Braid Burn Flood Prevention Scheme, Portobello, City of Edinburgh	The City of Edinburgh Council, Museums and Galleries
TT/74/14	Post medieval excavation assemblage	Land off Main Street, Stenton, East Lothian	East Lothian Council Museums Service

TT/75/14	Prehistoric and medieval excavation assemblage	Orchardfield, East Linton, East Lothain	East Lothian Council Museums Service
TT/76/14	Mesolithic to Bronze Age excavation assemblage	Rumbeltonlaw Sand and Gravel Quarry, Scottish Borders	National Museums Scotland*
TT/77/14	Roman, post medieval and modern excavation assemblage	2 Smeaton Grove, Inveresk, East Lothian	National Museums Scotland*
TT/78/14	12th century excavation assemblage	Smiddy Corner, Nenthorn, Kelso, Scottish Borders	Disclaimed
TT/79/14	Middle Iron Age and 19th century excavation assemblage	Teampull Na Trionaid, Cairinis, North Uis, Western Isles	Museum nan Eilean
TT/80/14	Modern excavation assemblage	Towerbank Primary School, Portobello, City of Edinburgh	The City of Edinburgh Council, Museums and Galleries
TT/81/14	Bronze Age and modern excavation assemblage	Tullos Hill, Aberdeen, City of Aberdeen	Aberdeen City Museums
TT/82/14	Prehistoric and medieval excavation assemblage	Keir Wood Fort, Kincardine, Fife	National Museums Service*
TT/83/14	19th - 20th century excavation assemblage	Cottage and Railway loading dock, Benslie, Kilwinning, North Ayrshire	Disclaimed
TT/84/14	Neolithic excavation assemblage	Skaill Bay, Orkney, Orkney Islands	Orkney Museum
TT/85/14	Post Medieval - Modern excavation assemblage	Lamb's House, Leith, City of Edinburgh	The City of Edinburgh Council, Museums and Galleries

6. AOCB

NF highlighted with the panel an apparent increase over the last 12 months in reported objects recovered from scheduled sites by metal detectors. Each case has been referred to Historic Scotland.

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