

Minutes of the meeting of

## **THE SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS ALLOCATION PANEL**

10:45am, Friday 1 May 2015 (deferred from 26 March 2015)

National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh

**Present:** Dr Evelyn Silber (Chair), Neil Curtis, Murray Cook, Mr Richard Welander (Historic Scotland), Jennifer Youngson (MGS), George Dalgleish – standing in for Jilly Burns (NMS). Dr Mary McLeod-Rivett (contributed via Skype)

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

### **1. Chair Remarks**

The chair welcomed the panel and thanked Dr McLeod-Rivett for her contribution via Skype for certain cases involving multiple applications.

The Chair reported to the panel that she has contacted Anne Dagg (Scottish Government) regarding the recruitment of a lay member to the panel. Ms Dagg was able to confirm recruitment process had been initiated with an aim to have a new member appointed by September 2015.

The panel discussed minor redraft to Appendix L and M to address any potential inconsistencies between application form and criteria as suggested by JB.

**\*AP:** AB to produce revised wording regarding Recognised Collections.

**\*AP:** TTU to consider redrafting Appendix L and M

RW highlighted with the panel Scottish Archaeology Strategy Consultation which is now available for comment. It was agreed that SAFAP should consider offering comments and these might be submitted via QLTR. ES requested responses from the panel and a timescale agreed.

**\*AP:** Panel to provide comments to ES by 29 May 2015 to be collated and a draft for a submission to HS prepared.

The Chair highlighted her concern relating to the reduced volume of applications from local institutions and invited the panel to discuss potential causes and solutions.

**\*AP:** TTU to produce guidance note on their observations regarding this issue

**\*AP:** SAFAP to highlight this issue in the comments on the Scottish Archaeology Strategy Consultation

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

## 2. QLTR Business

AB had no relevant QLTR business to report.

## 3. Treasure Trove Unit Report

NF reported on a seminar jointly organised by TTU, Historic Scotland and Dr Chris Bowles, Scottish Borders Archaeology Service in January 2015 to discuss challenges relating to large scale metal detecting events. The results of this seminar will be reported back to the panel in due course.

SC reported on the range of successful outreach events engaged by TTU over the last 6 months. This includes coordinating with touring exhibitions such as the East of Scotland Museums Partnership exhibition, '*Treasures Found: Archaeology from the East of Scotland*', with a series of workshops and lectures.

NF reported on on-going work with Anne McNee (Crown Office) to review current administration procedures.

RW and SC updated the panel on progress of conservation relating to the 'Galloway Hoard'. A special meeting of the panel was suggested to discuss this case for allocation. A tentative date of 30 September was suggested and is to be confirmed.

## 4. New cases

Cases with multiple applications were considered by the panel against the criteria outlined in Appendix M.

In those instances where a case involved an institution to which a member of SAFAP belonged, that individual was absent from the room for the discussion of allocation or determining the ex gratia award.

Chance Finds: 64 cases

Excavation assemblages: 49 cases

Cases with multiple applications:

*Chance Finds: 140/14; 236/14; 238/14*

*Excavation Finds: 183/14; 187/14; 212/14*

Cases with no applications – 27

\*Museum accepting in place of no application from a local museum

\*\* Multiple applications

TT. No	Description	Ex	Museum	Local Authority
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		<b>Gratia</b>		
165/14	Fragments of Bronze Age axehead, Cruden Bay	£25	University of Aberdeen Museums	Aberdeenshire
236/14**	Roman silver ram's head, Macduff,	£400	University of Aberdeen Museums	Aberdeenshire
238/14**	2 <sup>nd</sup> century Roman Sestertius	£20	University of Aberdeen Museums	Aberdeenshire
127/14	Post-medieval medal, Auchterhouse	£150	Angus Museums: The Meffan Museum	Angus
134/14	Late medieval/Post-medieval finger ring, Montrose	£25	Angus Museums: Montrose Museum	Angus
162/14	Medieval silver finger ring, Arbroath	£700	Angus Museums: Signal Tower Museum	Angus
163/14	Medieval harness pendant, Arbroath	£50	Angus Museums: Signal Tower Museum	Angus
140/14**	Roman medallion, Cardross	£2500	Clydebank Museum & Art Gallery	Argyll & Bute
235/14	Assemblage of lithics, Isle of Jura	waived	Kilmartin Museum	Argyll & Bute
142/14	2 Early Historic finds, Kirkcudbright	£15,000	National Museums Scotland	Dumfries & Galloway
146/14	Bronze Age axehead fragment, Auchenlarie	£25	Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
155/14	Medieval coin hoard, Crossmichael	£395	Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
161/14	17th century silver cross, Sanquhar	£150	Dumfries Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
167/14	2 fragments late	£50	Stewartry Museum	Dumfries &

	Bronze Age sword, Dundrennan			Galloway
170/14	Three Roman/Iron Age finds, Castle Douglas	£75	Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
171/14	Late Bronze Age spearhead, Castle Douglas	£90	Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
175/14	Forgery of Roman coin, Burnswark	£65	Dumfries Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
177/14	7 Roman finds, Dalswinton	£150	Dumfries Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
231/14	Medieval coins and finger ring, Laurieston	£450	Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
151/14	Fragment of Bronze Age axe/chisel, Hollybush	£25	National Museums Scotland*	East Ayrshire
169/14	Medieval harness pendant, Pencaitland	£100	East Lothian Museum Service	East Lothian
173/14	Medieval silver finger ring, Gullane	£400	East Lothian Museum Service	East Lothian
180/14	Medieval copper alloy vessel, Garvald	£350	East Lothian Museum Service	East Lothian
131/14	Early Historic mount, Charlestown	Waived	Fife Cultural Trust: Pittencrieff House Museum	Fife
139/14	Medieval dress pin, Newburgh	£40	Fife Cultural Trust: St Andrews Museum	Fife
147/14	Medieval gold finger ring, Boarhills	£1200	Fife Cultural Trust: St Andrews Museum	Fife
156/14	Medieval/later lead crucifix, Kingsbarns	£65	Fife Cultural Trust: St Andrews Museum	Fife

159/14	Medieval coin hoard, Auldearn	£285	Nairn Museum	Highland
166/14	Late Bronze Age axehead & flint blade, Dornoch	£200	History Links Museum	Highland
178/14	Assemblage of musket balls, Auldearn	£40	Nairn Museum	Highland
179/14	Medieval annular brooch, Auldearn	£20	Nairn Museum	Highland
232/14	Early Bronze Age axehead and fragment of Late Bronze Age sword, nr Kiltarlity	£225	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
132/14	Medieval harness pendant, Millerhill	£175	National Museums Scotland	Midlothian
168/14	Medieval annular brooch, Cullen	£50	Elgin Museum	Moray
126/14	Medieval pin, Fowlis	£50	Disclaimed	Perth & Kinross
128/14	Medieval mount, Bankfoot	£125	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
129/14	Post-medieval knife handle, Tibbermore	£45	Disclaimed	Perth & Kinross
130/14	Post-medieval seal matrix, Pitlochry	£25	Disclaimed	Perth & Kinross
133/14	Late Bronze Age axehead, Inchtute	£25	The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum*	Perth & Kinross
135/14	Medieval heraldic fitting, Bridge of Earn	£165	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
136/14	Post-medieval silver brooch, Pitlochry	£75	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross

138/14	Bronze Age axehead, Bridge of Earn	£300	National Museums Scotland*	Perth & Kinross
141/14	Bronze Age axehead fragment, Pitlochry	£25	National Museums Scotland*	Perth & Kinross
143/14	Medieval seal matrix, Bankfoot	£150	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
144/14	Medieval finger ring, Bankfoot	£1500	National Museums Scotland*	Perth & Kinross
145/14	Medieval heraldic mount, Dunbarney	£150	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
148/14	Medieval copper alloy brooch, Pitlochry	£45	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
149/14	16th-17th century seal matrix, Pitlochry	£25	Disclaimed	Perth & Kinross
150/14	Post- medieval dress accessory, Pitcairngreen	£25	National Museums Scotland*	Perth & Kinross
154/14	Medieval copper alloy brooch, Moulin	£20	Disclaimed	Perth & Kinross
157/14	Post-medieval hunting leash mount, Pitlochry	£300	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
158/14	Early Historic mount, Loch Leven	£50	National Museums Scotland*	Perth & Kinross
164/14	Medieval harness pendant, Inchtute	£50	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
176/14/	Fragment of medieval key, Logierait	£50 - £60	Disclaimed	Perth & Kinross
233/14	2 pieces of Roman pottery, Meigle	£25	National Museums Scotland*	Perth & Kinross
234/14	Medieval pin, Spittalfield	£40	Disclaimed	Perth & Kinross
237/14	18 <sup>th</sup> century button, Pitcairngreen	£100	University of Aberdeen Museums	Perth & Kinross
137/14	Medieval	£225	Coldstream Museum	Scottish Borders

	macehead, Ayton			
152/14	Assemblage of medieval objects, Drumelzier	£100	Tweeddale Museum	Scottish Borders
174/14	Iron Age torc, Deanburnhaugh	£1200	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
230/14	Medieval silver penny, Carnwath,	£2000	Hunterian Museum	South Lanarkshire
160/14	Post-medieval shoulder belt plate, Stirling	£250	Disclaimed	Stirling
172/14	Pierced coin of Louis XIV, Strathblane	£25	Disclaimed	Stirling
153/14	17th century political button, Dalreoch	£50	Clydebank Museum & Art Gallery	West Dunbartonshire

#### Excavation Assemblages

<b>TT. No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Museum</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>
TT/181/14	Post medieval excavation assemblage CA142	Arbuthnott	Disclaimed	Aberdeenshire
TT/184/14	Neolithic excavation assemblage CA150	Conglas Farm	University of Aberdeen Museums	Aberdeenshire
TT/183/14**	Prehistoric excavation assemblage CA198	Little Mains of Crichtie	University of Aberdeen Museums	Aberdeenshire
TT/187/14**	Early Medieval excavation assemblage	Tullich Burial Ground Extension	Aberdeenshire Heritage	Aberdeenshire
TT/212/14**	Mesolithic excavation assemblage TIGL08	Trump International Golf Links	University of Aberdeen Museums	Aberdeenshire
TT/219/14	Early-mid Neolithic	Arnhall Sand and	Angus	Angus

	excavation assemblage AQE05 9.1	Gravel Quarry	Museums: Brechin Town House Museum	
TT/182/14	Prehistoric excavation assemblage CA159	Nigg Caravan Park	Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museums	City of Aberdeen
TT/197/14	Medieval to Modern excavation assemblage AHED08	Archers Hall	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
TT/202/14	Medieval to post medieval excavation assemblage GME07	Grassmarket, Edinburgh	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
TT/203/14	Post Medieval to modern excavation assemblage HIGH10	343 High Street, Edinburgh	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
TT/204/14	Medieval to modern excavation assemblage JSE07	43 Jeffery Street, Edinburgh	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
TT/205/14	Medieval to modern excavation assemblage LGS04	Giles Street, Leith	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
TT/211/14	Medieval to post medieval excavation assemblage WPE03	Well House Tower, Edinburgh	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
TT/216/14	Post Medieval excavation assemblage ECB06	Edinburgh Castle	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
TT/223/14	19th - 20th century excavation assemblage 22075/22224	Salamander Place	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
TT/224/14	Post Medieval to modern excavation assemblage 215422/21838	Salamander Place/4- 14 Poplar Lane	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
TT/218/14	Medieval to post medieval excavation assemblage DMG06	Darnley Mains	Disclaimed	City of Glasgow
TT/225/14	18th-20th century excavation assemblage 21370	Dalmarnock (Commonwealth Games Village 2009- 2010	Disclaimed	City of Glasgow
TT/209/14	19th century excavation assemblage PRSS10	Ponesk Remainder Surface Mine	Disclaimed	East Ayrshire
TT/193/14	Multi-period from Ironage to Post Medieval excavation assemblage AA1522	Kirkness, The Scottish Seabird Centre	East Lothian Museum Service	East Lothian



TT/220/14	Prehistoric and modern excavation assemblage 22693	Newhouse	East Lothian Museum Service	East Lothian
TT/222/14	Post Medieval excavation assemblage 20462	Brunton Wireworks	East Lothian Museum Service	East Lothian
TT/201/14	Medieval to post medieval excavation assemblage DMG06	Darnley Mains	Disclaimed	East Renfrewshire
TT/217/14	Medieval to Modern excavation assemblage EGPG11	Earls Gate Park	Disclaimed	Falkirk
TT/196/14	Mesolithic - Medieval excavation assemblage FRCE10	Forth Replacement Crossing	National Museums Scotland*	Fife
TT/210/14	Medieval to modern excavation assemblage WLSA11	West Burns Lane, St Andrews	Disclaimed	Fife
TT/190/14	Neolithic and Modern excavation assemblage TBB14	Torbeck Barley Bree	Disclaimed	Highland
TT/214/14	Prehistoric or Post Medieval excavation assemblage	Rhicullen	National Museums Scotland*	Highland
TT/186/14	Multi-period from prehistoric to medieval excavation assemblage FRW12	Fortrose and Rosmarkie Waste Water Works	Cromarty Courthouse Museum	Highland
TT/221/14	Medieval excavation assemblage	Cousland Castle	Disclaimed	Midlothian
TT/191/14	Medieval excavation assemblage	Plainstones, High Street, Elgin	Disclaimed	Moray
TT/195/14	Post medieval excavation assemblage AA2017	Reekimlane Kiln	Disclaimed	Moray
TT/213/14	Post Medieval excavation assemblage	Burghead	Disclaimed	Moray
TT/189/14	Medieval excavation assemblage PCN14	Pluscarden Abbey	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT/192/14	Bronze Age to 19th century excavation assemblage	East End High School	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT/207/14	Bronze Age to 19th century excavation assemblage MMA01	Montfode Mount	Disclaimed	North Ayrshire
TT/206/14	Post Medieval to modern excavation assemblage MEWB09	M80 Haggs watching brief	Disclaimed	North Lanarkshire
TT/188/14	18th-19th century excavation	Kinfauns Castle	National	Perth and Kinross

	assemblage PEX179		Museums Scotland	
TT/226/14	Iron Age Excavation assemblage BS	The Black Spout, Pitlochry	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth and Kinross
TT/185/14	Multi-period from Iron Age excavation assemblage OSB95_06	Old Scatness Broch and Iron Age Village	Shetland Museum	Shetland
TT/227/14	Post medieval excavation assemblage G/553	Grutness	Shetland Museum	Shetland
TT/228/14	Post Medieval excavation Assemblage G/5	Grutness Fishing Station	Shetland Museum	Shetland
TT/229/14	Late Mesolithic - Early Neolithic excavation assemblage	West Voe, Sumburgh	Shetland Museum	Shetland
TT/194/14	Prehistoric and post medieval excavation assemblage AA1778	Calder Water Windfarm	National Museums Scotland*	South Lanarkshire
TT/200/14	Prehistoric excavation assemblage CCEE11	Carnwath Cemetery extension	Disclaimed	South Lanarkshire
TT/208/14	Post Medieval to modern excavation assemblage MRBN10	Milne Park Road, Bannockburn	Disclaimed	Stirling
TT/198/14	18th century to Modern excavation assemblage BLWL11	Burghmuir	Disclaimed	West Lothian
TT/199/14	Medieval to modern excavation assemblage BCCP10	Beecraigs Country Park	Disclaimed	West Lothian
TT/215/14	Prehistoric to modern excavation assemblage KMLW11	Kettilstoun Mains	National Museums Scotland*	West Lothian

#### 4. Appeals

The panel reconsidered the appeals for cases TT/95/14 and TT/116/14 against the criteria in Appendix M of the Code of Practice to reach their recommendation on allocation to the QLTR. It was agreed that there was no grounds to change the initial decision to recommend allocation to Aberdeen University Museums.

## **5. AOCB**

The Hunterian Museum was discussed as a venue for the next panel meeting. Due to panel member availability the date Wednesday 5 August 2015 suggested as an alternative to 30 July 2015.

**\*AP:** TTU circulate date to panel for approval.

### **END OF MINUTES**

#### SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

\*AP: TTU circulate date of August meeting to panel for approval.

\*AP: AB to produce revised wording regarding Recognised Collections.

\*AP: TTU to consider redrafting Appendix L and M

\*AP: Panel to provide comments on Archaeology Strategy to ES by 29 May 2015 to be collated for a response to HS via QLTR to be sent

\*AP: TTU to produce guidance note on their observations regarding reduced volume of applications from museums

\*AP: SAFAP to raise reduced volume of applications from museums in the comments on the Scottish Archaeology Strategy Consultation