

Minutes of the meeting of

THE SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS ALLOCATION PANEL

10:45am, Thursday 24th March 2016

Present: Dr Evelyn Silber (Chair), Neil Curtis, Dr Murray Cook, Jennifer Youngson (MGS), Jilly Burns (NMS). Dr Mary McLeod-Rivett, Paul MacDonald

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

1. Apologies

Richard Welander (Historic Environment Scotland).

2. Chair Remarks

The Chair highlighted the dates for the upcoming panel meetings in 2016 as suggested by the TTU and asked the panel to confirm whether these dates were still suitable. The panel agreed the following dates:

Thursday 16th June 2016
Thursday 27th October 2016

The Chair raised the question on whether the panel will be meeting again outside Edinburgh. It was decided that all panel meetings will be held in NMS in 2016.

The Chair was notified by Jennifer Youngson that this would be her last panel meeting as MGS represented. The Chair thanked JY for her contribution to the panel over the last two years. The Chair looks forward to meeting the new MGS representative at the next meeting.

The QLTR Solicitor reported to the Chair that the current QLTR, Catherine Dyer was retiring at the beginning of April. The QLTR Solicitor also reported that David Harvey had been recently appointed as QLTR. The Chair expressed her sincerest thanks to the QLTR for her support of TTU and SAFAP. The Chair also welcomed the opportunity to meet the new QLTR when he is in post.

3. Treasure Trove Unit Report

SC reported on the progress of the Galloway hoard conservation. The majority of the material has been transferred to TTU for assessment, with the exception of a small number of objects wrapped in organic matter.

SC reported on a recent press release (24th March) regarding material recovered from the Carolingian vessel. This was successful and gained significant media attention.

SC reported on current challenges with the TT website. Due to issues relating to technical support SC is currently exploring hosting avenues to resolve the issues.

SC reported on his productive trip to the University of Helsinki and the Finland National Board of Antiquities. This trip also included lectures and workshops in Treasure Trove law and material culture for both students and heritage professionals.

SC reported on a recent meeting with Penny Bull of the Art Fund to discuss procedures and funding options.

SC noted the quality of the valuation information provided by finders in relation to the ex gratia award had been poor. SC suggested the creation of a template to assist finders when seeking their own evidence to ensure quality assurance.

NF reported that the outreach programme for 2016 had been launched. As well as numerous Finds Days, talks and workshops across the country, other highlights include four days in Orkney and a continuation of the Kelvingrove Museum regular finds days.

NF also reported on the progress of the partnership project with Historic Environment Scotland: Assessment of the Extent and Character of Hobbyist Metal Detecting Activity in Scotland. This project is in its final stages with a draft of the report currently being considered. A final report will be made available online at the end of April.

4. QLTR Business and Panel Business

The QLTR solicitor reported that the recent revisions to the Code of Practice went live on the QLTR website in January.

5. Cases

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. This included JB, NC and MM in relation to cases involving National Museum Scotland and Aberdeen University Museum, Museum nan Eilean respectively.

New Cases

Summary:

Chance Finds- 90

Excavation assemblages – 19

Cases with multiple applications - 0

Cases with no applications- 23

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

Case list in order of Local Authority:

Chance Finds

TT. No	Description	Ex Gratia	Museum	Local Authority
TT/211/15	Early modern shoulder-belt plate, Macduff	£50	University of Aberdeen Museums*	Aberdeenshire
TT/229/15	18th century fob seal, Echt	£75	University of Aberdeen Museums*	Aberdeenshire
TT/142/15	Early Historic Enamelled Mount, Nr Kinnordy	£150	Kirriemuir Gateway to the Glens Museum	Angus
TT/161/15	18th Century Lead Button, Glamis	£50	Kirriemuir Gateway to the Glens Museum	Angus
TT/190/15	Modified Medieval Papal Bulla, Montrose	£400	Montrose Museum	Angus
TT/144/15	Medieval & Later Finds, East Haven	£300	Signal Tower Museum	Angus
TT/154/15	Medieval Silver Gilt Ring, Baldovan	£2000	The Meffan Museum	Angus
TT/182/15	Medieval Gold Finger Ring & Seal Matrix, Forfar	£5125	The Meffan Museum	Angus
TT/132/15	Post-Medieval Knife Handle, Kilchoman	Waived	Museum of Islay Life	Argyll & Bute
TT/138/15	Early Historic Strap End, Kirkcudbright	£100	The Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
TT/158/15	Medieval Rotary Quern, Kirkcudbright	Waived	The Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
TT/134/15	Medieval Harness Pendant, Papple	£125	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT/147/15	Fragment Early Bronze Age Axehead, East Linton	£25	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT/166/15	Post medieval roundshot, Prestonpans	£50	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT/173/15	Romano-British Headstud Brooch & Enamelled	£100	East Lothian Council Museums	East Lothian

	Strap Fastner, Aberlady		Service	
TT/174/15	Roman-British Dolphin Brooch, East Linton	£65	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT/179/15	Post Medieval Lead Composite Shot, Prestonpans	£50	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT/193/15	Medieval Harness Pendant, Haddington	£65	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT/221/15	Gold ingot, Gullane	£200	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT/137/15	Middle Bronze Age Chisel/Axehead, Barrhead	£225	Glasgow Museums*	East Renfrewshire
TT/149/15	16th Century Coin Hoard, nr. Lindores	£610	Fife Cultural Trust – Kirkcaldy Museum & Art Gallery	Fife
TT/156/15	3 Medieval Finds, Leslie	£125	Fife Cultural Trust – Kirkcaldy Museum & Art Gallery	Fife
TT/168/15	Roman Iron Age Strap-Mount, Wemyss	£100	Fife Cultural Trust – Kirkcaldy Museum & Art Gallery	Fife
TT/192/15	Medieval Seal Matrix, East Wemyss	£250	Fife Cultural Trust – Kirkcaldy Museum & Art Gallery	Fife
TT/133/15	Early Medieval Dress Pin, Aberdour	£65	Fife Cultural Trust - Pittencrieff House Museum	Fife
TT/140/15	18th Century Pierced Token, Oakley	£25	Fife Cultural Trust - Pittencrieff House Museum	Fife
TT/143/15	Medieval & Later Finds, Crail	£200	Fife Cultural Trust - St	Fife

			Andrews Museum	
TT/155/15	3 Medieval Finds, Kingsbarns	£300	Fife Cultural Trust - St Andrews Museum	Fife
TT/164/15	Post-Medieval Parish Token, Lower Largo	£100	Fife Cultural Trust - St Andrews Museum	Fife
TT/165/15	17th Century Silver Cufflink, Upper Largo	£25	Fife Cultural Trust - St Andrews Museum	Fife
TT/167/15	Early Medieval Penannular Brooch, Boarhills	£6000	Fife Cultural Trust - St Andrews Museum	Fife
TT/175/15	Fragment Of Romano-British Headstud Brooch, Boarhills	£15	Fife Cultural Trust - St Andrews Museum	Fife
TT/176/15	Roman Weight, Boarhills	£50	Fife Cultural Trust - St Andrews Museum	Fife
TT/191/15	Medieval Harness Pendant, Kingsbarns	£125	Fife Cultural Trust - St Andrews Museum	Fife
TT/146/15	Late Bronze Age Axehead, Conon Bridge	£200	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
TT/160/15	Post-Medieval Gold Posy Ring, Kirkhill	£700	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
TT/178/15	Medieval Pin, Muir of Ord	£75	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
TT/183/15	Medieval Annular Brooch, Muir of Ord	£35	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
TT/185/15	Medieval Zoomorphic Buckle, Kiltarlity	£300	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
TT/186/15	Medieval Annular Brooch, North Kessock	£25	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
TT/210/15	Roman iron age strap fastener, Balloch	£35	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
TT/180/15	Early Modern Shoulder-Belt Plate, Lochailort	£225	West Highland Museum	Highland

TT/226/15	Medieval & later assemblage, Duffus	£165	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT/227/15	Medieval & later assemblage, Spynie	£700	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT/228/15	Fragment of highland brooch, Elgin	£20	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT/233/15	Medieval heraldic pendant, Duffus Castle	£100	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT/225/15	Medieval sword pommel, Keith	£250	University of Aberdeen Museums*	Moray
TT/159/15	Post Medieval Gold Posy Ring, Isle of Lewis	£2250	Museum nan Eilean	Na h-Eileanan Siar
TT/222/15	EBA Beaker vessel, West Gerinish, South Uist	£300	Museum nan Eilean	Na h-Eileanan Siar
TT/163/15	Early Modern Toy Watch, Beith	£75	North Ayrshire Heritage Centre	North Ayrshire
TT/151/15	Medieval & Later Assemblage, Bankfoot	£375	National Museums Scotland*	Perth & Kinross
TT/135/15	17th Century Gold Finger Ring, Muthill	£350	Perth & Kinross Council Museums & Galleries	Perth & Kinross
TT/139/15	Medieval Silver Crucifix Fragment, Muthill	£35	Perth & Kinross Council Museums & Galleries	Perth & Kinross
TT/145/15	Early Medieval Dress Pin, Redgorton	£45	Perth & Kinross Council Museums & Galleries	Perth & Kinross
TT/148/15	Neolithic Leaf-Shaped Arrowhead, Guildtown	Waived	Perth & Kinross Council Museums & Galleries	Perth & Kinross
TT/150/15	Medieval Finger Ring & Harness, Bridge of Earn	£215	Perth & Kinross Council Museums & Galleries	Perth & Kinross
TT/153/15	Medieval Zoomorphic Buckle, Kirkton	£65	Perth & Kinross Council Museums & Galleries	Perth & Kinross
TT/184/15	Medieval Harness Pendant, Moneydie	£300	Perth & Kinross Council Museums & Galleries	Perth & Kinross

TT/187/15	Medieval Lead Seal, Redgorton	£25	Perth & Kinross Council Museums & Galleries	Perth & Kinross
TT/152/15	Medieval Coin Hoard, Bankfoot	£280	The Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT/157/15	Prehistoric Cup & Ring Mark Stone, Soutra	Waived	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
TT/216/15	Early Bronze Age axehead, Maxton	£50	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
TT/141/15	Romano-British Brooch, Hawick	£25	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
TT/162/15	Post Medieval Lead Composite Shot, Minto	£50	No application	Scottish Borders
TT/169/15	Roman Iron Age Strap-Fastner & Bridle Bit, Ayton	£75	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
TT/170/15	Roman-British Fantail Brooch Fragment, Eyemouth	£25	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
TT/171/15	3 X Early Medieval Pin-Heads, Ayton	£50	No application	Scottish Borders
TT/188/15	Medieval Seal Matrix, Ayton	£125	No application	Scottish Borders
TT/189/15	Medieval - Post Medieval Assemblage, Eyemouth	£260	No application	Scottish Borders
TT/214/15	Medieval & later assemblage, Maxton	£550	No application	Scottish Borders
TT/215/15	2 Roman brooches, Maxton	£75	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
TT/217/15	Iron Age fastener, nr. Maxton	£30	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
TT/218/15	Roman brooch, Woden Law	£65	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
TT/219/15	Fragment of Iron Age terret, nr. Maxton	£35	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
TT/220/15	Piece of silver ingot, Branxholme	£100	National Museums	Scottish Borders

			Scotland*	
TT/181/15	Medieval Coin Hoard, Morebattle	£680	The Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery*	Scottish Borders
TT/212/15	Romano-British Dragonesque brooch, Stobo	£450	Tweeddale Museum	Scottish Borders
TT/213/15	Medieval buckle, Stobo	£65	Tweeddale Museum	Scottish Borders
TT/223/15	Iron Age enamelled mount, Carstairs	waived	Biggar & Upper Clydesdale Museum	South Lanarkshire
TT/224/15	Post-medieval toy hammer, Carstairs	waived	Biggar & Upper Clydesdale Museum	South Lanarkshire
TT/136/15	Medieval Lead Cross, Bannockburn	£30	Dunblane Museum	Stirling
TT/172/15	Early Medieval Piece Of Hacksilver, Dunblane	£200	Dunblane Museum	Stirling
TT/177/15	Early Medieval Weight, Cowie	£50	Dunblane Museum	Stirling

Excavation Assemblages

TT. No	Description	Location	Museum	Local Authority
TT/198/15	Early to late Neolithic excavation assemblage	Biggar Common East,	Biggar & Upper Clydesdale Museum	South Lanarkshire
TT/199/15	Neolithic to Bronze Age excavation assemblage	Carwood Farm,	Biggar & Upper Clydesdale Museum	South Lanarkshire
TT/200/15	Post Medieval excavation assemblage	Coom,	Biggar & Upper Clydesdale Museum	South Lanarkshire
TT/201/15	Post Medieval excavation assemblage	Glendorch Bastle House,	Biggar & Upper Clydesdale Museum	South Lanarkshire
TT/202/15	Neolithic and Bronze Age	Melbourne Farm,	Biggar & Upper	South Lanarkshire

	excavation assemblage		Clydesdale Museum	
TT/203/15	Mesolithic and early Neolithic excavation assemblage	Nether Hangingshaw Farm,	Biggar & Upper Clydesdale Museum	South Lanarkshire
TT/205/15	Roman/Iron age - Modern excavation assemblage	Carzield Roman Fort & Wellington Bridge (3261/3410)	Dumfries Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
TT/206/15	Late Neolithic/Early Bronze Age excavation assemblage	Rothes Golf Club, (3366)	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT/209/15	Prehistoric to Modern excavation assemblage	M8 Motorway – Gas pipeline diversions, (MED 16)	Glasgow Museums	North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire, City of Glasgow
TT/207/15	Bronze age excavation assemblage	Keas Cottage, Spinningdale, (3406)	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
TT/208/15	Early Bronze Age excavation assemblage	West Torbreck, (3499)	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
TT/232/15	Medieval/Post-Medieval Excavation Assemblage	Achanduin Castle, Lismore	Isle of Lismore (Lismore Historical Society/Comann Eachdraidh Lios Mor)	Argyll & Bute
TT/197/15	Late Bronze Age to Iron Age excavation assemblage	Druimsdale Machair, South Uist, (4077-32)	Museum nan Eilean	Na h-Eileanan Siar
TT/231/15	Neolithic Excavation Assemblage	An Doirlinn, nr Orisay, South Uist	Museum nan Eilean	Na h-Eileanan Siar
TT/194/15	Early Prehistoric excavation assemblage	Giant's Graves, Isle of Arran, (4077-22)	National Museums Scotland	North Ayrshire
TT/195/15	Early Bronze age to Early Historic	Broomlands, Kelso, (4077-29)	National Museums	Scottish Borders

	excavation assemblage		Scotland	
TT/204/15	Medieval to Modern excavation assemblage	Kilmarnock to Irvine Storm Relief Sewer, (3211 & 3635)	<i>Disclaimed</i>	North Ayrshire
TT/196/15	Medieval excavation assemblage	St Thomas' Kirk, Hall of Rendall, (4077-13)	The Orkney Museum	Orkney Islands
TT/230/15	Medieval/Post-medieval Excavation Assemblage	Castle Island, Loch Kinord,	University of Aberdeen Museums	Aberdeenshire

6. AOCB

JB reported to the panel that the National Fund for Acquisitions have issued new guidelines and applications forms with the aim of reducing administration.

SC and JB suggested the formation of a sub-committee to work on current revisions of the Code of Practice.

List of Action Points

***AP** Creation of an ex gratia award template for finders wishing to produce valuation evidence.

END OF MINUTES