

Minutes of the meeting of

**THE SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS ALLOCATION PANEL**

11.00AM Thursday 15 March 2012  
NMS, Chambers Street, Edinburgh

**Present:** Dr Evelyn Silber (Chair), Mr Neil Curtis, Mr John Urquhart, Mr David Connolly, Ms Jane Robinson (MGS Panel appointee, stepping down), Ms Gillian Findlay (MGS Panel appointee, replacing Ms Robinson)

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

**Apologies:** Ms Jilly Burns (NMS Panel appointee), Miss Natasha Ferguson (TTU)

**1. Chair's Remarks**

Dr Silber welcomed Gillian Finlay to the panel as Jane Robinson's replacement and paid tribute to the service Jane had given SAFAP since joining as the Museums Galleries Scotland appointee.

Dr Silber remarked that, since her appointment as SAFAP chair, she had met with TTU and QLTR Unit staff as well as with external stakeholders to the TT system. It was reassuring that there was broad agreement both internally and externally as to where difficulties lay, and that the TTU and QLR Unit were working already on the issues such as excavation assemblages.

A great deal had already been done to improve the speed of procedures, and the agreement to deal with business between panel meetings and the introduction of electronic panel papers was a promising start

**2. Minutes of December 2011**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

**3. QLTR Business**

*Code of Practice review*

It was envisaged that minor alterations would improve greatly the working of the code, and it was intended that external users of the system would be consulted. QLTR and TTU staff had identified points where past experience suggested greater clarity could be introduced or other requirements made, as well as considering lessons which could be

learned from other jurisdictions. Suggestions included the requirement that both TT and the finder of an object be credited on museum labels. It was also observed that partnership applications from museums could be encouraged.

*Standing Application*

SC circulated papers in line with suggestions offered at last meeting. To be circulated again in line with comments.

*TTU Activity Report*

SC gave report on work of the TTU, including plans to redevelop website and outreach activities.

*TTU Operational Plan 2012-13 & TTU Strategic Plan 2012-15*

Copies previously circulated; these documents agreed between QLTR Unit, NMS and Scottish Government.

**4. New Cases**

TT No.	Case	Ex gratia	Applying Institution
92/11	Medieval, post-medieval and modern excavation assemblage, Aberlady, East Lothian	n/a	East Lothian
93/11	15 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> century excavation assemblage, Advocate’s Close, High Street, Edinburgh	n/a	DISCLAIM
94/11	Medieval and post-medieval excavation assemblage, Bellvue Hotel, Dunbar, East Lothian	n/a	DISCLAIM
95/11	Post-medieval/modern excavation assemblage, Edmonstone Biomedical Centre, Little France, Edinburgh	n/a	DISCLAIM
96/11	Neolithic excavation assemblage, Burnside Enclosure, Blairgowrie, Kinloch, Perth and Kinross	n/a	DISCLAIM
97/11	Early Neolithic excavation assemblage, Castle Stuart Golf Links, Old Petty, Inverness, Highland	n/a	Inverness
98/11	Prehistoric (Neolithic and Bronze Age) excavation assemblage, Stoneyhill Landfill, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire	n/a	Aberdeen University Museums

99/11	Medieval, post-medieval and modern excavation assemblage, Crarae Garden, Loch Fyne, Argyll & Bute	n/a	Kilmartin
100/11	Prehistoric, post-medieval and modern excavation assemblage, Broomhouses, Lockerbie, Dumfries and Galloway	n/a	Annan
101/11	Bronze Age excavation assemblage, Elvanfoot Substation, Crawford, South Lanarkshire	n/a	Biggar
102/11	Prehistoric to Medieval excavation assemblage, Hatton Mill, Friockheim, Angus	n/a	Angus Museums
103/11	Medieval to modern excavation assemblage, Gardener's Gardens, North Berwick, East Lothian	n/a	East Lothian
104/11	Prehistoric (including Late Bronze Age) excavation assemblage, Home Farm, Portree, Skye and Lochalsh, Highland	n/a	Museum of the Isles
105/11	Modern excavation assemblage, A9 Kindallachan Junction, Dunkeld&Dowally, Perth and Kinross	n/a	DISCLAIM
106/11	Post-medieval and modern excavation assemblage, The Kilns, 6 Fairfields, Moss Road, Dunmore, Falkirk	n/a	DISCLAIM
107/11	Mesolithic to Medieval (particularly Bronze Age) excavation assemblage, Lesmurdie Road, Elgin	n/a	Elgin
108/11	Medieval and post-medieval excavation assemblage, St Mary's Star of the Sea, Leith, Edinburgh	n/a	DISCLAIM
109/11	Medieval excavation assemblage, Melrose Abbey, Melrose, Scottish Borders	n/a	DISCLAIM
110/11	Medieval to modern excavation assemblage, WesterDalmeny Steading, Dalmeny, City of Edinburgh	n/a	DISCLAIM
111/11	Undated excavation assemblage, Muir Deans OCCS, Crossgates, Fife	n/a	DISCLAIM
112/11	Medieval/post-medieval excavation assemblage, Old Craighall to New Craighall, A1 Craighall Link,	n/a	DISCLAIM

	Mucklets Road, Musselburgh, East Lothian		
113/11	Prehistoric, medieval and post-medieval excavation assemblage, Newton Road, Carnoustie, Angus	n/a	Angus Museums
114/11	Neolithic and Bronze Age excavation assemblage, Stirling – Alloa – Kincardine Railway, Alloa, Stirling	n/a	DISCLAIM
115/11	Medieval or later excavation assemblage, Sinclair McGill Building, Haddington, East Lothian	n/a	DISCLAIM
116/11	19th and 20th century excavation assemblage, M9 Spur Extension & A90 upgrading, Kirkliston and Dalmeny, City of Edinburgh	n/a	DISCLAIM
117/11	Post-medieval excavation assemblage, Charteris Land, 15 St John Street, Edinburgh	n/a	DISCLAIM
118/11	Prehistoric to Modern excavation assemblage, Stirling, Perth and Broxburn Pipelines, St Ninians, Redgerton, Moneydie&Kirkliston. LA: Stirling, Perth and Kinross, West Lothian and City of Edinburgh	n/a	West Lothian
119/11	Excavation assemblage of undated finds, Toddle Burn and Calliacherwindfarm, near Stow, Scottish Borders	n/a	DISCLAIM
120/11	18th – 20th century excavation assemblage, Wilston Opencast Coal Site, Carnwath, South Lanarkshire	n/a	Biggar
121/11	Prehistoric excavation assemblage, Glengarioch, Oldmeldrum, Aberdeenshire	n/a	Aberdeenshire
122/11	Early Historic – medieval excavation assemblage, Whithorn, Phase 2 Fey Field, Whithorn, Dumfries and Galloway	n/a	Stranraer
123/11	19th - 20th century excavation assemblage, 61 Wilson Avenue, Prestonpans, East Lothian	n/a	East Lothian
124/11	Robert Gordon Garthdee Campus, Aberdeen	n/a	Aberdeen University Museums*
125/11	Paisley Abbey Drain, Paisley, Renfrewshire	n/a	Paisley

126/11	Cnoc nan Gall, Machrins, Colonsay and Oronsay, Argyll and Bute	n/a	Campbeltown
127/11	19th century excavation assemblage, Mansion Street, Possil, City of Glasgow	n/a	Kelvingrove
128/11	Excavation assemblage of unknown date, Soutra Quarry, Humber, Scottish Borders	n/a	DISCLAIM
129/11	Post medieval excavation assemblage, Prestonlinks Community Woodland, Prestonpans, East Lothian	n/a	East Lothian
130/11	Neolithic excavation assemblage, Echline Avenue, South Queensferry, City of Edinburgh	n/a	Edinburgh
131/11	Excavation assemblage of unknown date, Loch Croispol Schoolhouse, Balnakei, Durness, Highland	n/a	DISCLAIM
132/11	Modern (19th century) excavation assemblage, The Garrison Grounds, Millport, North Ayrshire	n/a	Kelvingrove
133/11	Late medieval/late 19th century excavation assemblage, St Augustine's Episcopal Church, Dumbarton, West Dumbartonshire	n/a	Kelvingrove
134/11	19 medieval & later objects, Crail, Fife	£100	Fife
135/11	14 medieval & late objects, East Haven, Angus	£65	Angus
136/11	2 medieval objects, Balmerino, Fife	£50	Fife
137/11	Post-medieval amulet, Dufftown, Moray	£25	Falconer Museum
138/11	Neolithic axehead, Crook of Devon, Perth & Kinross	waived	Perth
139/11	Medieval harness pendant, Cromarty, Highland	£50	Inverness*
140/11	7 medieval & later objects, Crail, Fife	£95	Fife
141/11	2 Roman objects, Castlecary, Falkirk	£260	Falkirk
142/11	Medieval silver finger ring, Banff, Aberdeenshire	£70**	Aberdeen University Museums*
143/11	Medieval silver finger ring, Newburgh, Fife	£1500	Fife
144/11	Hoard of 80 Roman coins, Selkirk, Scottish Borders	£11,400	NMS
145/11	Post-medieval seal matrix,	£50	Falkirk

	Castlecary, Falkirk		
146/11	Roman weight, Newstead, Scottish Borders	£30	Trimontium Trust
147/11	Iron Age terret, Melrose, Scottish Borders	£30	Trimontium Trust
148/11	Roman brooch, Oxton, Scottish Borders	£50	Scottish Borders
149/11	Anglo-Saxon strap end, Melrose, Scottish Borders	£50	Scottish Borders
150/11	Roman brooch, Melrose, Scottish Borders	£25	Scottish Borders
151/11	Roman seal box lid, Philiphaugh, Scottish Borders	£125	Scottish Borders
152/11	Medieval silver finger ring, Fala, Midlothian	£750	NMS*

\*Accepted by the relevant institution in the absence of applications from a local museum

\*\* Neil Curtis left the room while the ex gratia award was decided for this case.

## **5. AOCB**

The dates of the next SAFAP meetings for 2012 were affirmed as June 28<sup>th</sup> November 25<sup>th</sup>.