

Minutes of the meeting of

THE SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS ALLOCATION PANEL

10am, Thursday 24th October 2013

Stirling Castle, Stirling

Present: Dr Evelyn Silber (Chair), John Urquhart, David Connolly, Neil Curtis, Jennifer Youngson (formerly Siswell) (MGS), Mr Richard Welander (Historic Scotland)

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

Apologies: Jilly Burns (NMS)

1. Chair Remarks

The chair welcomed the panel to the meeting noting that this was the first SAFAP meeting to be held outside Edinburgh. The chair thanked Historic Scotland for providing a venue for the meeting in Stirling Castle.

The chair briefed the panel on the lunchtime meeting to be held with guests joining to represent interested parties in the local area, including archaeologists, museum curators and metal detectorists.

No other matters arising.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 July 2013

3. QLTR Business

AB reported to the panel on the progress of the Code of Practice review and preparation of the response. The panel were asked to comment on the current review response.

AB reported that the revised Code of Practice will aim to be available by March/April 2014.

SC reported a positive response from ALGAO with response to discussions on the handling of archaeological assemblages. The panel agreed with SCs suggestion that any discussion regarding assemblages should include representatives from across the heritage sector.

SC informed the panel of concerns raised by the QLTR regarding the late payment by of ex gratia awards by a small number of museums and institutions. The panel discussed the factors attributed to late payments and suggested methods to help reduce the number of museums issuing late payments

4. Treasure Trove Unit Report

SC reported that the number of outreach events engaged by the Unit had increased significantly. Two workshops aimed at heritage professionals as well as metal detector users held in Aberdeenshire and Inverness proved to be successful with positive feedback from both events. JY suggested the involvement of MGS to promote these workshops to other professionals within the museum sector.

TTU Finds days have also continued to be productive. This is reflected in the consistent increase in reported finds and claimed cases since the last SAFAP meeting in July 2013.

NF reported the development of links with Local Authority Archaeologists and Historic Environment Record teams and the improved dissemination of Treasure Trove data as facilitated by the SMR forum. TTU is also now part of the Specialist User Recording Environment (SURE) initiative, as managed by the RCAHMS, which allows for TT data to be inputted directly into CANMORE and therefore ensure professional and public accessibility to TT data.

5. New cases

Chance Finds- 52 cases

1 case with multiple applications- 65/13

TT No.	Description	Ex gratia	Museum	Local Authority
45/13	Merovingian gold coin, Coldstream	£1600	Hunterian Museum*	Scottish Borders
46/13	Tip of Bronze Age sword, Dundrennan	£25	The Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
47/13	Bronze Age arrowhead, Dundreggan	£85	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
48/13	Medieval and later assemblage, Dairsie	£50	Fife Cultural Trust: St Andrews Museum	Fife
49/13	Medieval silver coin, Melrose	£3000	NMS*	Scottish Borders
50/13	Fragment of Bronze Age	£25	Glasgow Museums	Renfrewshire

	axehead, Inchinnan			
51/13	16 th century gold finger ring, Rosewell	£1600	NMS*	Midlothian
52/13	Fragment of annular brooch, Isle of Lewis	£15	Museum nan Eilean	Western Isles
53/13	Post- medieval gold posy ring, Inchyra	£950	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
54/13	Early Historic pommel, Hawick	£200	NMS*	Scottish Borders
55/13	Roman copper alloy bell, Spittalfield	£75	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
56/13	Fragment of medieval silver ring, FowlisWeste r	£20	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
57/13	Pierced coin of Charles II, Rosyth	£25	Fife Cultural Trust: Pittencrieff House Museum	Fife
58/13	Medieval sword pommel, St John's Town of Dalry,	£250	The Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
59/13	16 th -17 th century seal matrix, Glamis	£150	Angus	Angus
60/13	Iron Age sword hilt, Dunkeld	£250	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
61/13	18 th century political medal, Cowie	£65	Smith Museum and Art Gallery	Stirling
62/13	Post- medieval toy watch, Aberdour	£60	Fife Cultural Trust: Pittencrieff House Museum	Fife

63/13	17 th century toy figurine, Penicuik	£20	NMS*	Midlothian
64/13	Fragment of Bronze Age axehead, Ballathie	£25	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
65/13	Medieval seal matrix, St Andrews	£175	McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum	Fife
66/13	Medieval annular brooch, Milton	£20	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
67/13	Medieval annular brooch, Muir of Ord	£20	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
68/13	Medieval/Early Historic dress pin, Inverness	£75	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
69/13	Medieval & later finds, Redcastle	£45	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
70/13	Medieval & later finds, Fortrose	£100	Groam House Museum	Highland
71/13	Medieval & later finds, Cromarty	£100	Cromarty Courthouse Museum	Highland
72/13	Medieval & later finds, Crail,	£65	Fife Cultural Trust: St Andrews Museum	Fife
73/13	Fragment of Bronze Age sword, Usan	waived	Angus	Angus
74/13	Communion Token, Airth	£65	Disclaimed	Falkirk
75/13	Post-medieval silver ring, Cadboll	£75	Inverness Museum and Art Gallery	Highland
76/13	Medieval papal bulla, Hawick	£350	Hawick Museum	Scottish Borders
77/13	Medieval & later finds,	£150	Historylinks Museum	Highland

	Clashmore			
78/13	Early Historic silver ingot, Clashmore	£100	Historylinks Museum	Highland
79/13	Late Iron Age pin head, Clashmore	£35	Historylinks Museum	Highland
80/13	2 Early Historic finds, Burghead,	£325	Elgin Museum	Moray
81/13	5 Roman & Iron Age finds Burghead	£125	Elgin Museum	Moray
82/13	Medieval & later finds, Burghead	£75	Elgin Museum	Moray
83/13	Medieval & later finds, Burghead	£350	Elgin Museum	Moray
84/13	Roman & Iron Age finds Burghead	£185	Elgin Museum	Moray
85/13	Early Historic finds, Burghead,	£85	Elgin Museum	Moray
86/13	Fragment of Late bronze Age armlet, Burghead	£25	Elgin Museum	Moray
87/13	Roman & Iron Age finds Burghead	£100	Elgin Museum	Moray
88/13	Medieval & later finds, Burghead	£325	Elgin Museum	Moray
89/13	Iron Age finds, Elgin	£35	Elgin Museum	Moray
90/13	Medieval & later finds, Elgin	£65	Elgin Museum	Moray
91/13	Medieval & later finds, Spynie	£65	Elgin Museum	Moray
102/13	Roman Figurine,	£350	Dumfries Museum	Dumfries & Galloway

	Dalswinton			
103/13	Bronze Age axehead, Deskford	£315	Elgin Museum	Moray
104/13	Fragment Late Bronze Age socketed axehead, Crieff	£25	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth and Kinross
105/13	Fragment Medieval Pilgrim's Badge	£25	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth and Kinross
106/13	Fragment Roman headstud brooch, Loch Leven	waived	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth and Kinross

Excavation Assemblages

11 cases

TT No.	Description	Site Name	Museum
092/13	Multi site and multi period excavation assemblage	Udal, North Uist, Western Isles	Museum nan Eilean
093/13	Iron Age and Norse excavation assemblage	Norwick, Island of Unst, Shetland	Shetland Museum
094/13	Medieval - Post Medieval excavation assemblage	Kinnoull Aisle, Perth, Perth and Kinross	Perth Museum & Art Gallery
095/13	Medieval - Post Medieval/modern burial excavation assemblage	Old Kinnoull Church Graveyard, Perth, Perth and Kinross	Perth Museum & Art Gallery
096/13	Medieval - 19th century excavation assemblage	Greyfriars Burial Ground, Perth, Perth and Kinross	Perth Museum & Art Gallery
097/13	Medieval pottery and Post Medieval excavation assemblage	199 High Street, Perth, Perth and Kinross	Perth Museum & Art Gallery
098/13	Medieval - Post Medieval and Modern excavation assemblage	Fair Maid's House, Perth, Perth and Kinross	Perth Museum & Art Gallery
099/13	Medieval excavation assemblage	Kirkgate, Perth, Perth and Kinross	Perth Museum & Art Gallery
100/13	Neolithic lithic with Medieval - Modern excavation assemblage	St John's Kirk, Perth, Perth and Kinross	Perth Museum & Art Gallery
101/13	Late Neolithic to Post Medieval excavation assemblage	Soutra Quarry Extension (3 phases) Humble, Scottish Borders	Disclaimed

107/13	Medieval excavation assemblage	A9 Dualling: Luncarty to Pass of Birnam	Perth Museum & Art Gallery
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*** to accept in absence of applications from local institutions**

6. AOCB

NC requested clarification on the legal position relating to carved stones. The QLTR solicitor clarified the definition of *bona vacantia* and confirmed that detaching an object from heritage did not of itself render something ownerless. This position was accepted by the panel.

The Chair noted that DCs term as a panel member had come to a close and wished to thank him for his service as a member of the panel

Dates for the next SAFAP meetings were confirmed as:

Thursday 27th March 2014

Thursday 3rd July 2014 – proposed to be remote meeting out with Edinburgh

Thursday 6th November 2014

END OF MINUTES