

Minutes of the meeting of

**THE SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS ALLOCATION PANEL**

13:30, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF

**Present:** Dr Evelyn Silber (Chair), Dr Stuart Allan, Paul MacDonald, Dr Mary McLeod Rivett, Jacob O’Sullivan, Rona Walker, Peter Yeoman.

**In attendance:** Emily Freeman (TTU), Ella Paul (TTU), Robert Sandeman (Solicitor to the QLTR), Beth Spence (HES).

**Apologies:** Mark Hall.

Minutes taken by Ella Paul.

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

ES welcomed all to the meeting and introduced BS.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

**3. Chair – news and current issues**

- Code of Practice

Discussions were had regarding a future Code of Practice review. It was acknowledged that there are some ‘grey areas’ in the current code, and that any new document would need to clarify these as well as address new situations that had arisen since the last review. It was widely agreed that public notification of any review was important, but this is pending feedback from the QLTR. A suggestion was made to provide user documents drawn from the new code, which would be more accessible than the full document.

- Transportation of TTU objects

JOS provided an update on whether there were any financial resources available for transportation of TTU material. There is currently no funding pot available. SA noted that the TT system relies on a network of museum professionals transporting material and without this the system would be much slower. MMR raised the possibility of remote recording through local museums; however EF advised that many museums are not equipped for this.

- Archaeology Strategy update

The question of conservation was raised. TTU material is only conserved for stabilisation reasons and SA stressed that we must be mindful of the resources available to us.

#### 4. TTU Report

EF gave a brief update on the outreach activities of TTU since the June 2019 meeting as well as the number of objects recorded in total for 2019.

The issue of Scottish portable antiquities being sold on sites such as eBay was raised. EF stated there was evidence of Scottish material being sold without having first been declared to TTU. MMR recommended keeping a record of such cases in the immediate term.

#### 5. NMS Report

No update. All points were raised in the End of Year Review meeting (see relevant minutes).

#### 6. AOCB

SAFAP meeting dates for 2020 are as follows: Wed 08 April and Wed 26 August. The date for the end of year meeting is still to be confirmed.

#### 7. Cases

Section 1: The following cases have been allocated to the museum shown with the agreed valuation.

##### *Chance Finds: Cases with conflicting applications or finder comparanda*

TT 90/19	Roman Brooch, Kildrummy	£30	Aberdeenshire Museums Service	Aberdeenshire
TT 109/19	Medieval – Post-Medieval Finger Ring, Aberlemno	£1000	ANGUSalive	Angus
TT 147/19	Medieval Coin, Montrose	£100	ANGUSalive	Angus
TT 146/19	Iron Age/Roman Brooch, Stenhousemuir	£50	Falkirk Museum	Falkirk

##### *Chance Finds*

TT No.	Description	Ex Gratia	Application(s)	Local Authority
TT 89/19	Roman Coin, Stonehaven	£30	University of Aberdeen	Aberdeenshire

			Museums and Special Collections	
TT 135/19	Two Bronze Age Axeheads, Glass	£370	University of Aberdeen Museums and Special Collections	Aberdeenshire
TT 92/19	Medieval Assemblage, Fraserburgh	£120	Aberdeenshire Museums Service	Aberdeenshire
TT 74/19	Bronze Age Axehead Fragment, Ruthven	£25	ANGUSalive	Angus
TT 132/19	Medieval-Post-Medieval Assemblage, East Haven	£300	ANGUSalive	Angus
TT 94/19	Bronze Age Arrowhead, Carradale	*Waived*	Kilmartin Museum	Argyll & Bute
TT 102/19	Bronze Age Axehead, Isle of Islay	£170	Museum of Islay Life	Argyll & Bute
TT 103/19	Roman Imperial Denarius, Kirkton	£35	Dumfries Museum and Camera Obscura	Dumfries & Galloway
TT 126/19	Medieval Hand Bell, New Abbey	£30	Dumfries Museum and Camera Obscura	Dumfries & Galloway
TT 104/19	Iron Age Object, Lochans	*ex gratia revoked* (scheduled site)	Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
TT 127/19	Bronze Age Knife Fragments, Leswalt	£40	Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
TT 79/19	Medieval Mount, Newburgh	£250	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 81/19	Late Bronze Age Socketed Gouge, Aberdour	£80	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 99/19	Early Medieval Coin, Lindores	£1200	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 101/19	Late Medieval/Post-Medieval Seal Matrix, St Andrews	£40	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 111/19	Iron Age Button and Loop Fastener, Kingsbarns	£20	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 128/19	Bronze Age Spearhead Fragment, Lindores	£15	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 100/19	Medieval Harness Pendant, St Andrews	£50	Museum of the University of St Andrews	Fife
TT 112/19	Medieval Harness Pendant, Muir of Ord	£200	Inverness Museum and Art Gallery	Highland

TT 113/19	Medieval Miniature Axe, Muir of Ord	£35	Inverness Museum and Art Gallery	Highland
TT 119/19	Post-Medieval Finger Ring, Nethy Bridge	£600	Inverness Museum and Art Gallery	Highland
TT 114/19	Medieval Annular Brooch, Auldearn	£30	Nairn Museum	Highland
TT 115/19	Post-Medieval Finger Ring, Portmahomack	£300	Tarbat Discovery Centre	Highland
TT 118/19	Roman Brooch, Fortrose	£50	Groam House Museum	Highland
TT 82/19	Medieval Harness Pendant, Lossiemouth	£130	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT 84/19	Post-Medieval Seal Matrix, Elgin	£185	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT 105/19	Bronze Age Axehead, Duffus	£150	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT 106/19	Medieval – Post-medieval assemblage, Duffus	£940 - 1450	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT 108/19	Post-Medieval Mount, Elgin	£60	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT 117/19	Early Medieval Cross Slab, Kinloss	No finder	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT 120/19	Medieval Harness Pendant, Knockando	£190	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT 121/19	Medieval Papal Bulla, Aberlour	£100	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT 136/19	Roman Coin Hoard, Duffus	£60	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT 110/19	Medieval Comb, Westray	£30	Orkney Museum	Orkney
TT 130/19	Roman Coin, Sandwick	£15	Orkney Museum	Orkney
TT 131/19	Iron Age-Medieval Whetstone, Pool, Sanday	*waived*	Orkney Museum	Orkney
TT 73/19	Iron Age/Roman Strap Mount, Muthill	£40	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 75/19	Medieval Harness Pendant, Portmoak	£180	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 91/19	Bronze Age Axehead Fragment, Balbeggie	£25	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 96/19	Iron Age Terret Ring, Kinnesswood	£35	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 97/19	Iron Age Tankard Handle, Greenloaning	£400	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 129/19	Medieval Papal Bulla, Coupar Angus	£60	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 98/19	Roman Coin Hoard, Bishopton	£400	Paisley Museum	Renfrewshire
TT 76/19	Medieval Seal Matrix, Roxburgh	£225	LiveBorders	Scottish Borders

TT 85/19	Bronze Age Axehead, Galashiels	£120	LiveBorders	Scottish Borders
TT 86/19	Bronze/Iron Age Axehead, Morebattle	£60	LiveBorders	Scottish Borders
TT 107/19	Roman Bead, Peebles	£10	LiveBorders	Scottish Borders
TT 123/19	Roman Brooch Fragment, Kirkcud	*waived*	LiveBorders	Scottish Borders
TT 124/19	Roman Brooch Fragment, Duns	*waived*	LiveBorders	Scottish Borders
TT 133/19	Iron Age Terret Ring, Oxnam	£40	LiveBorders	Scottish Borders
TT 116/19	Prehistoric Stone, Port of Menteith	*waived*	Smith Art Gallery and Museum	Stirling
TT 88/19	Medieval Pin, Benbecula	£130	Museum nan Eilean	Western Isles
TT 137/19	Medieval Strapend, South Uist	£40	Museum nan Eilean	Western Isles
TT 138/19	Medieval Assemblage, South Uist	£130	Museum nan Eilean	Western Isles
TT 139/19	Viking Age Insular Weight, South Uist	£125	Museum nan Eilean	Western Isles
TT 140/19	Viking Age Knot Ring, South Uist	£120	Museum nan Eilean	Western Isles
TT 141/19	Post-Medieval Brooch Fragment, South Uist	£25	Museum nan Eilean	Western Isles
TT 142/19	Early Medieval Coin, South Uist	£30	Museum nan Eilean	Western Isles
TT 143/19	Roman Coin, South Uist	£15	Museum nan Eilean	Western Isles
TT 144/19	Prehistoric – Viking Age Stone Smoother, South Uist	£10	Museum nan Eilean	Western Isles
TT 145/19	Viking Age Hook/Loop, South Uist	£15	Museum nan Eilean	Western Isles
TT 134/19	Medieval Coin Hoard, Roslin	£8000	National Museums Scotland	Midlothian
TT 122/19	Iron Age Mirror Handle, Urquhart	£300	National Museums Scotland	Moray
TT 72/19	Medieval Coin Fragment, Muthill	£10	National Museums Scotland	Perth & Kinross
TT 77/19	Bronze Age Penannular Gold Ring, Chirnside	£2500	National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders
TT 78/19	Early Medieval Brooch Fragment, Chirnside	£150	National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders
TT 93/19	Bronze Age Chisel, Thornhill	£100	National Museums Scotland	Stirling
TT 95/19	Bronze Axe Axehead, Kildearn	£115	National Museums Scotland	Stirling

*The below chance finds were accepted by museums in a last resort capacity*

TT 83/19	Medieval Finger Ring, Elgin	£1750	*National Museums Scotland	Moray
TT 80/19	Medieval Finger Ring, Preston	£2100	*National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders
TT 125/19	Gold demy-lion of Robert III, Chirnside	£1700	*National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders

*Excavation Assemblages*

TT No.	Description	Application(s)	Local Authority
TT 165/19	Medieval Assemblage, Old Aberdeen. Site Code CA 399: 1 Box	Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museums	City of Aberdeen
TT 155/19	Prehistoric and Modern Assemblage, Cnoc and Rath, Isle of Bute. Site Code CAR11: 1 Box	Bute Museum	Argyll & Bute
TT 152/19	Prehistoric, Medieval to Modern Assemblage, Victoria Primary School, Newhaven. Site Code AOC 22594: 2 Boxes	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
TT 158/19	Roman Assemblage, Mumrills Roman Fort, Falkirk, Site Code MM: 26 Boxes	Falkirk Museum	Falkirk
TT 159/19	Roman Assemblage, Carriden Roman Fort, Bo'Ness, Site Code CE: 6 Boxes	Falkirk Museum	Falkirk
TT 160/19	Roman Assemblage, Castlecary Roman Fort, Cumbernauld, Site Code CC: 3 Boxes	Falkirk Museum	Falkirk
TT 161/19	Roman Assemblage, Falkirk Roman Fort, Falkirk, Site Code FK: 12 Boxes	Falkirk Museum	Falkirk
TT 166/19	Post-Medieval and Modern Assemblage, Culloden, Inverness. Site STB 17: 1 Box	Inverness Museum and Art Gallery	Highland
TT 153/19	Iron Age Assemblage, Moray Sports Centre, Elgin. Site	National Museums Scotland	Moray

	Code AOC 23184_24446: 1 Box		
TT 163/19	Roman Iron Age & Medieval Assemblage, Gourrock Burn Homestead, West Kilbride: 4 Boxes and 2 Large Quern Fragments	North Ayrshire Heritage Centre	North Ayrshire
TT 164/19	Medieval to Post-Medieval Assemblage, Perth Theatre, Perth. Site Code PE56. 19 Boxes	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 156/19	Neolithic (possible) and Post-Medieval Drimore-Pollachar, Loch Na Muilne. Site Code DRP17: 1 Small Box	Museum nan Eilean	Western Isles

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TT 162/19	Roman Iron Age/Medieval Assemblage, Bankhead Homestead, Darvel: 1 Small Box	*National Museums Scotland	East Ayrshire
TT 151/19	Pitlethie Road, Prehistoric to Medieval site, Leuchars. Site Code AOC 4091: Prehistoric Ceramics and Polished Stone Axe	*National Museums Scotland	Fife

Section 2: Material not allocated.

*The below chance finds received no applications*

TT 168/19	Medieval to Post-Medieval Coin Hoard, Hilton of Cadboll	£2625	No Application	Highland
TT 87/19	Medieval Coin Hoard, Morebattle	£1500	No Application	Scottish Borders

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TT 154/19	Medieval Assemblage, Arnhall Quarry Phases 9/2 and 10/1, Edzell. Site Code AQUA: 1 Box	No Application		Aberdeenshire
TT 149/19	Modern Assemblage, Queen	No Application		City of Edinburgh

	Charlotte Street & Links Lane, Leith. Site Code AA1726: 1 Medium Box		
TT 150/19	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Assemblage, Barrhead Road, Paisley. Site Code AA 1972: 1 Small Box	No Application	Renfrewshire
TT 148/19	Post-Medieval Assemblage, Cranshaws Castle, Cranshaws. Site Code AA 1970: 2 Boxes	No Application	Scottish Borders
TT 167/19	Medieval Assemblage, Birgham Haugh Steading. Site Code AA 1660: 1 Fragment of Ceramic	No Application	Scottish Borders
TT 157/19	Post-Medieval Assemblage, Wester Yardhouses. Site Code AA2028: 1 Small Box	No Application	South Lanarkshire