

Minutes of the meeting of

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

10:45am, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Chambers Street, National Museums Scotland

**Present:** Dr Evelyn Silber (Chair), Jilly Burns (NMS) Neil Curtis, Murray Cook, Dr Mary McLeod-Rivett, Mr Richard Welander (Historic Scotland), Jennifer Youngson (MGS)

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

Apologies: John Urquhart

### **1. Chair Remarks**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed new members to the panel, namely Murray Cook and Dr Mary McLeod-Rivett. The Chair also thanked in absentia, John Urquhart, who will be stepping down after the March 2014 meeting, for his service to the panel.

The Chair thanked Andrew Brown, QTLR solicitor, members of SAFAP and the TTU for their work on the Code of Practice Review.

### **2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

### **3. QLTR Business**

AB reported on the progress of the Code of Practice Review which is in its final stages before being presented to the QLTR in April.

Members of the panel were invited to make any final comments relating to the review.

AB asks panel members if they are content to utilise digital media, such as email or Skype, to discuss certain panel matters outside usual meetings. The panel agreed to this.

The potential organisation of an Amnesty day for unreported Treasure Trove material was discussed by the panel. Generally it was agreed that this would be a good idea, however, some consideration to the nature of the event and the use of the word 'amnesty' was required.

AB also updated the Panel on his recent meeting with NCMD, the implications for bona vacantia from the Scottish Coal litigation and also Records Management implications from the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011 and in particular that the TTU records would form part of the NMS plan.

#### 4. Treasure Trove Unit Report

Over the last year the Unit has participated 36 outreach events, including finds days, workshops, talks to clubs and societies, and attendance at larger heritage events. Workshops were organised in co-ordination with National & International Partnerships, NMS and were designed for professional and non-professional engagement with Treasure Trove.

SC reported that there has been a 100% increase in cases claimed as Treasure Trove over the previous two years.

The SURE partnership with RCAHMS continues and the Unit are on course to enter five years of TT data relating to claimed cases into Canmore to ensure greater professional and public access.

'Guide to reporting' posters have been successful in raising awareness of the archaeological material finders should be reporting. Completed posters in this series include artefacts for the 'Post Medieval' period and 'Military artefacts'.

*AP: Include footer on TT documents outlining the date to help inform users that information provided is accurate and relevant.*

#### 5. New cases

Chance Finds - 55 cases

Cases with competing Applications- 1

National Museums Scotland and Aberdeen University Museums representatives were absent from the room when cases involving their respective institutions were discussed.

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| TT.108/13 | Medieval coin hoard, Kiltarlity,          | £850  | Inverness Museum & Art Gallery | Highland |
| TT.109/13 | Prehistoric carved stone ball, Balintore, | £1700 | Tarbat Discovery Centre        | Highland |
| TT.110/13 | Neolithic flint                           | £85   | Perth Museum &                 | Perth &  |

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|           | arrowhead,<br>Aberuthven                               |       | Art Gallery                       | Kinross             |
| TT.111/13 | Early<br>Historic ring-<br>headed pin, Roslin          | £150  | NMS                               | Midlothian          |
| TT.112/13 | Prehistoric flint<br>blade, Inverugie                  | £125  | Aberdeen<br>University<br>Museums | Aberdeenshire       |
| TT.113/13 | Post-medieval<br>buckle plate, Isle<br>of Coll         | £25   | Campbeltown                       | Argyll & Bute       |
| TT.114/13 | Medieval Seal<br>Matrix , Dalcross                     | £350  | Inverness Museum<br>& Art Gallery | Highland            |
| TT.115/13 | Fragment of post-<br>medieval silver<br>ring, Dalcross | £25   | Inverness Museum<br>& Art Gallery | Highland            |
| TT.116/13 | Early Medieval<br>Penannular brooch,<br>Auldearn       | £650  | Nairn Museum                      | Highland            |
| TT.117/13 | Middle Bronze<br>Age axehead,<br>Cowie                 | £200  | NMS*                              | Stirling            |
| TT.118/13 | Medieval harness<br>pendant, Loch<br>Leven             | £125  | Perth Museum &<br>Art Gallery     | Perth &<br>Kinross  |
| TT.119/13 | Medieval seal<br>matrix, Kelso                         | £450  | Coldstream<br>Museum              | Scottish<br>Borders |
| TT.120/13 | Post-medieval<br>brooch, Strageath                     | £20   | Perth Museum &<br>Art Gallery     | Perth &<br>Kinross  |
| TT.121/13 | Bronze Age chisel,<br>Spittalfield                     | £45   | Perth Museum &<br>Art Gallery     | Perth &<br>Kinross  |
| TT.122/13 | Medieval strap<br>end, Hawick                          | £45   | Hawick Museum                     | Scottish<br>Borders |
| TT.123/13 | Medieval finger<br>ring, Pitcairngreen                 | £200  | Perth Museum &<br>Art Gallery     | Perth &<br>Kinross  |
| TT.124/13 | Medieval harness<br>pendant, Forteviot                 | £30   | Perth Museum &<br>Art Gallery     | Perth &<br>Kinross  |
| TT.125/13 | Post-medieval gold<br>finger ring,<br>Culross          | £3000 | Fife Cultural Trust               | Fife                |
| TT.126/13 | Post-medieval gold<br>finger ring,<br>Montrose         | £1700 | Montrose Museum                   | Angus               |

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| TT.127/13 | Medieval zoomorphic buckle, Strathmiglo         | £125   | Fife Cultural Trust             | Fife                |
| TT.128/13 | Post-medieval Canister shot, Culloden           | £10    | Inverness Museum & Art Gallery  | Highland            |
| TT.129/13 | Fragments of Bronze Age sword blade, Dundrennan | £125   | Stewartry Museum                | Dumfries & Galloway |
| TT.130/13 | Roman brooch, Charlestown                       | waived | Fife Cultural Trust             | Fife                |
| TT.131/13 | Medieval silver crucifix, Milnathort            | £350   | Perth Museum & Art Gallery      | Perth & Kinross     |
| TT.132/13 | Medieval silver finger ring, Arisaig            | £250   | Inverness Museum & Art Gallery* | Highland            |
| TT.133/13 | Fragment of bronze Age axehead, Montrose        | £100   | Montrose Museum                 | Angus               |
| TT.134/13 | Fragment of Bronze Age gold ring, Dairsie       | Waived | Fife Cultural Trust             | Fife                |
| TT.135/13 | Medieval harness pendant and mount, Dairsie     | Waived | Fife Cultural Trust             | Fife                |
| TT.136/13 | Early Historic strap mount, Dairsie             | Waived | Fife Cultural Trust             | Fife                |
| TT.137/13 | 16th-17th century seal matrix, Lower Largo      | £25    | Fife Cultural Trust             | Fife                |
| TT.138/13 | Pictish symbol stone, Craigellachie             | £3000  | Elgin Museum                    | Moray               |
| TT.139/13 | Fragment of stone macehead, Nigg                | £100   | Tarbat Discovery Centre         | Highland            |
| TT.140/13 | Bronze Age flanged axehead/chisel, Hawick       | £225   | Hawick Museum                   | Scottish Borders    |

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| TT.141/13 | Fragmentary Roman wine dipper, Hawick         | £200  | Hawick Museum                              | Scottish Borders    |
| TT.142/13 | Assemblage of metal detected finds, Burghead  | £125  | Elgin Museum                               | Moray               |
| TT.143/13 | Two early modern lead tokens, Birnie          | £25   | Elgin Museum                               | Moray               |
| TT.144/13 | Fragment of Bronze Age rapier, Stonehaven     | £25   | Aberdeen University Museums                | Aberdeenshire       |
| TT.145/13 | Medieval harness pendant, Wishaw              | £175  | North Lanarkshire                          | North Lanarkshire   |
| TT.146/13 | Bronze Age flanged axehead/chisel, Torphichen | £285  | West Lothian Council Museums Service       | West Lothian        |
| TT.147/13 | Fragment of early modern crucifix, Dundee     | £25   | The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum | Dundee City         |
| TT.148/13 | Late Bronze Age socketed axehead, Newmachar   | £200  | <i>Aberdeen University Museums</i>         | Aberdeenshire       |
| TT.149/13 | Medieval coin hoard, Castle Douglas           | £860  | <i>Stewartry Museum</i>                    | Dumfries & Galloway |
| TT.150/13 | Roman mortar, Rough Castle                    | £120  | <i>NMS</i>                                 | Falkirk             |
| TT.151/13 | Bronze Age pinhead, Dores                     | £350  | <i>Inverness Museum</i>                    | Highland            |
| TT.152/13 | Medieval brooch, Crawford                     | £350  | <i>Biggar Museum Trust</i>                 | South Lanarkshire   |
| TT.153/13 | Four medieval objects, Morebattle             | £265  | <i>Coldstream Museum</i>                   | Scottish Borders    |
| TT.154/13 | Iron Age strap mount, Dunbar                  | £5500 | <i>East Lothian Museums</i>                | East Lothian        |
| TT.155/13 | Iron Age terret, nr Haddington                | £1500 | <i>East Lothian Museums</i>                | East Lothian        |
| TT.156/13 | Roman brooch, Ospisdale                       | £25   | <i>Historylinks</i>                        | Highland            |
| TT.157/13 | Roman brooch, Spittalfield                    | £75   | <i>NMS</i>                                 | Perth & Kinross     |
| TT.164/13 | Medieval coin hoard, Ballingry,               | £2920 | <i>Fife Cultural Trust</i>                 | Fife                |

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| TT.165/13 | Post-medieval brooch, Durness               | £25  | <i>Disclaimed</i>                                    | Highland            |
| TT.166/13 | Assemblage of medieval finds, Kirkcudbright | £50  | <i>Stewartry Museum</i>                              | Dumfries & Galloway |
| TT.167/13 | Medieval ewer, Lilliesleaf                  | £900 | <i>Scottish Borders Museum Service, Selkirk area</i> | Scottish Borders    |
| TT.168/13 | Fragment of carved stone, Traprain Law      | £150 | <i>NMS</i>   | East Lothian        |

Excavation assemblages- 6 cases

| <b>TT No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                             | <b>Site Name</b>                    | <b>Museum</b>                      |
|---------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 158/13        | Bronze Age and Neolithic excavation assemblage | Castle Stuart, Highland             | Inverness Museum & Art Gallery     |
| 159/13        | Bronze Age and modern excavation assemblage    | Dalmore (2000), Alness, Highland    | Inverness Museum & Art Gallery*    |
| 160/13        | Post medieval excavation assemblage            | Tarbolton Cemetery, South Ayrshire  | <i>Disclaimed</i>                  |
| 161/13        | Early prehistoric excavation assemblage        | Sauchen, Aberdeenshire              | <i>Aberdeen University Museums</i> |
| 162/13        | Post medieval battle related assemblage        | Philiphaugh, Scottish Borders       | <i>Disclaimed</i>                  |
| 163/13        | Multi-phase and period excavation assemblage   | Edinburgh Castle, City of Edinburgh | <i>Historic Scotland</i>           |

**\* to accept in absence of applications from local institutions**

## **6. AOCB**

Stuart Campbell informed the panel that Mark Elliot, Conservation Officer at Museum nan Eilean, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, sadly passed away in December 2013. Mark had worked closely with the Treasure Trove Unit and had made a great contribution to the archaeology of the Western Isles.

Dates for the next SAFAP meetings were confirmed as:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 – proposed to be remote meeting held in the The McManus:  
Dundee's Art Gallery & Museum Dundee  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**END OF MINUTES**