

Minutes of the meeting of

THE SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS ALLOCATION PANEL

10:45, Thursday 14th March 2019, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF

Present: Dr Evelyn Silber (Chair), Dr Stuart Allan, Mark Hall, Paul MacDonald, Jacob O'Sullivan, Dr Mary McLeod Rivett, Peter Yeoman.

In attendance: Emily Freeman (TTU), Ella Paul (TTU), Ian Richardson (Treasure Registrar, Portable Antiquities Scheme), Amy Marsh (Assistant Treasure Registrar, Portable Antiquities Scheme).

Apologies: Robert Sandeman (Solicitor to the QLTR), Richard Welander (Historic Environment Scotland).

Minutes taken by Ella Paul.

1. Welcome and Apologies

ES welcomed all to the meeting and introduced IR and AM from the Portable Antiquities Scheme.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

EF stated that the Annual Report had been submitted to the QLTR for approval.

3. Chair – News and Current Issues

- TTU Responsibilities

ES commended the recent work between the QLTR and NMS to define their respective responsibilities for the Treasure Trove Unit.

SA stated that there are currently three draft papers (Note of Functions, Conflicts of Interest, Exceptional Circumstances) which have been submitted to the QLTR and are awaiting comment.

- Last Resort Timeframe

EF previously proposed a new TTU timetable of case lists being prepared eight weeks before a panel meeting instead of six. This would allow Museums of Last Resort more time to apply for material which would otherwise be disclaimed. EF suggested that the TTU would implement the new timeframe this year, with the aim to introduce it ahead of the June meeting.

- End-of-year Meeting

In the absence of RS a date for the final meeting of 2019 was not set.

- Church of Scotland – Request for Minutes

ES provided the minutes requested by the Church of Scotland (see previous minutes).

- Collaborative Working

TTU, QLTR, HES and NMS attended a meeting on 17th January 2019 to discuss mutual interests and collaborative working procedures. The meeting went well, with an internal document drawn up post-meeting.

- Code of Practice

ES suggested a small working group be set up to discuss revision to the Code of Practice; this will be raised again at the June meeting.

4. Portable Antiquities Scheme Report

The Treasure Act (1996) operates in England and Wales and is under review, with a public consultation open until the end of April. In this context, IR and AM were invited to the SAFAP meeting for an overview of how the Treasure Trove process operates in Scotland.

IR gave an initial overview of the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) in England and Wales and raised some of the key issues being discussed ahead of the Treasure Act revision. These included the use of internal and external valuers, the definition of ‘treasure’, and the idea of metal detecting licences (as in Ireland, for example). ES raised some of the differences between PAS and TTU, including that SAFAP has responsibility for Code of Practice revisions in Scotland rather than the government.

General discussion was had by the panel, proving useful to SAFAP ahead of a future Treasure Trove Code of Practice revision.

5. NMS Report

- Database

NMS and TTU have been engaging with an external consultant regarding requirements for a new case management system. They are awaiting a report before deciding on next steps.

- **Office Move**

SA commended EF and EP for their work during a busy office move earlier in the year. TTU is still housed within the Scottish History and Archaeology department at NMS, but within a separate office which avoids conflicts of interest.

6. TTU Report

EF outlined the recent outreach events, including a visit to the Scottish Detector Club and a talk with the Edinburgh Young Archaeologists. Future finds days will be held at Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum and Dumfries Museum.

The Heritage Crime Group and a Crimestoppers is due for launch on 18 April at Callendar House, Falkirk, which EF will be attending. The aim is to alert members of the public to heritage crime and how they can report it. Fiona Hyslop will be in attendance.

TTU has been invited to the next museum’s working group for the Scottish Archaeology Strategy, with EF attending.

7. AOCB

PM gave a talk to the Scottish Detector Club. TTU confirmed that they also visited the same club in February and intend to return later in the year.

8. Cases

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

Cases with conflicting applications or finder comparanda

TT 167/18	Three Medieval coins, East Linton	£390	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT 130/18	Medieval fede ring, Colinsburgh	£1500	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 146/18	Medieval stirrup finger ring, Crail	£1000	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 155/18	Post-Medieval lead seal, Strathmiglo	£250	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 156/18	Medieval finger ring,	£3000	Fife Cultural	Fife

	Kingsbarns		Trust	
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Chance Finds

TT 138/18	Neolithic carved stone ball, Rhynie	£2500	University of Aberdeen Museums	Aberdeenshire
TT 171/18	Medieval annular brooch, Banff	£45	Aberdeenshire Museums Service	Aberdeenshire
TT 172/18	Post-Medieval gold token, Benholm	£450	Aberdeenshire Museums Service	Aberdeenshire
TT 089/18 (deferred case)	Pictish Stone, Dyce	£2250	Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museums	Aberdeenshire
TT 169/18	Medieval finger ring	£125	ANGUSAlive Museums	Angus
TT 176/18	Medieval seal matrix, Kinnettles	£125	ANGUSAlive Museums	Angus
TT 175/18	Medieval sword pommel, Oban	£350	National Museums Scotland	Argyll & Bute
TT 148/18	Roman Imperial denarius, Gatehouse of Fleet	£40	The Stewartry Museum	Dumfries and Galloway
TT 158/18	Post-Medieval coin hoard, Glencairn	£125	Dumfries Museum and Camera Obscura	Dumfries and Galloway
TT 165/18	Two Medieval coins, Kirkcudbright	£90	The Stewartry Museum	Dumfries and Galloway
TT 173/18	Roman/Medieval padlock & key, Kirkcudbright	£95	The Stewartry Museum	Dumfries and Galloway
TT 140/18	Bronze Age axe hoard, Dunbar	£400	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT 152/18	Medieval to Post-Medieval coin assemblage, Tynninghame	£160	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
TT 170/18	Medieval strap-end, East Linton	£15	East Lothian Council Museums	East Lothian

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TT 132/18	Medieval papal bulla, St Andrews	£350	Museum of the University of St Andrews	Fife
TT 137/18	Medieval seal matrix, Crail	£350	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 145/18	Medieval seal matrix, St Andrews	£175	Museum of the University of St Andrews	Fife
TT 147/18	Medieval seal matrix, St Andrews	£300	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 157/18	Medieval gold coin, Kingsbarns	£4500	Museum of the University of St Andrews	Fife
TT 159/18	Post-Medieval gold finger ring, St Andrews	£100	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 160/18	Bronze Age axehead fragment, Auchtermuchty	£25	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 162/18	Post-Medieval silver cufflink, Colinsburgh	£35	Fife Cultural Trust	Fife
TT 131/18	Post-Medieval coin hoard, Daviot	£100	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
TT 136/18	Medieval harness pendant, Rosemarkie	£45	Groam House Museum	Highland
TT 150/18	Medieval to Post-Medieval brooch fragment, Dornoch	£15	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
TT 163/18	Bronze Age axehead, Forteviot	£125	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth and Kinross
TT 164/18	Medieval harness pendant, Kinnesswood	£20	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth and Kinross
TT 168/18	Post-Medieval musket ball assemblage, Dunkeld	Waived	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth and Kinross
TT 178/18	Medieval annular brooch, Bankfoot	£40	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth and Kinross
TT 141/18	Medieval papal bulla, Kelso	£200	National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders
TT 151/18	Anglo-Saxon pyramidal mount, Sprouston	£50	National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders
TT 166/18	Roman brooch, Galashiels	<i>No ex gratia (scheduled)</i>	National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders

		<i>site)</i>		
TT 142/18	Roman siliqua, Libberton	£35	Biggar Museum Trust	Scottish Borders
TT 143/18	Medieval finger ring, Carstairs	£1300	Lanark Museum	South Lanarkshire
TT 129/18	Bronze Age flat axehead, Thornhill	£80	National Museums Scotland	Stirling

Excavation Assemblages

TT 188/18	Kirkton of Fetteresso, Early Neolithic to Early Medieval assemblage, Cameron Archaeology Ltd Site Code CA139; 3 boxes.	Aberdeenshire Museums Service	Aberdeenshire
TT 189/18	Wester Clarkhill, Upper Palaeolithic to Neolithic assemblage, Cameron Archaeology Ltd Site Code CA269; 2 Boxes	Aberdeenshire Museums Service	Aberdeenshire
TT 190/18	Old Deer, Late Medieval to Modern assemblage, Cameron Archaeology Ltd Site Code CA271; 2 Boxes.	Aberdeenshire Museums Service	Aberdeenshire
TT 192/18	Brucklay Estate. Modern assemblage, Cameron Archaeology Ltd Site Code CA400; 1 Box	Aberdeenshire Museums Service	Aberdeenshire
TT 196/18	St Giles Cathedral. Post-Medieval to Modern assemblage, AOC Archaeology Group, Site Code AOC3824; 3 Boxes.	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
TT 183/18	Duncan Place, Leith. Prehistoric, Medieval and Post-Medieval assemblage, Addyman Archaeology Site Code AA1620; 1 Box	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
TT 191/18	Essich Road, Inverness. Late Mesolithic to Late Neolithic assemblage, Cameron Archaeology Ltd Site Code 315; 1 Box	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Highland
TT 182/18	Brodick Castle. Two fragments of Medieval ceramic, Addyman Archaeology Site Code AA1527; 1 small Box	National Trust Scotland	North Ayrshire
TT 198/18	Crow Taing, Tofts Ness. Early Medieval assemblage, AOC Archaeology Group, Site Code AOC 22470-6; 3 Boxes.	The Orkney Museum	Orkney
TT 193/18	Lair, Glenshee. Early Medieval	Perth Museum	Perth and

	assemblage, Perth & Kinross Heritage Trust, various site codes; 2 Boxes.	& Art Gallery	Kinross
TT 187/18	All Hallows, Inchinnan Medieval-Post-Medieval assemblage, Calluna Archaeology Site Code CA002; 5 boxes	Paisley Museum	Renfrewshire
TT 180/18	Burns Cottage. 19 th Century Assemblage, Addyman Archaeology Site Code AA1511; 1 Box	National Trust Scotland	South Ayrshire
TT 194/18	Swaites Hill Cairn. Bronze Age assemblage, Rathmell Archaeology Ltd, Site Code RA13069; 2 Boxes + 1 rapier.	Lanark Museum	South Lanarkshire

The below cases were accepted by museums in a last resort capacity.

TT 133/18	Two Roman imperial denarii, Strathmiglo	£60	*National Museums Scotland	Fife
TT 139/18	Iron Age strap mount, Chirnside	£700	*National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders
TT 144/18	Roman Republican denarius, Cavers	£40	*The Hunterian	Scottish Borders
TT 153/18	Roman brooch fragment, Maxton	£15	*National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders
TT 161/18	Roman coin hoard, Yetholm Loch	£20	*National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders
TT 174/18	Medieval sword pommel, Hawick	£200	*National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders
TT 177/18	Medieval annular brooch, Hawick	£150	*National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders
TT 135/18	Bronze Age palstave fragment, Kippen	£25	*National Museums Scotland	Stirling

Section 2: Material not allocated.

The below cases have been deferred until the next meeting.

TT 186/18	Arbroath Abbey, Medieval and Post-Medieval assemblages, Alder	Deferred	Angus
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	Archaeology Site Codes AB18; 32 standard boxes, 16 architectural stones. AB21; 1 box.		
TT 195/18	Auchrannie Souterrain. Iron Age assemblage, Rathmell Archaeology Ltd Site Code RA08039; 3 Boxes.	Deferred	North Ayrshire
TT 122/18 (deferred case)	Medieval to Modern Assemblage, Site Code MINA16; 2 Boxes + 1 Stone. St Andrews, Fife.	Deferred	Fife

The below cases received no applications.

TT 149/18	Post-Medieval seal ring, Bonhill	£10,000	Disclaimed	Argyll & Bute
TT 134/18	Post-Medieval fob seal, Falkirk	£25	Disclaimed	Falkirk
TT 154/18	Medieval harness pendant, Darnick	£125	Disclaimed	Scottish Borders

TT 181/18	Taymouth Castle. 20 th Century assemblage, Addyman Archaeology Site Code AA1521; 1 Box	Disclaimed	Perth & Kinross
TT 197/18	Wee Big Dig 2015-2017, Abernethy. Medieval to Modern assemblage, AOC Archaeology Group, Site code AOC23024; 3 Boxes.	Disclaimed	Perth & Kinross
TT 179/18	Kirkhope Tower. Post- Medieval Assemblage, Addyman Archaeology Site Code AA1385; 1 Box	Disclaimed	Scottish Borders
TT 184/18	Dykedale, Kippendavie Estate, post-Medieval assemblage, Addyman Archaeology Sit Code 1935; 3 Boxes	Disclaimed	Stirling
TT 185/18	Callander Primary School, 19 th Century assemblage, Addyman Archaeology Site Code AA2059; 2 Boxes	Disclaimed	Stirling