

Minutes of the meeting of

THE SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS ALLOCATION PANEL

10:45am, Wednesday 5 August 2015

Melville Room, University of Glasgow, Glasgow

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

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

1. Apologies

There were no apologies or absentees from the meeting.

2. Chair Remarks

The chair reported to the panel that interviews for the lay member of SAFAP had taken place and that the recommended candidate would be confirmed in due course.

Dates for the panel meetings taking place in 2016 were proposed and confirmed with panel members. They are as follows:

Thursday 24 March 2016

Thursday 16 June 2016

Thursday 27 October 2016

3. QLTR business

AB reported that a response to the Scottish Archaeology Strategy Consultation was drafted with input from panel members and sent to the consultation prior to the 31st May deadline

4. Treasure Trove Unit Report

SC updated the panel on the current progress of the TTU outreach programme. This included lectures and workshops linked in with the East of Scotland Museums Partnership touring exhibition of recently accessioned Treasure Trove material, *Treasures Found: Archaeology from the East of Scotland*.

SC reported a recent concern relating to the low reporting of archaeological objects by finders attending large scale metal detecting events (rallies). Strategies to counteract this issue are currently being evaluated.

Police Scotland has contacted the TTU with the purpose of developing a strategy to develop the concept of heritage crime and strategies to counteract it. The TTU is also currently liaising with Historic England on the same matter.

5. Panel Business

- a. The panel discussed redrafts within the Code of Practice to clarify procedures; agreed that Panel members would prepare adjusted wording around the proposals for Recognised Collections in Appendix M (with read across to the other relevant Appendices) but agreed consideration would be given to Appendix M generally with the benefit of the experience of multiple applications and appeals and SC to prepare a note
***AP:** SC to prepare note
- b. JB leaves the room:
 SC and RW updated the panel on the progress of the Dumfries hoard which is currently undergoing conservation. A timescale on completion is currently under discussion but it was agreed that the complexity of dealing with organic material meant that it not be ready for allocation in September 2015 as previously suggested.
***AP:** SC to report back to SAFAP regarding timescale after consultations has taken place.
- c. NF reported to the panel on issues relating to museum allocation and the reduced volume of applications. The various factors attributing this issue as observed by the TTU were discussed.
***AP:** NF to revise and update briefing note for suitability for wider circulation to the Scottish Government.
- d. NF reported to the panel on the launch of a pilot project to assess the character and extent and hobbyist metal detecting in Scotland. This is a joint project between TTU and HS, supported by funding from HS.

6. Cases

Appeals & Deferred cases

In those instances where a case involved an institution to which a member of SAFAP belonged, that individual was absent from the room for the discussion of allocation or determining the ex gratia award.

Four cases had been deferred from the May meeting of SAFAP. The panel reconsidered the appeal for case TT.236/14, including the additional material submitted, against the criteria in Appendix M of the Code of Practice to reach their recommendation on allocation to the QLTR. It was agreed after that reconsideration to recommend allocation to Aberdeen University Museums. There were three additional cases that had been deferred from the May meeting where the museum had subsequently withdrawn the appeal against allocation and these were accordingly allocated.

Chance Finds

TT. No	Description	Ex Gratia	Museum
236/14	Roman silver ram's head, Macduff,	£400	Aberdeen University Museums
238/14	2 nd century Roman	£20	Aberdeen University Museums

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Excavation Assemblages

TT. No	Description	Location	Museum
183/14	Prehistoric excavation assemblage CA198	Little Mains of Crichtie	Aberdeen University Museums
212/14	Mesolithic excavation assemblage TIGL08	Trump International Golf Links	Aberdeen University Museums

New Cases

Summary:

Chance Finds- 50

Excavation assemblages - 17

Cases with multiple applications – none

Cases with no applications- 5

* Museum accepting in place of no application from a local museum

Case list in order of Local Authority:

Chance Finds

TT. No	Description	Ex Gratia	Museum	Local Authority
008/15	15 th – 16 th century seal matrix, Tannadice	£50	The Meffan Museum	Angus
027/15	EBA flat axehead, Taynait	£30	Kilmartin Museum	Argyll & Bute
031/15	Assemblage of Bronze Age metalwork, Isle of Coll	Waived	Kilmartin Museum	Argyll & Bute
033/15	Romano-British brooch, Castle Douglas	£125	Dumfries Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
035/15	Roman weight, Thornhill	£50	Dumfries Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
036/15	Romano-British wine cup handle, Castle Douglas	£500	Dumfries Museum	Dumfries & Galloway

041/15	Medieval coin hoard, Crossmichael	£290	Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
048/15	Post-medieval coin hoard, Castle Douglas	£4350	<i>Disclaimed</i>	Dumfries & Galloway
015/15	Medieval silver finger ring, Kirkintilloch	£150	Auld Kirk Museum	East Dunbartonshire
006/15	Post-medieval toilet implement, Haddington	£50	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
007/15	Assemblage of musket balls, Haddington	£50	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
019/15	Medieval seal matrix, Prestonpans	£125	East Lothian Council Museums Service	East Lothian
032/15	Roman figurine, Polmont	£500	Falkirk Museum	Falkirk
010/15	Medieval Annular Brooch, Kingsbarns	£40	Fife Cultural Trust - St Andrews Museum	Fife
026/15	EBA flat axehead, Boarhills	£30	Fife Cultural Trust - St Andrews Museum	Fife
037/15	Fused medieval sterling imitation pennies, Kincardine	£150	Fife Cultural Trust - Pittencrieff House Museum	Fife
067/15	Early Medieval Mount, Culross	£150	Fife Cultural Trust - Pittencrieff House Museum	Fife
016/15	Post-medieval brooch and finger ring, Cromarty	£40	Cromarty Courthouse Museum	Highland
028/15	EBA flat axehead, Muir of Ord	£195	Inverness Museum and Art	Highland

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042/15	Hoard of Roman coins, Kiltarlity	£1300	Inverness Museum and Art Gallery	Highland
043/15	Medieval coin hoard, Kiltarlity	£990	Inverness Museum and Art Gallery	Highland
029/15	EBA flat axehead, Keith	£195	Elgin Museum	Moray
038/15	2 coins from a medieval coin hoard, Wishaw	£50	Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery*	North Lanarkshire
039/15	4 coins from a medieval coin hoard, Wishaw	£100	Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery*	North Lanarkshire
040/15	9 coins from a medieval coin hoard, Wishaw	£225	Hunterian Museum & Art Gallery*	North Lanarkshire
001/15	Early Historic Strap-end, Logierait	£50	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
009/15	Medieval & later finds, Loch Leven	Waived	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
011/15	Early Historic Strap-end, Stanley	£65	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
012/15	Iron Age Mount, Aberuthven	£150	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
018/15	2 fragments of Viking silver, Bankfoot	£250	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
020/15	Socketed axehead from a LBA hoard, Bankfoot	£100	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
021/15	Socketed axehead from a LBA hoard, Bankfoot	£175	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
022/15	Socketed axehead from a LBA hoard, Bankfoot	£225	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
023/15	Socketed axehead from a LBA hoard, Bankfoot	£175	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
024/15	EBA flat axehead,	£120	Perth Museum &	Perth & Kinross

	Bankfoot		Art Gallery	
025/15	Socketed axehead from a LBA hoard, Bankfoot	£60	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
030/15	Fragment of socketed axehead from a LBA hoard, Bankfoot	£15	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
034/15	Iron Age torc bead, Crieff	£50	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
066/15	Medieval annular brooch, Perth	£600	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
002/15	Post-medieval toilet implement, Langbank	£50	<i>Disclaimed</i>	Renfrewshire
003/15	3 Post-medieval lead tokens, Houston	£50	Glasgow Museums*	Renfrewshire
004/15	3 Early Historic strap-ends & mount, Coldingham	£300	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
005/15	Medieval and Later Assemblage, Coldingham	£200	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
046/15	Chalcolithic/EBA flint tool, Ancrum	£150	National Museums Scotland*	Scottish Borders
047/15	Medieval coin hoard, Drumelzier	£1635	Tweeddale Museum	Scottish Borders
044/15	Neolithic axehead roughout, Beorgs of Uyea	£40	Shetland Museum	Shetland
045/15	Prehistoric course stone tool, Vementry	£20	Shetland Museum	Shetland
013/15	Medieval swivel mount and buckle, Cambuskenneth	£415	Smith Museum & Art Gallery	Stirling
014/15	Medieval Seal Matrix, Cambuskenneth	£150	Smith Museum & Art Gallery	Stirling
017/15	Medieval silver finger ring, Plean	£350	Smith Museum & Art Gallery	Stirling

JB left the room regarding cases: TT.004/15; TT. 005/15; TT.046/15

***AP** – SAFAP to write letter to finder of case TT.031/15 for waiving ex- award and for assisting in excavations.

Excavation assemblages

TT. No	Description	Location	Museum	Local Authority
053/15	Prehistoric excavation assemblage	Crathes	University of Aberdeen Museums	Aberdeenshire
064/15	Prehistoric to Post medieval excavation assemblage	Stuartfield	Aberdeenshire Museums Service	Aberdeenshire
058/15	17th century excavation assemblage	Tarbet Isle	Kilmartin Museum	Argyll & Bute
062/15	Prehistoric to early modern excavation assemblage	Arrochar & Tarbert	Kilmartin Museum	Argyll & Bute
065/15	Mesolithic and Bronze Age excavation assemblage	Kintyre and surrounds	Campbeltown Museum	Argyll and Bute
063/15	Late medieval excavation assemblage	Craibstone	Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museums: Aberdeen Maritime Museum	City of Aberdeen
049/15	Medieval to Modern excavation assemblage	Dundee Leisure Pool	The McManus: Dundee's Museum and Art Gallery	City of Dundee
050/15	Medieval - Post medieval (12th-18th century) excavation assemblage	Princes Street Gardens Landslip	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
061/15	Modern (19th/20th century)	Mansion Street, Glasgow	Glasgow Museums	City of Glasgow
057/15	Late Bronze Age to medieval excavation assemblage	Barabhas Machair	Museum nan Eilean	Comhairle nan Eilean Siar

052/15	Post medieval and Modern excavation assemblage	Residential House Development, Chapel Lane	<i>Disclaimed</i>	East Ayrshire
051/15	19th - 20th century excavation assemblage	Lochailort	<i>Disclaimed</i>	Highland
060/15	20th century WWII excavation assemblage	Achnacharry Commando Camp	West Highland Museum	Highland
054/15	Prehistoric excavation assemblage	Pitfourie standing stone	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth and Kinross
056/15	Prehistoric and medieval excavation assemblage	Temporary Bus Terminal: A823/A9	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth and Kinross
055/15	Medieval excavation assemblage	High Street, Jedburgh	<i>Disclaimed</i>	Scottish Borders
059/15	Medieval and Post medieval excavation assemblage	Alloa Tower	National Trust for Scotland	Stirling & Clackmannanshire

JB left the room regarding cases: TT.053/15

7. AOCB

No other competent business was discussed.

Date of the next panel meeting 29th October 2015.

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