

Minutes of the meeting of

THE SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDS ALLOCATION PANEL

10:45, Wednesday 19th June 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, Richard Welander.

In attendance: Emily Freeman (TTU), Ella Paul (TTU), Rona Walker (Historic Environment Scotland)

Apologies: Robert Sandeman (Solicitor to the QLTR).

Minutes taken by Ella Paul and Emily Freeman.

1. Welcome and Apologies

ES welcomed all to the meeting and introduced RW from Historic Environment Scotland.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Chair – News and Current Issues

- Annual Report

EF confirmed that the 2017-18 Annual Report is complete and is available online.

- 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 confirmed that it had not been possible on this occasion owing to the quick turnaround from the previous meeting, but would be implemented ahead of the end-of-year meeting.

- Code of Practice

ES raised the question of revising the Code of Practice at the last meeting. SA has agreed to co-ordinate a working group. Panel members have been asked to highlight areas of the current code that need revision and feed this back to SA by the end of August. This will

be presented at the next meeting, after which the next steps will be decided. MH offered to assist with co-ordination if needed.

- End-of-year Meeting

ES has emailed RS for possible end-of-year meeting dates. Final date TBC but likely to take place in November/December.

- PAS Visit

Staff from the Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) have invited TTU/SAFAP to attend one of their meetings. ES and EF will attend in London on 10 July.

- Evelyn Silber - Term of Office

ES notified all present that her term of office is coming to an end in 2019 but may be extended. A replacement has not yet been sought.

4. NMS Report

- **Papers – Note of Functions, Conflicts of Interest, Exceptional Circumstances**

Three papers drafted by NMS were presented to the QLTR for feedback. Revisions have been made and the papers are now awaiting final approval from the QLTR.

- **Database**

NMS and TTU have been engaging with an external consultant regarding requirements for a new case management system. The report has been received and is currently under review by NMS and TTU staff. SA would like to extend further dialogue with PAS before deciding next steps.

- **Duty of Care**

SA highlighted the front-facing aspect of TTU and advocated for a statement of expected behaviours of finders towards staff. This was well received by the panel and MM-R offered to share Historic Environment Scotland models for dealing with such situations.

5. TTU Report

- Progress has been made with development of the Case Management System – developer has been identified and a proposal from them is being reviewed.

- Finds Days: Dumfries Museum, Mintlaw ScARF symposium, Elgin Museum, the Scottish Detector Club, Kilmartin Museum. Upcoming finds days: Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum and Biggar Museum
- To date, 671 objects have been recorded in 2019.
- TTU attending the archaeology strategy: there was discussion around the TT process in general terms and there was a lot of positive feedback. The improvements that museum staff want to see are also achievable and already in progress.
- Heritage Crime Group: formally launched in April along with a Crimestoppers campaign to tackle heritage crime. Local launches are being planned and TTU hope to be involved as part of their outreach calendar.

6. AOCB

EF raised a recent loan request for unallocated excavation material to be displayed internationally. The merits of such a loan were acknowledged, but the panel felt that TTU did not currently have the capacity to facilitate such a request to the standards expected of international loans.

7. 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 34/19	Early Medieval Brooch Fragment, Den of Lindores	£150	National Museum of Scotland	Fife
TT 24/19	Medieval Seal Matrix, Kingsbarns	£375	National Museum of Scotland	Fife
TT 40/19	Post-Medieval Finger Ring, St Andrews	£700	Fife cultural Trust	Fife
TT 16/19	Early Medieval Mount, Dunning	£75	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross

Chance Finds

TT 01/19	Bronze Age Socketed Gouge, Westhill	£60	University of Aberdeen Museums and Special Collections	Aberdeenshire
TT 21/19	Post-Medieval Religious	£15	ANGUSAlive	Angus

	Token, Airlie			
TT 29/19	Medieval Papal Bulla Fragment, Hillside	£60	ANGUSAlive	Angus
TT 39/19	Medieval Harness Pendant, Barnhead	£25	ANGUSAlive	Angus
TT 47/19	Prehistoric Stone Assemblage, Carnoustie	£50	ANGUSAlive	Angus
TT 11/19	Middle/Late Bronze Age Axehead, Taynult	£170	Kilmartin Museum	Argyll & Bute
TT 46/19	Byzantine Coin, Torosay	£35	Mull Museum	Argyll & Bute
TT 07/19	Iron Age Terret Ring, Old Luce	£60	Stewartry Museum	Dumfries & Galloway
TT 31/19	Early Bronze Age Axehead and Fragment, Tynron	£200	Dumfries Museum and Camera Obscura	Dumfries & Galloway
TT 32/19	Late Bronze Age Sword Fragment, Lockerbie	£300	Dumfries Museum and Camera Obscura	Dumfries & Galloway
TT 36/19	Medieval Finger Ring, Sanquhar	£1400	Dumfries Museum and Camera Obscura	Dumfries & Galloway
TT 20/19	Prehistoric Stone Macehead, Edinburgh	£25	Museum of Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh
TT 48/19	Lower Rotary Quern Stone Fragment, Garvald	Waived	East Lothian Council	East Lothian
TT 04/19	Post-Medieval Finger Ring, Anstruther	£125	Fife cultural Trust	Fife
TT 09/19	Post-Medieval Finger Ring, Anstruther	£600	Fife cultural Trust	Fife
TT 28/19	Medieval Harness Pendant, Cairneyhill	Finder waived £35; £30 ex gratia	Fife cultural Trust	Fife
TT 30/19	Medieval Finger Ring Fragment, Grange of Lindores	£200	Fife cultural Trust	Fife
TT 49/19	Two Post-Medieval studs, Colinsburgh	£90	Fife cultural Trust	Fife
TT 03/19	Late Bronze Age Penannular Ring, Nairn	£550	Nairn Museum	Highland
TT 25/19	Medieval Annular Brooch, Ardclach	£45	Nairn Museum	Highland
TT 26/19	Medieval Harness Mount, Auldearn	£20	Nairn Museum	Highland
TT 14/19	Roman Imperial Coin, Contin	£30	Inverness Museum and Art	Highland

			Gallery	
TT 27/19	Bronze Age Axehead Fragment, Inverarnie	£50	Inverness Museum and Art Gallery	Highland
TT 50/19	Medieval Pin, Lochbroom	£100	Inverness Museum and Art Gallery	Highland
TT 15/19	Early Bronze Age Axehead, Forres	£120	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT 42/19	Bronze Age Flat Axehead, Duffus	£100	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT 44/19	Bronze Age Socketed Spearhead Fragment, Elgin	£30	Elgin Museum	Moray
TT 02/19	Post-Medieval Lead Seal Matrix Fragment, Wester Balgedie	£10	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 12/19	Medieval Strap Distributor, Milnathort	£25	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 13/19	Post-Medieval Seal Matrix, Braco	£80	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 17/19	Roman Brooch, Milnathort	£50	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 22/19	Iron Age Vessel Handle, Cleish	£300	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 23/19	Medieval Harness Pendant, Findo Gask	£45	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 37/19	Bronze Age Spearhead, Scotlandwell	£90	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Perth & Kinross
TT 05/19	Late Bronze Age Socketed Spearhead, Ayton	£40	LIVE Borders	Scottish Borders
TT 35/19	Post-Medieval Finger Ring, Ayr	£700	Rozelle House Museum & Gallery	South Ayrshire
TT 10/19	Medieval Seal Matrix, Anstruther	£90	National Museum of Scotland	Fife
TT 38/19	Medieval Seal Matrix, St Andrews	£200	National Museum of Scotland	Fife
TT 45/19	Iron Age Quillion, Newbattle	£700	National Museum of Scotland	Midlothian
TT 06/19	Roman/Iron Age Assemblage, Eyemouth	£80	National Museum of Scotland	Scottish Borders

Excavation Assemblages

TT 195/18 (deferred case)	Auchrannie Souterrain. Iron Age assemblage, Rathmell Archaeology Ltd Site Code RA08039; 3 Boxes.	National Museums Scotland	North Ayrshire
TT 51/19	Dubton Farm, Iron Age/Roman Assemblage, Headland Archaeology, Site Code DBFA15; 2 Boxes.	ANGUSALive	Brechin, Angus
TT 52/19	Barnluasgan Iron Age Assemblage, Kilmartin Museum, Site Codes BAR 06 & BAR 07; 9 Boxes	Kilmartin Museum	North Knapdale, Argyll & Bute
TT 60/19	Balure, Iron Age Assemblage, Kilmartin Museum, Site Codes BAL 08 & BAL 09; 9 Boxes	Kilmartin Museum	North Knapdale, Argyll & Bute
TT 66/19	Kilmory Oib, Post-Medieval Assemblage, Kilmartin Museum, Site Code KIL08; 3 Boxes	Kilmartin Museum	North Knapdale, Argyll & Bute
TT 70/19	Carnasserie Cist I, Neolithic/Bronze Age & Post-Medieval assemblage, Kilmartin Museum, Site code CRK12: 1box	Kilmartin Museum	Kilmartin, Argyll & Bute
TT 71/19	Carnasserie Cist II, Bronze Age & Post Medieval assemblage, Kilmartin Museum, Site code CRC15: 2 boxes	Kilmartin Museum	Kilmartin, Argyll & Bute
TT 53/19	Auchindrain, Post-Medieval Assemblage, Kilmartin Museum, Site Code, ARCH12; 1 Box	Auchindrain Township	Inverary, Argyll & Bute
TT 68/19	Carscrugh Windfarm, Bronze Age Assemblage, Headland Archaeology, Site Code CGDG12; 1 Box	Stewartry Museum	Glen Luce, Dumfries & Galloway
TT 57/19	Leamington Wharfe Union Canal, Post-Medieval – Modern Assemblage, Headland Archaeology, Site Code LWE03; 2 Boxes	Museum of Edinburgh	Edinburgh, City of Edinburgh
TT 61/19	Riddle’s Court, Post-Medieval – Modern Assemblage, CFA Archaeology Ltd, Site Code RIDD2; 2 Boxes	Museum of Edinburgh	Edinburgh, City of Edinburgh

TT 63/19	Church of St John, 17 th – 19 th Century Assemblage, Addyman Archaeology, Site Code AA2145; 1 Large Box	Museum of Edinburgh	Edinburgh, City of Edinburgh
TT 64/19	Museum of Edinburgh Courtyard, Medieval – Post-Medieval Assemblage, AOC Archaeology Group, Site Code AOC 23888; 1 Small Box	Museum of Edinburgh	Edinburgh, City of Edinburgh
TT 65/19	Waterford Road, Iron Age Assemblage, Headland Archaeology, Site Code WRFM16; 2 Boxes	National Museums Scotland	Forres, Moray
TT 67/19	Hallhole Farm, Neolithic – Bronze Age Assemblage, Alder Archaeology, Site Code BW11; 7 Boxes	Perth Museum & Art Gallery	Meikleour, Perth & Kinross
TT 55/19	Biggar Museum, 18 th – 19 th Century Assemblage, Addyman Archaeology, Site Code AA1896; 1 Small Box	Biggar Museum Trust	Biggar, South Lanarkshire

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

TT 19/19	Late Medieval to Post-Medieval Coin Hoard, Kincardine O’Neil	£150	*University of Aberdeen Museums and Special Collections	Aberdeenshire
TT 41/19	Post-Medieval Luckenbooth Brooch, Lossiemouth	£70	*National Museums Scotland	Moray
TT 08/19	Medieval Harness Mount, Denholm	£50	*National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders
TT 18/19	Medieval Heraldic Mount, Gordon	£75	*National Museums Scotland	Scottish Borders

Section 2: Material not allocated.

The below cases received no applications.

TT 33/19	Medieval/Post-Medieval Annular Brooch, Urquhart	£40	No Application	Moray
TT 43/19	Post-Medieval Coin	£70	No Application	Moray

	Hoard, Forres		
TT 62/19	Tennant Street, 19 th Century Assemblage, Addyman Archaeology, Site code AA1787; 1 Small Box	No Application	Edinburgh, City of Edinburgh
TT 54/19	MacArthur's Store, Post-Medieval Assemblage, Addyman Archaeology, Site Code AA1634; 1 Small Box	No Application	Dunbar, East Lothian
TT 58/19	The Study, 17 th Century Assemblage, Addyman Archaeology, Site Code AA2217; 1 Small Box	No Application	Culross, Fife
TT 69/19	Cromdale & Advie Church, Post-Medieval Assemblage, Highland Archaeology Services Ltd. Site code CAC17; 1 Box	No Application	Cromdale, Highland
TT 59/19	Dowally Burn, Medieval – Post-Medieval Assemblage, Addyman Archaeology, Site Code AA1909; 1 Box	No Application	Pitlochry, Perth & Kinross
TT 56/19	Cowane's Hospital, 16 th – 20 th Century Assemblage, Addyman Archaeology, Site code AA2233; 2 Large Boxes	No Application	Stirling