

Meeting Note	Scottish Strategic Archaeology Committee
Date: 26 May 2016	
Meeting Location: Longmore House, Edinburgh	
Present: Stephen Driscoll (SD) (<i>Chair</i>), Kate Britton (KB), Simon Gilmour (SG), Mark Hall (MH), Peter Hinton (PH), Rebecca Jones (RJ), Susan Kruse (SK), Alan Leslie (AL), Eila Macqueen (EM), Matt Ritchie (MR), Robin Turner (RT)	In attendance: Maya Hoole (MH) (<i>Minutes</i>) Apologies: Chris Bowles, Mike Elliot
Note of Meeting/Discussion	Action Points:
<p>1. Welcome and apologies: Apologies were received from Chris Bowles and Mike Elliot; Maya Hoole was welcomed and thanked for taking the minutes</p> <p>2. Minutes of the January workshop and matters arising: It was noted that this was Alan Leslie's last meeting and Kate Britton's first – KB is representing Archaeological Science, replacing Karen Milek.</p> <p>SD proposed to meet David Mitchell, acting Chief Executive of HES. To spell out strategy and delivery plan, highlight the committee's short term goals and discuss resource issues. Encouraged by PH – good to be enthusiastic about archaeology.</p> <p>Main purpose of this meeting is to finalise the delivery plan (thanks to MH for helping to pull the draft delivery plan together) in order for it to go live in the Summer.</p> <p>3. Delivery Plan: Key discussion points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduce size of table – potentially separate what we want to do from how we are going to do it. - Aim of review of way archaeology is paid for – look at how it is currently funded, how it could be funded, if the current system works and what else could be proposed. Scoping meeting when this happens – SD and AL volunteered. EM also suggested approaching Louise Downing of Resourcing Scotland's Heritage. - Secondary review to scope out accreditation in Europe and potential lessons for Scotland. 	<p>RJ & SD to contact HES CEO's office to arrange</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion of the role of ScARF and the work currently underway. - Debate about research: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o it plays a primary tool but is not the primary goal (AL) o excavation should not be done just for sake of digging – must answer questions o promotion of use of frameworks o ethos should be that there is a reason for the research. - Consider media outlets: online, television, radio etc (MR) - Proposal of a main leader for each strategy aim as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Aim 1 – Historic Environment Scotland o Aim 2 – Society of Antiquaries of Scotland o Aim 3 – ALGAO o Aim 4 – Archaeology Scotland o Aim 5 – ClfA (and ATF) - Committee agreed to continue with this approach (with further discussion with ALGAO given that Chris Bowles not present; members to speak to their respective organisations - Organisations can take charge of their section’s delivery plan, but an initial delivery plan finalised by the committee should be made available online at the earliest opportunity, before aim leaders change them. - Raise the issue of heritage tourism: tourist engagement with archaeology at meeting with chief executive. - Scoping study for skills and capacity gaps – what do you need and have you got it? Discussion for ClfA and ATF. 	<p style="text-align: right;">RJ to speak to ALGAO</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SD & RJ</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RT</p>
<p>4. Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glossy version of strategy is almost ready to be sent to printers. - A copy of this will be made available online - Proposal from MR: SSAC create annual report similar to HES Focus magazine. MR states FCS would be willing to put money towards such a report / publication. <p>5. SSAC Remit and Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposal to update documents to suit current affairs, rather than history of committee 	<p style="text-align: right;">RJ to speak to in house team who create Focus magazine</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removal of aim 2 and 3 from remit agreed; consider function of the SSAC in the future? - Include 3rd sector in membership list - Keep terms as 4 year positions - MR suggested addition of representatives for early career and retirees - Potential to ask BEFS to organise a workshop to run a dedicated session on the Archaeology Strategy with property developers, to establish what the implication for their sector will be from SAS - Speak to FAME about a replacement for commercial archaeology representative (to replace AL) - Discussion through ALGAO, that on Chris Bowles departure at end of 2016, Val Turner will join - this will be a welcome addition of the islands (Shetland) and agreed that she would be invited - MR suggested that we keep SSAC alumni involved in various working groups and activities as appropriate - Museums: representatives from NMS (RJ to speak with new keeper) and MGS (RJ to speak with Alison Turnbull to nominate member) - Additional communications people were suggested, also early career - Discussion of approaching ClfA's new generation group for early career representative - RT to change role and to represent skills sector for future meetings <p>6. AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2017 Visit Scotland / Event Scotland Signature Events fund - closing date of end of July - HLF funding stream specifically for 2017 noted - Case studies for SSAC annual report discussed - Impact of EU referendum 	<p>RJ to organise for original remit to made available on the web as 2013-15, and new remit under 2016 onwards</p> <p>RJ to make minutes of meetings available online</p> <p>RJ to speak to FAME</p> <p>RJ to invite Val Turner</p>
<p>Maya Hoole</p>	<p>26 May 2016</p>

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