

Meeting Note	Scottish Strategic Archaeology Committee
Date: 31 October 2017	
Meeting Location: Conference Room, John Sinclair House, Edinburgh	
Present: Stephen Driscoll (SD) (Chair), Mike Elliot (ME) (Minutes), Derek Alexander (DA), Simon Gilmour (SG), Laura Hindmarch (LH), Pete Hinton (PH), Fraser Hunter (FH), Rebecca Jones (RHJ), Susan Kruse (SK), Eila Macqueen (EM), Jacob O'Sullivan (JOS), Kirsty Owen (KO), Tom Rees (TR), Richard Strachan (RS), Robin Turner (RT) and Val Turner (VT).	Apologies: Kate Britton (KB) and Mark Hall (MH).
Note of Meeting/Discussion	Action Points:
<p>1. Welcome and apologies: SD thanked everyone for attending and commenced proceedings. SD sent congratulations on behalf of the Committee to KB who has recently had a baby girl.</p> <p>2. Minutes of May meeting and matters arising: Correction - SG advised that 2018 is the "Year of Young People", not "Children and Young People". SD went through the actions. It was noted that Anna MacQuarrie at the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland is the Society for Museum Archaeologists lead.</p> <p>3. Communications: LH ran through the Communication strategy. The Archaeology Strategy website is now first return on Google searches. The hashtag, #ScotArchStrat, has been launched - cards have been printed to help promote this. The Archaeology & World Heritage team (AWH) have attended various events. Promotional material (cards, pens etc) have been created to help promote the Strategy. We will be looking to put up agendas and minutes of the SSAC on the Strategy website shortly. There are a number of other events and activities planned for the coming year. The Strategy will feature in the final lecture of the HES Journey through Scotland's Past series (also streamed live on Facebook). LH advised that the hashtag is for everyone to use. An annual report will be produced A general discussion took place on the use of the hashtag on social media.</p> <p>4. Report on lead bodies workshop (27 June): RHJ advised this was an opportunity for anyone to comment on the workshop minutes. There were no comments forthcoming.</p> <p>5. Delivery plan A. Aim 1 – Delivering Archaeology: RHJ proposed to have an in depth discussion on 1.2 (review of the national approach) in January to provide a detailed steer. PH suggested that he could present on the English approach at the next meeting and perhaps invite bring Steve Trow of Historic England and / or Jan Wills from ClfA. SG suggested it would be helpful to have someone from to</p>	<p>ALL to email archaeologystrategy@hes.scot to update group on any outreach activities they have done on the Strategy.</p>

<p>discuss the “What’s Your Heritage” initiative at the next meeting. It was agreed to hold a day workshop to discuss these matters fully. RHJ suggested bringing someone over from Ireland involved in Ireland’s Archaeology Strategy (in which she had also participated), VT also suggested Stephanie Leith from ALGAO. RHJ also suggested that Alan Leslie be invited given that he had played a key role in the development of this objective. It was agreed that the workshop will be planned by email. SD, PH, and KO will help RHJ organise the workshop. The next meeting after the workshop will be in late February or March. LH advised that the archaeology programme application guidance had been revised in line with the Strategy (1.1.1). A short (partial) list of legacy projects which were known to be inactive has been published on the HES website (1.6.1). KO advised guidance on international collaboration has been drawn up. RHJ will discuss point 1.7.2 (Delivery of Archaeology Strategy through collaboration with existing groups where possible) with Adam Jackson who is the HES lead on OPIT.</p>	<p>RHJ, SD, PH & KO to organise January’s workshop.</p>
<p>B. Aim 2 – Enhancing Understanding: Society of Antiquaries of Scotland lead. SG advised that he didn't have much more to add after the lead bodies’ workshop. They have applied to HES for funds to run three regional frameworks: Islands, Perth and Kinross, and the Highlands. SG advised there is further scope to draw Fife and Dundee into the ambit of the regional framework. Both had previously indicated they were interested in participating. SG asked everyone to consider how they would like to proceed on aim 2 as it is quite broad and advised he will welcome comments and contributions.</p>	<p>LH to circulate to the committee the survey questions on whether the sector wants and would use a research portal to help with unfinished products and wider collaboration.</p>
<p>C. Aim 3 – Caring & Protecting: ALGAO & NMS lead. VT advised they have not gone very far with it, but have discussed it internally within ALGAO, and will be asking Andrea Smith to help take it forward. She also noted that Winter is usually the time when ALGAO members can progress projects like this. RHJ advised we now have a new post within HES Collections working on our national collections, Rona Walker. It was agreed that we will ask her to liaise with JOS and FH and organise a start-up workshop to help shape a future working group (3.5.1). RHJ requested further suggestions on who else to invite to the workshop. SG suggested that the SSAC keep on top of partners involved with 3.1.1 (Advocate the benefits of maintaining skills... and measure the provision of expert advice in Scotland). RT suggested that universities could be greater players within the delivery of the Strategy.</p>	<p>RHJ to ensure this is on the agenda of the March meeting.</p>
<p>D. Aim 4 – Encouraging Greater Engagement: EM advised have been particularly focussed on 4.2b – an Archaeology and Learning Working Group. It had its first meeting in September, bringing together various people from across the sector. They will be discussing the resource review and portal at the next heritage education forum. They are also looking at how archaeology is taught in postgraduate courses. The group suggested that</p>	

teachers use archaeology in delivering the curriculum for excellence and hope to link archaeologists with educators to help deliver the curriculum. EM advised lifelong learning needs to be tweaked and extrapolated. They are also looking to link Archaeology and the outdoor learning network. They have met up with Outdoor Woodland Learning (OWL) educators and discussed how to link Archaeology. The team have also developed a session with student teachers from Moray House and are continuing to roll out the Heritage Heroes Awards. There is a celebration with Canal College on 8 November, which will provide an opportunity to promote to MSPs. A general discussion followed on drawing in commercial units and ALGAO.

E. Aim 5 - Innovation and Skills: PH gave an update from a report from Kate Geary (ClfA). Two reviews (including archaeological specialisms) have now been completed by Landward. He advised that, at the moment, ClfA has three grades of accreditation. They are looking at career pathways from early practitioner to accredited archaeologist. This will help students, parents and educators to think about careers in archaeology. 5.4.1 (Promote and support CPD) needs further work. On 5.4.3 (Promote and support current and developing apprenticeship programmes), they have spoken to Headland Archaeology and will hopefully rolling out a formal apprenticeship soon. On innovation, RHJ informed the group that she now had an Archaeological Science Manager in the team and they were actively supporting Archaeological Science workshops. 5.6.1 (Support and promote science-themed workshops aimed at increasing awareness and knowledge) is another resource to help promote the Strategy. PH will post the papers emerging from the HE/ClfA workshops online.

<https://www.archaeologists.net/21st-century-challenges-archaeology>

6. British Academy reflections on Archaeology update: RHJ gave a brief overview of the report published by the British Academy earlier this year and subsequent activity. KO advised she attended the British academy meetings in London. At the last meeting it was agreed that Graeme Barker would accept an invitation to attend the next TAF meeting in London to discuss TAF's current role and how The British Academy might assist in them in the work which they currently undertake.

7. 2017 Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology / 2018 Year of Young People / 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage: RS advised that HES's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology (YHHA) events have been very well attended. There were about 4,000 people at the Amazing Ages event at Fort George. RT informed all that HES have run a regular Archaeology InSites blog in Canmore and there has been a tie in with the monthly lecture series. The Community Heritage Conference in November

RHJ to circulate the interim landward report and embed links in the minutes

ALL to collate all reports on Strategy activities by end of February.

RHJ to also discuss with SUP and consider how to promote

<p>provides a further opportunity to promote the Strategy. Community engagement is an important priority within HES. SG advised that the Society has just completed a lot of Dig It! work, and suggested that we should be looking ahead to 2019. SK advised that this was the 24th year of the Highland Archaeology Festival. The numbers were much higher at the Festival this year, despite not receiving as much funding, which shows the growth and interest. There is momentum building up from YHHA. A general discussion took place on auditing visitor numbers and public engagement. SK suggested this could be tied in with Aim 4 (Encouraging Greater Engagement). SD advised it will be useful for the March meeting to collectively identify our various resources, e.g. the Dig It! report. RHJ suggested that, as 2018 is the Year of Young People, we invite someone aged between 18 and 26 to join the Committee and this was supported by the group. This could be an approach made to universities and other units. It was agreed that a person spec / advert would be drawn up. RT noted that SUP had a Youth Forum.</p> <p>8. AOB</p> <p>8.1 Year of European Cultural Heritage: RHJ advised that 2018 is the European Year of Cultural Heritage.</p> <p>8.2 Student archaeology societies: SG advised that all the university archaeology societies are banding together to organise a conference. RHJ advised that we have an Archaeology Strategy stall at it. This would be a useful opportunity to promote the SSAC to a potential young person to join. The conference will be held in Glasgow on 27 and 28 January.</p> <p>8.3 HS2: RT advised the HS2 research framework has been published and will circulate a link.</p> <p><u>HS2 Phase 1 Historic Environment Research and Delivery Strategy</u></p> <p>Date of next meeting: KB had suggested that a new Archaeological Scientist at Aberdeen be invited in her stead for the next few meetings. It was agreed to aim for late January for the workshop and the second or third week in March for the next meeting, then June and October subsequently. It was agreed that the meetings will be from 11:00 to 15:30 to enable travel</p> <p>Close: There were no further announcements. SD drew the meeting to a close.</p>	<p>RHJ to circulate info regarding the Year of European Cultural Heritage</p> <p>ME to do a Doodle poll.</p>
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