

Scottish Strategic Archaeology Committee

<b>Meeting Note/Phone Call Note</b>	<b>Scottish Strategic Archaeology Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b> 20 October 2015	<b>Apologies:</b> George Dalgleish (GD), Simon Gilmour (SG), Pete Hinton (PH), Rod McCullagh (RM), Karen Milek (KM), Matt Ritchie (MR), Simon Stronach (SS), Robin Turner (RT), Luke Wormald (LW)
<b>Meeting Location:</b> Croft-an-Righ House, Edinburgh	
<b>Present:</b> Steve Driscoll (SD) ( <i>Chair</i> ), Mike Elliot (ME) ( <i>Mins</i> ), Mark Hall (MH – from 2pm), Fraser Hunter (FH – for George Dalgleish), Rebecca Jones (RHJ), Susan Kruse (SK), Alan Leslie (AL), Eila Macqueen (EM)	
<b>Note of Meeting/Discussion</b>	<b>Action Points:</b>
<p><b>1. Minutes of the July meeting and matters arising:</b> SD thanked everyone for attending and welcomed FH. SD extended thanks to RHJ for all her work in the run up to getting the Strategy released particularly given some of the last minute issues raised by colleagues in Scottish Government.</p> <p><b>2. Launch of Strategy – report:</b> RHJ gave feedback on the launch of the Strategy by the Cab Sec and an article in <i>The National</i> newspaper. RHJ also received a positive email from Alan Thompson at NOSAS, who felt that we had listened to consultation comments. A general discussion took place on the merits of a glossy version of the Strategy. It was agreed to have quotes put in from individuals - "real people" (AL), who responded to the Strategy - as well as organisations, which will provide a second launch opportunity to people from a non-archaeological background. SD suggested that larger archaeology groups and societies receive the postcard too to help promote the Strategy. Promotional banners will also be produced.</p> <p><b>3. Membership of SSAC:</b> It was previously agreed to review the membership of the Committee in 2015. RHJ has concerns that following the merger between HS and RCAHMS, the Committee is very HES-heavy, and there is also no-one from the Islands. AL advised that it may not be possible to represent every group or area and that "<i>skills</i>" should be represented on the Committee as long as there is appropriate justification. It was agreed that it</p>	<p>ALL - think about quotes and groups to receive postcards</p> <p>ME to draft a banner</p> <p>ME to put the PowerPoint on the website and create a PDF of the PowerPoint</p> <p>Consider creation of a "homemade" video, using smartphones of kids talking about the Strategy to put on the website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AL to explore his contacts at Celtic Connections</li> <li>• RHJ to discuss with MR</li> </ul> <p>ALL - email suggestions by 30 Oct</p>

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<p>is good to get a regional variant and representation on the Committee.</p> <p><b>4. SSAC Remit – consideration and update:</b> RHJ read out the current remit of the Strategy and asked if it needed to be updated. SD advised there was plenty of room for manoeuvre within the remit. A general discussion took place.</p> <p><b>5. Actions and delivery plan – links to Measuring Success:</b> EM advised the working group has come up with a baseline framework, which is on the BEFS website. It looks at incrementally building data and how to obtain useful data for the sector. BEFS are leading on measuring success. RHJ presented a sample action plan provided by BEFS. A general discussion took place on the merits of this process. It was decided to agree on the objectives/ priorities as a group and that this will be done in a day long workshop in January.</p> <p><b>6. BRIA and EqIA update:</b> RHJ gave a brief overview of the BRIA and EqIA in the process leading to the consultation. RHJ does not propose having them on the agenda again unless specific issues arise relating to Business and Regulatory or Equalities matters.</p> <p><b>7. Communications:</b> Comms were largely discussed earlier under 2.</p> <p><b>8. AOCB:</b> A brief recap of the meeting was given to MH who joined the meeting via conference phone. It was agreed not to invite anyone from BEFS or MGS to the initial January SSAC workshop, but that we may do at a later date.</p> <p><b>Close:</b> There were no further items. SD moved the meeting to a close.</p>	<p>RHJ to redraft the remit and circulate</p> <p>SD advised that we should approach Karen Watt to seek advice on how to plug in to this. RHJ to touch base with Linda Witherspoon to get a meeting arranged between SD and David Middleton</p> <p>ME to send out a Doodle poll for a date in January.</p> <p>ME to update Mark Hall's email address to his new one (CNE Siar) in the mailing list</p>
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