

CifA Scottish Group
 Wednesday 3 June 2026
 Remote meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present:

1.	Apologies	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christina Hall • Stefan Sagrott • Heather Kwiatkowski • Dorothy Graves McEwan 	
2.	Previous Minutes	Action
	Meeting minutes accepted with minor working alteration suggested	Accepted
3.	Chairs Update	Action
	<p>Thank you for the CifA Conference- Edinburgh 2026</p> <p>The SG Committee gives our heartfelt sympathy and find words to extoll the legend and mother, and amazing archaeologist that was Anna Ritchie</p> <p>DC- had to leave following Chair's Update</p>	ACTION
4.	PAN Update	Action
	KM- Scottish Gov and HES have agreed to update the document. HES looking with ALGOA:Scotland and CifA to update	ACTION Keep an eye on the draft publications and help provide feedback is possible.
5.	CifA Conference	Action
	<p>Monday Excursions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holyrood Park- thanks to Rachel Pickering, HES and Jon Henderson, UoE for organising and delivering and DC for attending for SG • NMS- thanks to Dr Rebecca Jones, NMS for hosting KM for attending for SG <p>Popular conference</p> <p>Pop up lunchtime chat – informal. Maybe need something more formal next time</p> <p>Thanks to Cara for helping us organise and share the event.</p> <p>Feedback to CB</p>	END
6.	Networking Event	Action
	<i>Pre-meeting notes Inverness/Dundee</i>	ACTION

	<p><i>Response from Inverness Museum and Art Gallery</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 people capacity • £20 per hour for the venue <p><i>Emailed Inverness Castle but need to follow up.</i></p> <p><i>Emailed Dundee McManus- no response need to follow up</i></p> <p><i>Looking at October/November</i></p> <p><i>Anyone want to help</i></p> <p>Theme- Buildings Recording Location- Perth Timing- October/November (preferably a Friday) 2026 Follow last years style- morning networking event followed by 3 speaker in afternoon. With lunch.</p> <p>MR- PKHT for help and venues</p> <p>PH- asked about recording</p> <p>LB and MR- noted that networking event in person so morning at least wouldn't be recorded</p> <p>CB- noted that ClfA had previously asked for costing and the price was high BUT realistically could have someone record on phone.</p> <p>MR- Write up similar to Networking Event 2025.</p>	<p>LB- to start organising speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) MR/ or team member to speak about blending archaeology and eco survey- Moffat case study 2) Speak to ALGAO about state of updated guidance <p>Liaise with Buildings Group</p> <p>KMc – To start contacting venues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Contact PKHT and ask if they have any ideas in Perth 2) Contact venues for pricing and dates <p>To contact David Strachan who may want to help</p>
7.	<p>SG Day Conference</p> <p>The online one</p> <p>Any further proposals</p>	<p>PAUSE</p>
8.	<p>SG Group Tea Breaks</p> <p>Solar Guidance- Not Scotland. Idea for a short series of lunchtime talks based on the premise of the trope “Geophysics doesn’t work in Scotland”.</p> <p>HES, ALGAO, Magnitude, SUMO and AOC approached.</p> <p>Practice and methods led and focused. Planning perspective requested. Failures and problems. Innovation and new techniques.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>LB to continue to develop and pursue speakers. ALGOA, HES and commercial sector to be contacted.</p>

	MR- LB to run with, create a format and trial. Then the format to be used by other Committee Members to run other tea breaks.	
9.	SIG's Collaboration	
	<p><u>Landscape Group (LG)</u> Ongoing collaboration, 2 speakers confirmed-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derek Alexander at NTS- Overview of 30 years of work • Thomas Rees- case study of work at Drumbrae (Sherrifmuir) <p>Date 16th September at 12.05. Need- An introduction and someone to give it- anyone want to volunteer. Suggest a meeting with Janine at LG prior to the tea break to confirm speakers and discuss what to say. KM- proposed DC</p> <p><u>Buildings Group (BG)</u> John Mabbitt approached during ClfA Conference about a potential collaboration with Buildings Group- with 2/3 talks focused on Scottish architecture, vernacular and practices of recording etc</p> <p>Follow up email exchange- The BG has 3 types of events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Tea breaks 2) Evening lectures 3) Day events- potentially Spring/Summer 2027 <p>Would like to explore the connection between buildings and landscapes. I think we could propose something Scotland based, based on methodology and practice (Settings Guidance) and potentially bring in the Consultancy Network.</p> <p>MR- 2011- Measured survey, uptake of methodology</p> <p>ALGAO updated guidance</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>Make sure someone is available for introduction</p> <p>Continue to explore collaborations</p> <p>LB to inform BG that Networking Event is to take on the theme of Building Recording</p>
10.	AOB	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AC Update- CH MR- ClfA should be required to send a proportionate amount to keep registered status KM- free spaces to companies for Early Careers 2. Enhancing Standards- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A representative from each group to attend a focus group on Wednesday 1 July at 2pm, or • A written response: using the form in Appendix B of the attachment, returned by 10 July <p>Both!</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>Feedback to AC</p> <p>LB to attend in person. Please shout if anyone else wants to attend and fill in the form- Focus Group: Reviewing ClfA guidance needs</p> <p>Written response to be circulated within</p>

	<p>3. KM – rewilding, permitted development- archaeological landscapes, invasive proposals. No trigger for local authorities- worrying ALGAO:Scotland. Do CifA have any advocacy? No protection for archaeology on rewilding. Private development.</p> <p>MR- regulation. Grants for woodland created- UKFS, SF. Simply nature- nothing to do, landowner decisions. Bio-diversity net gain and nature networks- arch in nature initiatives. Not the hook</p> <p>CB- new network enquiry- “nature culture” work with others how to work with others about things like rewilding. Might work with this.</p> <p>KM- Guidance?</p> <p>MR- HES more staff on agri-environment stuff- might flow from that. Guidance on changing land use.</p> <p>KM- landscape group; RL</p> <p>MR- peatland restoration- pre notification. How to define rewilding- prior-notification</p> <p>KM- time constraints and personal time limited</p> <p>MR- peatland plan guidance- not working- can hand it back. HES must have got peatland in- so there must be a way.</p> <p>“The planet is melting”</p>	<p>the group via sharepoint and edited online.</p> <p>Editing to be locked on 3rd July for consistency check and sense/spell check</p> <p>NOTE- the consultation response form in Appendix B can be done individually.</p> <p>KM to email Rob Lennox and ALGOA: Scotland about potential advocacy and explore what support the SG might give to bring on guidance.</p>
11.	Date of Next Meeting	