

Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2012

Scottish Charity Number SC024481

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Current trustees

Mr Nigel Alington

Mr James Beaton

Very Rev Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch

Mrs Fiona Maclean of Ardgour

Mr Ian MacLean, Nova Scotia, Canada

Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern (Chairman)

Mr Alan McLean (France)

Judge Sandra McLean (USA)

Mr Noel Robinson (New Zealand)

Other Trustees who served during the year

Lt Col Donald MacLean, whose term of office expired in September 2012

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The manner of appointment of trustees is detailed in our Deed of Trust. The Chief of Clan Maclean (at present Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern) is a Trustee ex officio, as is the President of the Clan Maclean Association (at present Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch). The Chief appoints one trustee (at present Noel Robinson, New Zealand, nominated in March 2011). The Clan Maclean Association nominates two trustees (at present Alan McLean, nominated in October 2011, is the sole CMA Trustee). Other trustees are co-opted by the Trust as and when it is thought that extra skills are needed (at present co-opted trustees are Fiona Maclean of Ardgour, Nigel Alington and James Beaton, all nominated in September 2006; Sandra McLean, nominated in January 2010; and Ian Maclean, nominated in March 2010. Trustees, apart from the ex-officio trustees, normally serve for a five-year term.

Governing document

The Trust is a charitable unincorporated association. Its purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our Deed of Trust dated 5th March 1996.

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as recorded in our Deed of Trust, are the promoting and advancing the education of the public in the history, traditions and music of the Clan Maclean.

In furtherance of these purposes the Trust undertakes the following activities:

- (a) it commemorates famous events in the history of the Clan by erecting cairns on relevant sites;
- (b) it records and publicises the significant contributions of Macleans in various fields by installing memorial plaques on buildings associated with them;
- (c) it contributes to the restoration of important buildings associated with the Clan;

- (d) it acquires, restores and preserves books and manuscripts about distinguished members of the Clan and its history, and makes them available to the public;
- (e) it produces publications, and maintains a website, that educate the public in the history and traditions of the Clan Maclean, as well as promoting other educational activities relating to the history and culture of the Clan;
- (f) it funds a piping bursary for young Macleans at the College of Piping in Glasgow; and
- (g) it sponsors competitions in the playing and composition of pipe music and in Gaelic choral singing.

The Trust pays particular attention to activities aimed at younger members of the Clan and children generally.

Secretary

William Douglas has continued as Secretary of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.

Treasurer

John MacLean, who was appointed Treasurer on 1st April 2011, resigned on 14th March 2012. The Trustees wish to thank John for all his work while he was Treasurer. At the moment the Treasurer's role is being undertaken by Nigel Alington and William Douglas until a new Treasurer is appointed.

Income

The income for the Trust showed a significant increase in the year to 31st March 2012, rising from £3,577 in 2011 to £9,133 in 2012. There were three main reasons for the increase. The first was an increase in the number of Friends of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust, which does tend to take place when we are approaching a Gathering. The second was an increase in general donations. This included a donation of £500 from Hugh and Robin Maclean's Charitable Trust. It was agreed by the Trust that this generous donation would be used to fund the competition to find a new pipe tune for the Centenary Gathering in June 2012. The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust also received from an anonymous benefactor a very substantial donation. The Trustees would like to thank all those who made donations to the Heritage Trust for their generous support. The third source of increased income came from sales of the book *Death or Victory* which was written by Fiona Maclean of Ardgour and funded by the Lady Maclean Fund. The sales of this book have been a great success and the Trustees would like to thank Fiona Maclean of Ardgour for all the efforts she has put in to produce such a successful publication.

This increased income provided the Trust with funds to cover the costs of their activities at the Clan Gathering held on Mull in June 2012.

Activities and Achievements

In the financial year to 31st March 2012 there was one payment from the Lady Maclean Fund to one of the Mull Gaelic Choirs to help them compete at the Mull Mòd. Other payments made in the financial year related to the following charitable activities:

- (a) The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust paid out a sum of £3,083 for the printing and packaging and delivering of copies of *Death or Victory*, which was launched at the Tobermory Games on 21st July 2011.

(b) The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust made payments relating to part of the cost of the coat of arms that has been installed on the memorial of the Battle of Harlaw. This was unveiled on 24th July 2011 on the 600th Anniversary of the battle. At this battle Hector Maclean led the right wing of the Lord of the Isles army and died on the battlefield in an individual duel with Irvine of Drum.

(c) Piping Bursary. The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust provides a Piping Bursary to a suitable individual every 5 years at the time of the Clan Gathering. The expenditure of £118 covered the advertising of the bursary.

(d) Pipe Tune Competition. The cost of £250 was the prize money paid to Dr Simon McKerrell for his composition of the new pipe tune that he wrote for the 2012 Gathering at Duart Castle.

(e) Bard John Maclean Plaque. As mentioned in the Trustees' Report last year, the payment for the plaque that was put in place in October 2010 was paid for in the year to 31st March 2012.

Also in this period to 31st March 2012 the final work was completed on the Piping Book, which was published in June 2012. This was undertaken by the Trustees Colonel Donald MacLean and James Beaton. Their co-Trustees very much appreciate all their hard work and efforts on this project. In addition, much work went into the planning for the building of the Cairn at Lichd Lee, which was unveiled at the time of the Gathering on Mull in June 2012.

Friends

The number of Friends of the Trust continued to increase, as those attending the Gathering planned the events they wished to attend. The total number of Friends of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust at the end of the financial year was 59. It is a key task of the Trustees to try and maintain this increased number of members.

The Trustees are concerned at the cost of postage of the Benefits that the Friends receive. This year the Benefit will be a signed photograph taken on the steps at Duart at the time of the Gathering in June 2012.

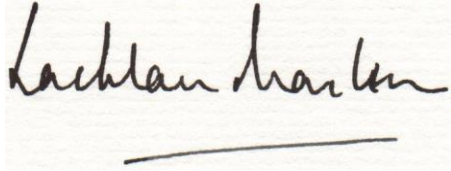
Trustees

The 12 months to the end of March 2012 was a very busy time for the Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust. A great deal of planning and behind the scenes work was undertaken by the Trustees in getting ready for the Gathering in June 2012, which was a very significant event as it was the 100th Anniversary of the first Gathering held at Duart in 1912. The time and commitment that the Trustees give to the Trust's activities is very generous and much appreciated.

Reserves

The surplus for the year ending 31st March 2012 was £4,252. This compares with a surplus of £2,228 in the previous year. The Trustees consider that the reserves of £15,417 are adequate to enable the Trust to carry out the various projects that are in preparation.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Lachlan Maclean", with a horizontal line drawn underneath.

Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern
Chairman

Date: 7 November 2012