

Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015

Scottish Charity Number SC024481

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The Gables, Station Road, Balfron, Glasgow G63 0SX

Current trustees

Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern (Chairman)

Mr Nigel Alington

The Very Rev Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch

Mrs Fiona Maclean of Ardgour

Mr Hector McLean

Mrs Vera MacLean

Mr Ian MacLean (Canada)

Mr Alan McLean (France)

Judge Sandra L. McLean (USA)

Mr Noel Robinson (New Zealand)

Brigadier John MacFarlane

Other Trustees who served during the year

Mr James Beaton, whose term of office expired in September 2014

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 Mrs Vera MacLean). 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, and Hector McLean, nominated in September 2014). Other trustees are co-opted by the Trust as and when it is thought that extra skills are needed. At present the co-opted Trustees are: Fiona Maclean of Ardgour, and Nigel Alington, both nominated in September 2006; Sandra McLean, nominated in January 2010; Ian MacLean nominated in March 2010; Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, nominated in November 2014; and Brigadier John MacFarlane nominated in March 2015. Trustees, apart from the ex-officio trustees, normally serve for a five-year term.

Trust Representatives

The Trust appoints Trust Representatives in the Clan Associations in which the Trust is not represented by a Trustee. Representatives have been appointed as follows: Peter MacLean (Western Australia), Marcus MacLean (New South Wales), Pat McClean (Pacific North-West), Gordon McLean (Clan Maclean Association in Australia Inc.) and Dr Leslie H. McLean (Clan Gillean USA). The function of the Representatives is to promote the Trust and to preserve the Clan Heritage in their regions.

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 publicizes 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

The work of Treasurer is still being undertaken by Nigel Alington and William Douglas until a new Treasurer is appointed. This extra work undertaken by them has been very much appreciated by all the Trustees.

Income

The income for the Trust for the year ending 31st March 2015 was £8,257. The Friends' subscriptions rose from £1,042 in the year to March 2014 to £1,423 in the current year, although with donations reducing the total donations were £21 lower at £2,160. The trading income increased to £2,154 with increased sales of Death or Victory.

The most significant change for the current year was the redemption of the War Loan Stock in which the Fitzroy Maclean Fund was invested. Under the 'receipts and payments' basis of accounting that we use, this generated an increase in receipts of £3,775. This increased the total receipts to £8,257, compared to £4,321 in the previous year. The former total is however artificial, as the stock was previously in our balance sheet at its market value of £3,147. Our real gain was therefore £628, making our net total receipts £5,110.

Activities and Achievements

The annual grant to the Mull and Iona Mòd was made to the Salen Primary School to help them compete at Tobermory. The Trust continued to provide a donation to the Mull Museum which maintains the Maclean Library.

In 2014 the Trust also made a donation of £500 to replace railings at Hector Maclean's monument on Islay. Hector Maclean was an eminent Gaelic scholar who was buried on Islay.

The Trust launched a Facebook page in order to bring its activities to the attention of a wider audience and to encourage dialogue with Clan members and the public at large.

Friends

The Trustees continue to be concerned about the further drop in the number of Friends of the Trust. At the 1st April 2015 the Friends numbered 28. This was a reduction of 20 on the year to the 1st April 2014. Some of the reduction has been caused by some Friends failing to pay their membership in the last financial year

Trustees

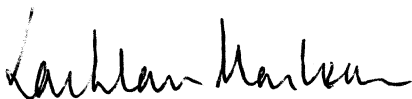
The Trustees welcomed Brigadier John MacFarlane as a new co-opted Trustee. John is a native Gaelic speaker and has helped the Trustees with several of their projects. We look forward to his participation in the Trust's activities.

In addition, Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, whose appointment as an ex officio Trustee ended upon the expiry of his term of office as President of the Clan Maclean Association in October 2014, was appointed as a co-opted Trustee.

Reserves

The result for the year ending 31st March 2015 was a surplus of £5,716, or £2,569 after adjusting for the stock as above, which was a significant increase on the previous year's £950. It is the Trustees intention to use some of our reserves in 2017 when the next Clan Gathering takes place on Mull. The Trustees are confident that the Trust is in a sound financial state for the future projects.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern
Chairman

Date: 15 December 2015.