

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE 11th MEETING Held at 86 Princes St., at 10.00am on the 8th January 2001

Attendees: Major Nicholas Maclean-Bristol. Chairman
Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern.
Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch.
Lt. Col. Donald MacLean.
Ronald MacLean. (By Invitation)
Dr. James MacLean. Treasurer.
Malcolm F MacLean. Secretary.

1. Apologies

None received all members present.

2. Minutes of the 10th Meeting

Accepted and signed by the Chairman after the addition of a sentence at the end of Item 6.1 to read, "Allan volunteered to draw up ideas for a Friends of CMHT."

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman in his opening comments stressed that the majority of the mornings meeting time would be taken up with considering the final plans and arrangements made for the Inverkeithing cairn unveiling in July.

4. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that the Cash Balance currently stood at £4843.93 plus a tax refund of £418.18 the total being **£5262** in Cash.

Allan raised the question of the capital investment in 3.1/2% War Loan. James gave a figure of £3775. It was agreed that there would be further advice taken as to how the capital sum might be invested for a higher return of interest.

5. Project Reports.

5.1 Inverkeithing 1651

Lachlan reported to the meeting that contact had again been made with representatives of Fife Council and that site meetings had taken place with regard to two possible sites for the Cairn. The first of these sites the "Pill Box" site came with a major drawback, namely that an adjacent plot of land is to be sold with the result that building might occur in front of the Cairn. In addition this first site lacks a road which would lead up to the Cairn once it is erected. The second new site proposal would have a flat area with a view of Pitreavie Castle together with space near the cairn for information boards to be displayed. Lachlan is sure that more support for this site would be forthcoming from Fife Council in the shape of levelling off the site and putting down a

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firm base for the cairn construction. Access to the site would also be enabled by the Council, in what appears to be an area unlikely to suffer vandalism.

Estimated Cairn Costs

Broad estimates were arrived at as to how the total budget of £3000 would be split.

Stone to Site	N/C
Building	1000
Brass Plaques	400
Info. Boards/Posters	1600
Total	£3000

Plan of the **Islay Cairn** to be made available to Lachlan.

Action Nicholas

Lachlan and Allan to visit the above new site today and consider a possible third option so that a final decision on the Cairn position can be given to Fife Council as soon as possible.

Suggested Order of the Day at Pitreavie.

Allan reviewed the events for the day from which the following responsibilities emerged;

- a) The Chief's Piper, Kenneth be approached to undertake the piping duties during the day. **Action Donald**
- b) Setting the scene, a description of the battle to be prepared to hand out to those assembled at the site on the day. **Action Nicholas**
- c) Unveiling of Plaques by the Chief.
- d) List of names of those who fell to be read out. **Action T.B.A.**
- e) List of local Fife Council representatives to be invited. **Action Lachlan**
- f) Buchanan Clan Society representative to be invited. **Action Allan**

In addition those who wish to attend the Buffet Lunch on the day at a cost of £5 per head, monies will be required by the **30th June 2001**.

5.2 Iona - Maclean's Brass Foot

Allan had no Progress to report.

5.3 Coll Mausoleum

Held in abeyance.

5.4 Genealogical Project

No further progress.

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5.5 Register of Deeds

No further progress

5.6 Maclean Piper Bursary

Donald spoke of a two week course being currently under consideration, together with perhaps the need to pay attention to accommodation for the people selected. Lachlan made the point that the use of the Pipe Bursary should be cleared away before 2002 so as to encourage overseas pipers to attend the Gathering.

5.7 Maclean Pipe Music Reprint

Donald reported that the cost of reprinting 500 copies of 51 tunes was going to be £1300. Cost proposals from the Piping College were still pending. There was still the possibility of 15 more pipe tunes being included in the reprint from the last century.

James said that he would ask his son William to leather bind one copy for presentation purposes.

5.8 Lichdlee Battle of Mull (1580)

Sir Lachlan had reach the conclusion that the site of this engagement was on or near the B8035 at Loch na Keal. The proposal at the present time was to erect a Cairn on the shore or perhaps a little higher. Close by to the site was a stone reputed to be used for sword sharpening. Permission of the land-owner to be sought by Lachlan prior to any further action.

5.9 Glenlivet

No present action.

5.10 Pennycross Graveyard

The Secretary had written to Nicholas of Pennycross as requested to establish what action if any had taken place on this project but had received no reply. Lachlan said that he would speak to Pennycross about the project when at the London Dinner.

5.11 Ian Maclean Poetry

No action.

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CMHT PROJECT LISTING

Ref. No.	Project Heading	Comp. Date	Funding	Apprvd.	Project Contact
1	Brass Foot Restoration	1999	£500	Yes	Rev. Allan
2	Inverkeithing	2001	£5000	Yes	Sir Lachlan.
3	Coll Mausoleum	2001	£20000	No	Nicholas
4	Genealogical Proj. Heritage Centre	2002			Donald/Allan
5	Reg. of Deeds Search 1600/60				Allan
6	Maclean Piper Bursary	2002			Donald
7	Maclean Pipe Music Reprint	2002			Kenneth (Piper)
8	Lichdlee Battle of Mull	2002	£5000		Sir Lachlan
9	Glenlivet				Charles
10	Pennycross Graveyard				Nicolas- Penny
11	Editing & Pub. Ian Maclean Poetry				John Macinnes
12	Coll Maclean Poetry				Nicholas
13	John McLean of Mclean's Ridge.				

6.0 Any Other Business

6.1 Friends of the CMHT. (Circulated paper)

Allan opened up the discussion with a brief review of his paper and how in principle it supported Ronald's view of the need for an on-going source of income to the Trust. He explained how he felt that 'supporters' should become 'friends' and gave an explanation of how the Friends concept operated in other organisations. Allan was fully aware that the concept of the Friends of the CMHT raised a number of questions which he had noted in his paper, for example;

- i) Would this new organisation be run by an independent committee or under the existing CMHT structure.?
- ii) Annual subscription level - suggested £20.
- iii) Benefits of taking out membership.
 - Special Events.
 - More frequent communications.
 - Discounts at events laid on.

Donald in reply felt it represented another bureaucracy and organisation load on the Clan Maclean members. Ronald spoke of the proposed benefits to some extent impinging on the existing benefits provided under the Clan Association. He went on to say that he would like to see support for the maximisation of income via Gift Aid and a Supporters Club at £2 to £10 per month. Nicholas asked who will administer what appears to be a very intensive operation.

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Ronald recalled that at the last gathering creation of a Heritage Centre was mooted which would require considerable income to maintain. Ronald spoke of Duncan from Reno suggesting a residential place in Tobermory for Patrons as a commercial operation, with the proviso that money was flowing into the operation.

Meeting Note The Chairman left for another engagement at this point, 12.00 mid-day, Lachlan took over the Chair.

Lachlan stated that in his view that the Administrator of the Friends scheme would need to be paid either on a full or part time basis. Donald put forward the suggestion that an approach be made to the Lottery for support either in the form of cash or a Development Officer secondment perhaps for two years.

Lachlan brought the discussion to a close by suggesting that contact be made with a representative of the Lottery organisation for information and advice. In addition Allan should search for a suitable candidate for the position of Administrator of the Friends Scheme should the go ahead be given.

6.2 Rotational Dates for Trustees

Trustee appointments to run for 5 years from the date of appointment. The Chiefs appointment of a new Trustee is due to be completed and announced by March 2001, at which point the Trust Committee will again be at full strength.

6.3 Appointment of Chairman

With the completion of his 5 years of being Chairman Nicholas Maclean-Bristol is to relinquish the Chair. Allan Maclean was proposed by Donald to become Chairman, seconded by Lachlan. The appointment is to become effective after the Inverkeithing Event this year.

6.4 CMHT Archive Material

Archive material currently held in safe custody by the Secretary is to be deposited in the Tobermory Museum under strict confidential control. Access to the material to be given only by the Chief or the Trust Chairman. Deposit of the material to be made as soon as possible.

6.4 Death of Tobermory Curator

It was with deep regret that the Trust Committee noted the death of Bruce Whittaker, Curator of the Tobermory Museum, Mull.

7.1 Date and Venue for next meeting

Date the Wednesday 4th April 2001 at 10.30am, at 5 North Charlotte St.,
Edinburgh. By the kind permission of Canon Allan Maclean