

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE 12th MEETING

Held at the King Malcolm Hotel Dunfermline at 09.30am on the
20th July 2001

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

1. Apologies

None received all members present.

2. Minutes of the 11th & Extra Meeting

Both sets of minutes accepted and signed by the Chairman.

3. Treasurer's Report.

The Trustees received the Registration Report 20/04/00 to 31/03/01.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that the total revenue funds of the Trust currently stood at £6,000+, estimated costs of the Inverkeithing Project was £7,879 at present leading to a deficit in the accounts. Revenue from ticket sales had still to be included but such sales would not exceed £350 at the highest. The above costing needs to be put against the £3,000 budgeted figure approved at the last meeting of the Trust.

4. Inverkeithing Review.

Final Order of the Day at Pitreavie.

Donald outlined the way in which the morning's event should occur. The clansmen would assemble at Pitreavie Castle and march behind two banners up to the cairn. Once at the site Nicholas would set the scene and give an account of the Maclean involvement. He would then hand-over to the Chief for the unveiling ceremony. Following the unveiling, a list of those members of the clan known to have fallen at the battle would be read out by Allan, after which he would lead the assembled group in prayer and the two minutes silence. The Piper at the end of the silence is to play the lament 'Red Hector of the Battles', after which Brigadier John Macfarlane will read extracts in Gaelic and English from 'The Song to Sir Hector'. People invited to the Civic Reception would then make their own way to the Civic Building where the Vice Convenor Councillor Andrew Paterson would welcome the Clan on behalf of Fife Council.

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5. Friends of the C.M.H.T.

As requested Allan had prepared an Application Form for the Friends. During the reception the Secretary was to hand out the prepared folder giving details of the Battle and within it a leaflet announcing the launch of The Friends of the C.M.H.T.

Allan was thanked by all at the meeting for the work he had put in compiling the application letter for the Friends of the C.M.H.T.

6. Project Reports.

6.1 Maclean Letters.

Allan reported that he had bought for the Trust, two sets of Maclean/Maclaine papers for £130 and £30 [each plus Commission], respectively.

A letter from Iain Thornber had been received, offering further papers for £2000, and replied to by Allan. Copies of the correspondence had been circulated. It was agreed that the Trust was not in a financial position to purchase this further collection in its entirety, but Lachlan raised the point as to whether, if we could finance it, it would be a good idea. It was agreed that in particular the contemporary copy of the Lochbuie Charter of 1493 would be a very worthwhile purchase. Allan was to write to Iain Thornber.

6.2 Iona - Maclean's Brass Foot

Since Iona Abbey was now in the hands of Historic Scotland it is very unlikely that the Brass Foot would ever be replaced. This item will now be removed from the project list.

6.3 Coll Mausoleum

Held in abeyance.

6.4 Genealogical Project

No further progress.

6.5 Register of Deeds

No further progress

6.6 Maclean Piper Bursary

Donald reported that the School of Piping will arrange a two week course for £700 for 2 weeks + accommodation, giving 3 hours of instruction on a one to one basis plus practice time during the course. Donald was very keen to advance this project, and Lachlan made the point that the Bursary should if possible be in place before 2002, so as to encourage overseas pipers to attend the Gathering.

6.7 Maclean Pipe Music Reprint

Donald reported that he considered it best to up-date the existing volume, by adding some new tunes, which would make it more attractive to purchasers. The new volume would be dedicated to the Chief.

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He reported that the cost of printing 500 copies was going to be £3000, selling at £15/20 each. The suggestion of a leather-bound edition was mooted. The printing would require cash-with-order to finance the production cost of the book, and a list of subscribers was considered a good idea. Donald also said that some copyright questions are beginning to arise that would require his attention. The reprint is unlikely to be available for the 2002 Gathering, but perhaps with a prototype on show orders could be taken during the Mull gathering.

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

6.8 Lichdlee Battle of Mull (1580)

Sir Lachlan stated that the site of this engagement had now been established, and he had written to the agent seeking permission to erect a cairn on the site. However it was decided not to pursue this project for 2002.

Nicholas drew the attention of the trustees to Knockmartin, the rallying place of the Macleans, on the west side of Mull.

6.9 Halifax (NS) Hatchment

Correspondence was circulated and the project would be discussed at the next meeting.

6.10 Herald Heritage

Nicholas was reminded that he had agreed to write to Maclean of Kingairloch about the problem with the terms of the ultimate destination of his heraldic matriculation. He said that he would certainly do this for the Trust.

Nicholas also said that the Maclean genealogies that were about to be published in Burke's Scottish Landed Gentry had been revised by him to include his latest thoughts, and he anticipated much criticism for his ideas.

Due to time pressures the meeting was brought to a close by the Chairman in order that personnel could get to the Inverkeithing Cairn unveiling.

7.0 Any Other Business

All those present gave a vote of thanks to Nicholas for his tenure of the C.M.H.T. over the past 5 years.

**Proposed by Sir Lachlan.
Seconded by all present.**

8.1 Date and Venue for next meeting

Thursday 6th Sept. 2001 at 12.45pm, at the Western Club, Glasgow.