

# CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

## MINUTES OF THE 14th MEETING

Held at The Western Club, Glasgow at 12.30pm  
on the 7th March 2002

**Attendees:** Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch.  
Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern.  
Lt. Col. Donald MacLean.  
Mrs Fiona Maclean of Ardgour  
Dr. James McLean. Treasurer.  
Malcolm F MacLean. Secretary.

**1. Apologies:** Received from Marigold Maclean, Australia. (Who had sent comments by E/mail.)

**2. Minutes of the 13th Meeting:** Accepted by all present.

**3. Chairman's Remarks:** The Chairman welcomed Fiona Maclean of Ardgour as a new co-opted trustee to the meeting and thanked her for taking up the appointment, a five year one. Marigold Maclean's appointment is also for five years.

### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

#### **a. Library in Tobermory**

It was agreed that the Association Library will in future be maintained by the Heritage Trust; and that it should be kept up to-date.

#### **b. Ross of Mull History centre/Tobermory Project**

Donald had met with Messrs Maclean & Maclachlann of the Nadar Trust. They currently were preparing a cost estimate for a proposed Tobermory Galleon Project to be erected near to the present Freemason's Building in Tobermory. **Action** Donald to continue his progressing of this matter.

#### **c. Heraldic Heritage**

Allan had no news as to whether Nicholas has written the required letter. **Action** Allan to contact Nicholas and close this item.

### **5. Inverkeithing:**

#### **a. Snagging**

Allan reported that following remedial work on the panel it should now be considered satisfactory and thus any withheld payments can now be made.

#### **b. Actual Costs**

Total costs of the Inverkeithing Cairn are some £7900+, however Architect professional fees have been kindly waived by David Foster. Our claim to VAT exemption on the two items has not been challenged. **Action** Mac to write a letter of thanks to D.F.

### **6. Finances:**

#### **a. Review of the last five years**

A simple calculation showed that once commitments had been paid for, the balance was under £400, but this did not include the larger than anticipated uptake in subscriptions.

#### **b. Preparation of Accounts**

James pointed out to the meeting that all of the past 5 years of Accounts had been the subject of an independent audit. The Chairman asked that once this years results had been audited would James please send copies of the 6 year period accounts to the Inland Revenue. Such action may turn out to be prudent, if and when, the Heritage Trust makes an application for Lottery Funds.

#### **c. Investment**

A decision was taken to sell the War Stock and seek advice from John about reinvestment **Action** James

#### **d. Lottery Funding**

Donald had obtained a booklet on Lottery Funding. Unfortunately for archives it needs to be for a minimum of £5000.

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## **7. Friends of CMHT:**

### **a. Current uptake**

The response to date had been huge, based on an estimate given by Donald there could be up to 200+ people wishing to attend the Duart Castle invitation. On behalf of the meeting the Chairman expressed our many thanks for this kind invitation put forward by the Chief and Mary. However it was very clear that such estimated numbers have now thrown up huge procedural/organisational problem for the event. Further discussions are to be held between the Chief, Mary and Allan to reach an operational solution.

### **b. Application Form on Website**

Allan to write to the Association to continue the credit card facility after the Gathering is over.

### **c. Special Party at the 2002 Gathering**

See item at ref. 7a above.

### **d. Friends Stall in Aros Hall**

Personnel will be available to man the stall at the critical times. With regards to the Friends Membership letters the Secretary was asked to wait for two items; one an Invitation Card to the Duart Party from the Chief, and secondly a Gift Aid Form (UK Members Only) to be supplied by James. The Secretary was thanked for his ongoing work in support of the Friends concept, which he felt he could still manage.

## **8. Policy:**

### **a. Guidelines**

The existing guidelines were reviewed and approved for future use.

### **b. Suggestions for Consideration**

The meeting gave full support to the idea of announcing that suggestions for projects would be welcomed at the Clan Congress.

## **9. Reports:**

### **a. Battle Axe and Website**

It was agreed that there would be brief reports from the Heritage Trust for the Battle-axe and the Website.

### **b. Report to 2002 Gathering**

Nicholas Bristol is to review the first 5 years of the CMHT with Allan projecting the future plans of the Trust. **Action** Allan to ensure that Nicholas is made fully aware of his task.

### **c. Report to Friends**

Needs to be completed before the beginning of December 2002.

## **10. Kaid Sir Harry Maclean relics:**

Locker Madden is donating on permanent loan to the Trust various items that belonged to the Kaid, including his ceremonial sword, pistol, and Matriculation of Arms. **Action** Allan to arrange for collection of the items from Locker Madden.

## **11. Loan Terms:**

Loan Agreement proforma from the Secretary and a sample proforma from the Tobermory Museum were discussed, but further research is to be carried out before coming to any decision on a suitable standard for the Trust. **Action** to be taken by Fiona and Mac.

## **12. Current Projects:**

### **a. Piping Bursary**

A disappointing take up of only two people, but the young Alexander Maclean from Tiree has been awarded the Bursary. The Chief asked if Alexander would be available to play at the Ceilidh in the evening; Donald replied that he would look into the suggestion and see if it could be arranged.

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## **b. Piping Book**

Donald reported that it was unlikely that the mock up or the Subscriber's List would be ready for the 2002 Gathering. Marigold in Australia, writing to Allan, pointed out that there was Maclean Piping Music in Australia. **Action** Donald to write and request Marigold to send such Music to Donald for review.

## **c. Maclean/Maclaine letters**

Iain Thornber has agreed to sell the above papers to the CMHT for £2000, Allan is to undertake the collection of them next week.

## **d. Halifax [NS] Hatchment**

This project now appears to be underway with the CMA (Maritime) in Canada also contributing towards the cost.

## **e. Repair of Battle-axe railing at Killunaig.**

No further news presented at this meeting.

## **13. Future Projects**

The Lochbuie Mausoleum is to be removed from the listing, as the necessary work has now been done. John Maclean of Maclean Ridge is a current project.

## **14. Date and Venue for next meeting**

Suggested date does not suit.

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