

Clan Maclean Heritage Trust

Minutes of 33rd Meeting

held in the Western Club, Glasgow at 12.00
on 22nd September 2010.

Attendees: Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern (Chairman), Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, Nigel Alington, James Beaton, Fiona Maclean of Ardgour, Dr. James MacLean (Treasurer), Lt. Col. Donald MacLean, William Douglas (Secretary)

1. Welcome to William Douglas

In welcoming William as Secretary, the Chairman expressed his concern at the level of paperwork and suggested we need to review this. The Trustees took the opportunity to recognise the contribution made by Mac to the Trust.

2. Apologies: Sandra McLean.

Apologies and comments: Ian MacLean, Brian McLean

3. Minutes of 32nd Meeting

- a. Fiona was thanked for providing the minutes to the 32nd meeting.
- b. The minutes were accepted by all present.

4. Matters arising from the 32nd Meeting

Allan urged caution in a planned approach to Professor Ian Maclean at Oxford relating to papers held in his attic which originate from Dr James Maclean of Glensanda's brother, which may go back to 1890.

- After briefing by Allan, Nigel to approach Professor Ian MacLean

5. Trust Organisation:

- a. **Secretaryship:** Arrangements are required to facilitate the new appointment:
 - Sir Lachlan is to notify OSCR
 - Nigel is to alter contact details on Paypal and the websites
 - Allan is to notify the Friends
 - Allan and William are to arrange the handover

b. Trustees appointment and rotation

Ian, Atlantic, has agreed to continue as a Trustee, filling one of the co-opted vacancies. A replacement for the Chief's nominee is required. Noel Robinson, New Zealand, is considered a possibility. Other people considered included Allan Maclean (France), Andrew Maclean (Mount Stewart), Catriona Maclean (daughter of judge Lord Maclean), Mark Maclean (New Hailes House), Alan Maclean (Heriot Row), Caileen Maclean (Portree), Charlie Bristol and Eoghin Maclean.

It was agreed:

- Trustees should be a members of one of the Clan Maclean Associations

- Sir Lachlan to consider approaching Noel Robinson when in New Zealand
- James is to make an approach to Andrew Maclean (Mount Stewart)
- Allan is to make an approach to Alan Maclean (Heriot Row)

6. Finance

- a. Draft accounts FY 2009/2010.** It was apparent that some of the Trustees had not noted the Balance Sheet, with Notes to the Accounts, circulated by Nigel on 15th September. It was noted that there was no Gift Aid income; Dr James explained as the amount was small, he did not make a claim every year. Sir Lachlan expressed his disappointment at the low level of donations. Allan pointed out that some of our generous supporters have died recently. The accounts were accepted.

It was agreed:

- Nigel is to amend page numbers and send a clean copy of the accounts to Sir Lachlan
- Sir Lachlan will write the Chairman's statement, mentioning grants made, before his departure to Australia, and circulate for comment.

- b.** Dr James stated the current position was: £10,240.

- c.** Outline budget for next three year. After a brief discussion it was felt that there were insufficient funds to have an investment programme. It was noted that the Harlaw project (See item 12g) might cost less than budget. The cost of the Sir Donald Maclean New Zealand project (See item 12h) is likely to be NZ\$700 (£325).

- d.** PayPal system. The system seems to be working well. Nigel receives an automated statement from PayPal when there is a receipt. He transfers the money to the trust account and informs the Treasurer and Secretary. Nigel explained that those who wish to pay in dollars, etc, can do this as the sums will be converted automatically.

7. Friends of CMHT

- a.** Current membership. Allan reported that we currently have 55 members; 3 did not renew from last year, whom he plans to chase. After some discussion, it was decided to discontinue membership cards. Mull Museum needs to be informed of this, and the website amended.
- b.** PayPal – see Item 6d
- c.** Pat Maclean – Honorary membership was agreed. Sir Lachlan will write to her.
- d.** 2010 benefit. It was agreed that a facsimile of the Ardgour letter, plus a commentary and photograph of Maclean of Ardgour would be sent to members in January as their 2010 benefit, together with the Chairman's report and renewal application.
- Allan to follow up renewals
 - William to write to Mull Museum re membership cards
 - Nigel to amend website re membership cards
 - Sir Lachlan to write to Pat Maclean

- James and Fiona to develop the commentary
- Fiona to arrange printing and send to William
- e. Data protection. Ian's suggestion of making Friends' names available on the internet was not supported as it would breach data protection rules. It was noted that the application form needs amending to incorporate data protection requirements.
 - Nigel to change application form to incorporate data protection requirements

8. Promotion of CMHT

- a. Website. Nigel reported that several areas of the website require updating. He recognises the contribution made by Ian 'The Webmaster'. He is continuing to work on this.
- b. Leaflets for tents. Allan reported that they were 'done and dusted'. They can be printed off the website (Secretary's note – where are they?)
- c. Sir Lachlan said that he would be promoting the Trust when in Australia and New Zealand. He is seeking some photographs of Trust events.
 - Allan and Nigel to provide photographs

9. Manuscripts and Archives: Sir Lachlan thanked James for his report, which was followed by a short discussion. It was agreed that the material would continue to lie in the National Piping Centre, so long as James is there.

- James will devise a retention schedule and circulate
- Allan to identify any missing items and inform James.
- Dr James is to provide copies of missing reports and accounts
- James is to ensure a copy of each of the membership benefits is sent to Mull Museum.

10. Library

Allan referred to his report. There was some discussion about making links on the website to books that can be downloaded, and also copying these to disc. This was suggested as a future project.

- a. Additions – Books. It was agreed that he should purchase a copy of O Baoill, Colm, Mairghread nighean Lachlainn, Song-maker of Mull, [Scottish Gaelic Texts Society] Edinburgh, 2009 for £25. Sir Lachlan has received some books, which he will be donating to Mull Museum.
- b. Letters. Allan is awaiting delivery of letters from Ian 'the Webmaster'. Allan is to list all letters, etc, and forward to the secretary,
- c. Kaid's letters to Mull Museum. Still outstanding.
- d. Mull Museum. Allan will purchase 'One man and his Time' from the Mull Museum for the library

11. Completed Projects

- a. Dr Archibald Lang Maclean – Nigel to put a link on the website
- b. Bard's Stone – 'effectively done'. It is to be unveiled on 16th October. Dr James is to forward \$400 to Ian

12. Current Projects:

- a. Piping book: Donald referred us to his report. He stated that the typesetting will be due for payment soon. There is still work to be completed before it is

ready to print, including sourcing photographs of pipers. It is hoped that the book will be ready to print in Spring/Summer 2011. There was discussion on the merits of a presentation/souvenir/bound version, in addition to a pipers' version; subscribers and sponsors. James offered to help Donald with this project.

- Donald to circulate final costs by email.
- Allan to draft a letter to potential subscribers
- b. CD version of Seneachie's History: Allan reported that he is aiming for this to be ready in 2012.
- c. Hon. Angus Maclean, Premier of Prince Edward Island: It was agreed that Ian should be given the go-ahead with this project, mentored by Brian.
 - Sir Lachlan to authorise Ian to proceed.
- d. Marking significant MacLeans on the Website. Nigel reported on his progress in collecting details of 'Prominent Macleans', and a discussion took place over how these might be included in the website. Nigel felt that just brief details were required where full biographies are available elsewhere. He suggested new biographies could be published monthly. William suggested that new biographies could be built using the collaborative efforts of Wikipedia authors. It was agreed:
 - Nigel should continue preparing a register
 - Biographies/profiles should be put on hold.
 - William to test Wikipedia for developing biographies.
- e. Eilean Amalaig: Not proceeding. To be replaced as an event for the 2012 Gathering by unveiling a cairn at Lecklee or Knockmartin, commemorating events of 1587.
 - Sir Lachlan to visit and take forward
- f. Lady Maclean Fund/Tales of Clan Maclean: Fiona updated the meeting of progress. A discussion took place on the choice of publisher. It should be ready in early 2011. It was agreed:
 - White & Maclean to be the publishers
 - Alastair White's advice to be taken on a hardback run and cover design
 - There will be no download version
 - Income from the sale of the book goes back to the Trust
 - Nigel and Fiona to consult over book sale price.
- g. Battle of Harlaw: 600th Anniversary of the Battle, 24th July 2011: A metal heraldic memorial is to mark this battle. An exchange of swords may also mark the event. Hamish Maclean is to be the Trust's project officer. It was agreed:
 - Sir Lachlan will discuss with Hamish.
 - All trustees are to encourage attendance.
- h. Recognition of Sir Donald Maclean in New Zealand; The Chief will unveil a plaque when in New Zealand. The cost is likely to be NZ\$700 (£325).
 - Brian will work with Noel Robinson on this project
- i. Colouring book: due to be completed this winter.
Marjorie (Atlantic Provinces).

13. Projects under consideration: * see separate appendix for full list.

- a. Fort Duart. (Also spelt Dewart). It was agreed that Ian should proceed with this project, supported by Sir Lachlan.
- b. Alexander Maclean of Coll's grave. After reviewing the circumstances, the Trustees raised no objections to plans to move this grave.
- c. Other projects, as listed in Appendix to 32nd Meeting. (Secretary's note: should this be the 29th meeting?).
 - It was decided to update the list at the next meeting.

14. Centenary Gathering 2012

- a. Gathering and tea: Allan updated the Trustees on progress with the arrangements for the Gathering. A visit to Inch Kenneth in lieu of Coll, and a trip to Gruline, where tea would be provided, are being considered. The Trust Day is to be the Thursday (21st June). A reels practice before the dance and ceilidh is being planned.
 - It was decided to review the stalls, leaflets, etc at the next meeting.
- b. Book on Sir Fitzroy, 26th Chief: The book will set the scene about Sir Fitzroy and his purchase of Duart. Allan said that he will start working on it probably before Christmas.
- c. Piping Bursary: Donald referred the Trustees to his report.
- d. Pipe Tune competition: Following a discussion, it was agreed that the competition should be for a 6/8 march, with a name appropriate to the 2012 Maclean Gathering. A prize of £250 will be awarded. James informed the Trustees that the Piping Centre is happy to administer the competition for £250. The competition should be promoted in Piping Today and Piping Times, as well as our and the Piping Centre's websites, launching in early 2011. It was agreed that:
 - Donald should assist James with the advertising
 - James is to ask Gavin Stoddart, James Maclean and Roddy Macleod to be judges.
- e. Gaelic poem: Allan has not yet contacted Brigadier Macfarlane
- f. A new Reel: Nigel reported that this is making progress.

15. AOCB

Date of next meeting: 23rd March 2010, 12.00, Western Club Glasgow.