



**Minutes of the 34th Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 12.00 noon on the 23rd March 2011
at the Western Club, Glasgow.**

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

1. Welcome to John MacLean

- . The Trustees took the opportunity to recognise the contribution made by James to the Trust over the past 14 years. Unfortunately, John Maclean was unable to attend the meeting.

2. Apologies: Sandra McLean, Ian MacLean, Brian McLean, Noel Robinson and John Maclean.

3. Minutes of the 33rd Meeting

There was a brief discussion over the validity of the requirement for trustees to be a member of a Clan Maclean association. This discussion was deferred to item 5. Otherwise the minutes were accepted.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. Update on Action Points.
- b. The Chairman and Nigel reported that the new country dance and reel were progressing.
- c. The Secretary will thank Ian Maclean for forwarding the 'historic letters'.
- d. Although the piping bursary is not restricted to UK applicants, it was noted that the winner will have to pay for their own transport. James reported that he had secured the 3 judges for the piping competition. A name for the 6/8 march is required.
- e. The 2010 benefit was thought to be excellent.
- f. James' paper on document retention was accepted, with some possible amendments relating to legal requirements (e.g. HMRC); he will now come up with a plan.
- g. James is to discuss what material is held in the Mull Museum. Duplication between CMHT holdings and the Museum's holdings may be necessary.
- h. Two biographies were prepared and placed on Wikipedia in the hope that others would add to them; they have not. A debate took place on preparation of historical articles, and whether these should be confined to primary sources. It was felt that this was too restrictive, and that secondary sources could be used provided these were correctly attributed.
- i. Please see the Action Points list for further details. Comments/additions on the action points should be sent to the Secretary for distribution.

5. **Trust Organisation**

- a. Appointment of Noel Robinson as Trustee. Noel's appointment was confirmed wef 1st March 2011
- b. Appointment of John MacLean as Treasurer. John was appointed wef 1st April 2011.
- c. Trustees. Rotation of Trustees. It was noted that four trustees are due to retire. One of these is among the trustees nominated by the CMA, and Allan said that the Council would nominate someone at their meeting that afternoon. It was agreed that Trustees, like Friends, should not be required to be members of any Clan Maclean Association. They should however be encouraged to become members if they weren't already. New Trustees must add value to the trust.
The Chairman reminded us that a new Chairman will be required.

6. **Finance**

- a. Current Position. The bank balance stands at £11,456, with some income and expenditure imminent, leaving around £11,000 on deposit.
- b. Handover. Although John Maclean could not attend the meeting, and is likely to be unavailable for 2 – 3 weeks, it was agreed to ask him to assume the post of Treasurer from 1st April 2011 (the start of the new financial year). Arrangements to be made to handover between James and John are to be agreed between them. Nigel will also transfer to John responsibility for the PayPal account.
- c. James reported that he had had to send a personal cheque to New Zealand because of difficulties of transferring funds from the CMHT account. This needs to be reimbursed by the Trust.
- d. Project leaders are asked to provide a budget to John, in the first instance, and to update existing budgets.
- e. A vote of thanks was again given to James for his long term stewardship.

7. **Friends of CMHT**

- a. Uptake for 2011 and current membership. It was noted that some new Friends have been recruited through the registration process for the 2012 gathering. Their memberships will be for 2012. Donald is to pass details to William who will welcome them. The Secretary stated that he has had 16 renewals following the February mailing, 8 by cheque and 8 by credit card. He does not yet have the details of standing order receipts. Fees amount to £371 and donations £245.96 (excl standing orders). We have three new Friends for 2011. A reminder will be sent to all outstanding 2010 friends, together with an update on CMHT

8. **Completed Projects**

- a. Recognition of Sir Donald McLean in New Zealand. The chairman reported on his visit. It was noted that McLean Park in Napier will be used for the Rugby World Cup.
- b. Alexander Maclean Sinclair Symposium. The book is now complete and

available to order through Lulu.com

9. **Current Projects** – See Appendix 1
Secretary's note. Detail on the projects is to be found in the Appendix, and decisions in the Action Points List.
 - a. Piping Book. A discussion was held on the launch and subscribers list.
 - b. Hon. Angus Maclean. Premier of Prince Edward Island: Ian Maclean is the Lead Trustee; The Chairman is mentor.
 - c. Battle of Harlaw. Currently limited to 50 total attendance at anniversary event on 24th July. There are some 'very angry clans'! Details will be circulated when known. There is an article in the New Zealand magazine.
 - d. Lecklee. The Chairman and Allan will visit the site to decide on the programme for the day.
10. **Projects under consideration** – See Appendix 2
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 - a. Maclean House, Toronto. Now designated as a heritage site. It is hoped the Toronto conversationalists will take this project on as the trust is unable to give financial support. It will give written support if this should be considered helpful.
 - b. Improved access and sign posting is required, in time for the Gathering, at the Beaton Cairn, Pennycross. The Chairman will take this up with VisitScotland.
 - c. Nigel proposed all Maclean sites on Mull, and possibly neighbouring islands and the Morvern peninsula, should be identified on a Google map (or similar). (Ian to be asked to consider)
 - d. Alastair Maclean (Paris) has suggested a series of maps showing Maclean emigration routes. (Noel to be asked to consider).
 - e. Fiona is to supply details of Hector Maclean of Ballymartin.
 - f. No action is being taken at the Ardgour Graveyard.
 - g. The Maclean castle in Sweden was not thought to need CMHT intervention.
 - h. Nigel provided a list of forthcoming anniversaries. See Appendix 3
11. **Centenary Gathering 2012**
 - a. Gathering and Tea. The Chairman, with Allan, will visit Lecklee to confirm the arrangements.
 - b. Book of Sir Fitzroy 26th Chief – Allan is progressing this.
 - c. Piping Bursary. See Appx 1
 - d. Pipe Tune Competition. See Appx 1
 - e. Gaelic Poem to commemorate the occasion. See Appx 1
 - f. A new reel and country dance. See Appx 1
 - g. Exhibition at Duart. William will investigate possible mobile exhibition. List of exhibits may be dictated by security arrangements.
 - h. Heritage Trust stand at the Aros Hall. Will need a roster of helpers. Display panels are OK. Leaflets required. Nigel will prepare a slideshow of CMHT projects and a Q&A on eminent Macleans.
 - i. The Chief commented that in Australia and New Zealand genealogy was

one of the key selling points for the Associations. He suggested that the Trust should organise something on this subject for the Gathering. Allan suggested that we could ask Cailean Maclean to give a presentation (for which he would charge). We should ensure however that this did not conflict with what was already available from maclean.org. Trustees were asked to give further consideration to how the Trust should promote genealogy.

12. **AOCB**

- a. The 2011 benefit will be an illustration of the 1912 Gathering from the 31 Aug 1912 edition of The Graphic. Allan is leading this.
- b. A decision is required on the disposal/retention of surplus stock of past benefits.
- c. The Chief will be visiting the USA 15/18 April 2011, attending the Rural Hill Scottish Festival and Loch Norman Highland Games. Ian will also be there and is asked to take maps, application forms, leaflets, etc.
- d. The Symposium and Songmaker books to be sent to Mull Museum.
- e. The planning application lodged for Ardgour House environs has been dropped.
- f. A meeting of CMHT will be held in Tobermory in June 2012.
- g. The next meeting will be held on 21st September 2011 at 12 noon in the Western Club, Glasgow.