



**Minutes of the 36th Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 10.30 am on 21st March 2012
at the Western Club, Glasgow**

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

1. **Welcome to Alan McLean**
The Chairman welcomed Alan McLean, our new Trustee, as a CMA nominee, to which he responded by acknowledging the importance of the Trust.
2. **Apologies:** Sandra McLean, Ian MacLean and Noel Robinson
3. **Minutes of the 35th Meeting**
 - a. The minutes were agreed
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - a. All letters received from Ian the webmaster have to be listed and passed to the Secretary. Action: James
 - b. A complete list of past benefits is to be collected together and placed in a folder. Action: Secretary
 - c. Matters related to the Seneachie history have been deferred.
 - d. There will be no book this year on Sir Fitzroy. An article will instead be included in the Gathering magazine.
 - e. James will organise the cheque presentation at the National Piping Centre to the winner of the pipe tune competition.
 - f. The Piping Book is at 1st draft stage. It now has 120 pages, which has driven the price up slightly. It should be in production in late April. 1000 paperback copies have been ordered. A hardback version will also be available. The trustees recognised that a lot of hard work had been put into the project. The paperback book will sell at £20, with a Gathering promotional price of £15. It was agreed that no deals were to be done for orders until a wholesale pricing structure and marketing plan were in place. The book will be launched at the Gruline Reception
 1. Lochy, Nigel, Donald and William are to determine the marketing plan.
 2. James and Alan are to provide suggested places where the book could be sold.
 3. Donald is to provide the updated budget to Nigel.
 4. Donald is to firm up the list of those who will receive complimentary copies.
 - g. The colouring book should be ready by the end of March. Fiona is to arrange for their display on the stall at the gathering.
 - h. James had prepared a preliminary list of the papers received from Mac.

He will discuss with Allan

- i. The Secretary will draw up roster for the CMHT tables at the Gathering

5. **Trust Organisation**

- a. CMA has still to nominate one more trustee. This was deferred, in the hope that a potential candidate might be identified at the Gathering.

6. **Finance**

- a. The balance in the current account is £15,275 and there is £745 in the PayPal account. There are two outstanding bills to pay, amounting to £821.
- b. It was noted that John MacLean had resigned as Treasurer. Various tasks that have to be completed were discussed to ensure that the finances of the Trust continue to be administered correctly.
 1. Dr James and John need to be removed from the list of signatories – Secretary to action and arrange for bank statements and investment reports to be sent to Nigel.
 2. Nigel agreed to prepare draft accounts for the year-end, and have ready for the next meeting (21st June).
 3. The Secretary will take responsibility for depositing payments, passing details to Nigel.
 4. It was agreed that the introduction of internet banking to be placed on hold.
 5. Additional points noted by Nigel are to be considered and actioned as appropriate.
 6. The Secretary will check if John has signed a Gift Aid certificate.
 7. The Secretary will check if the Independent Examiner is prepared to examine our accounts again in 2012.
 8. Nigel will update the budget.

7. **Friends of CMHT**

- a. The Secretary reported that 59 friends (individuals and families) have paid their subscription for 2012. 27 have yet to pay for 2011 and 2012, and 26 to pay for 2010, 2011 and 2012. He will be encouraging non-payers to do so when the invitation is issued for the Friends Reception and the Gathering.
- b. 128 have already said that they will attend the Reception, as part of the Gathering registration process.
- c. Dr James is to be offered Honorary Membership.
- d. The friends' Benefit for 2012 is to be agreed at the next meeting.

8. **Projects**

- a. Nigel reported that there are 14 projects in progress, at a total cost of between £13,500 and £17,000. In addition to subscriptions, income can be expected from the sale of the Piping Book and Death or Victory.
- b. It was agreed to adopt a new recording system for Trust projects. The

Secretary will prepare a draft for the next meeting.

- c. The Chairman asked for his travel expenses in connection with his proposed trip to the USA in autumn 2012 to be removed from the Budget.
- d. The Secretary asked that project trustees be responsible for the entries in the project register, keeping him informed of the details to be recorded. They should also keep Nigel informed of any changes to the costs of those projects.

9. **Current Projects** – See Appendix 1 and Item 4 above

- a. Lichlee – Allan circulated photographs, and it was agreed that the cairn should be built on the high ground at a cost of £2,800 - £3,000. The plaque would be an additional cost. The unveiling will be open to all.
- b. Piping Bursary – There was no response by February, and Donald proposed that an alternative was to use the funds to promote piping on Tiree. However, there has been a last minute applicant, Jamie Maclean. It was agreed to provide the funds for tutoring on Tiree, and that the Chairman will 'sort out' funding for the bursary for Jamie Maclean.
- c. Piping Book – see item 4
- d. Pipe tune competition – James is to discuss with the Chairman details regarding costs, etc.
- e. Sir Fitzroy book – see item 4
- f. The new reel is now titled 'The Duart Reel'.
- g. Beaton Cairn - VisitScotland has agreed to improve access, at no cost to the Trust
- h. Map of Maclean sites on Mull – now a long term project
- i. Seneachie's history – now a long term project
- j. Hon Angus Maclean – it was noted that this project is progressing.
- k. Maclean register – now has 382 entries.
- l. Maclean Colouring Book – See item 4
- m. Fort Duart – An article will be published in the Gathering magazine.
- n. The Ghruinneart stones, on Islay, need repair. Fiona will write to RSPB.

10. **Projects under consideration** – See Appendix 2 and Item 4 above

- a. John Maclean – It was agreed that Sandra's proposal to place a commemorative plaque in Spring Grove Cemetery should be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. Emigration routes – It was noted that Noel is continuing to review how this might be done.
- c. It was noted that 2013 is the anniversary of the Battles of Largs and Flodden Field, 2014 of the Battle of Bannockburn and 2015 of the Battle of Sherrifmuir. It was suggested that the list of anniversaries might help planning future projects.
- d. It was noted that the railings on the Hector Maclean memorial at Ballygrant require repair and cleaning.

11. Centenary Gathering 2012

- a. The Secretary will discover if Ian has items to sell on the CMHT stall. Offers of help have been received, and a rota will be drawn up once everyone is clear on what other activities they are involved with.
- b. The offer to run the genealogy stall by Alastair White was discussed. It was agreed that clarity around ownership of data requires clarification. The Secretary will approach Jean Wimp to see if she is prepared to help on the stall.
- c. The Secretary will design a ticket for the Friends Reception. Donald will distribute them to those who have applied through him. The Secretary will send an invitation to all friends. The Chairman stated that he would be arranging the tea which will be provided at the Reception.
- d. Surplus back copies of old magazines and the Islay poster are to be made available in the tent.

12. AOCB

- a. Guidelines for the handling of CMHT competitions circulated ahead of the meeting were agreed.
- b. Nigel and Alan are discuss back copies of the magazine, as part of the plan to ensure copies of each are held in the Mull Museum and electronic copies are available on the website.
- c. The next meeting will be held at 1030 am on Thursday 21st June in the Western Isles Hotel, Mull.
- d. The autumn meeting will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday 17th September in the Western Club, Glasgow.

7th May 2012