Minutes of the 37th Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 10.30 am on 21st June 2012
at the Western Isles Hotel, Isle of Mull

Present: Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morven (Chairman), Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, Nigel Alington, Fiona Maclean of Ardgour, Sandra McLean, Ian MacLean, Alan McLean and William Douglas (Secretary)

1. **Welcome**

. Rev Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch opened the meeting, with the Chairman arriving a few minutes later, by welcoming in particular those who had travelled from abroad.

2. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Lt. Col. Donald MacLean, James Beaton and Noel Robinson

3. **Minutes of the 36th Meeting**
   a. The minutes of the 36th meeting were agreed.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
   a. It was agreed to continue with the present form of Action Points
   b. Nigel is overseeing Finance, meantime, and the Secretary holds the cheque book.
   c. All agreed that the Piping Book was really good, and thanked Donald and James for an excellent piece of work. Work now needs to be done to sell the book.
   d. Marjorie was thanked for the Maclean Colouring Book, which meets the trust's remit. It is hoped that it will be added to the website soon after the Gathering.
   e. It is not known if the RSPB have yet repaired the Ghruinneart stones
   f. Allan reported that the Drimnin Cairn is looking good.
   g. The winning tune from the Piping Competition will be played on the steps of Duart Castle at the Gathering on Saturday.
   h. Nigel was thanked for bringing together the Heritage Trust slideshow.
   i. Nigel and William reported on their visits to Mull Museum. It was confirmed that the Trustees are the archivists for all Maclean material held in the Museum under both Associations and Heritage Trust categories. Archives and Library are to be discussed at the September meeting.
   j. An independent examiner has still to be found to report on the 2012 accounts.

5. **Trust Organisation**
   a. CMA has still to nominate one more trustee. Some possible people were identified.

b. The Chairman said he would ask Brigadier Macfarlane if he was willing to become a Trustee.
c. The Chairman said he would, before the next meeting, discuss with Fiona and Nigel about extending as trustees to 2017, and if James was also willing to extend to 2014.

6. **Finance**

a. Taking into account expected expenditure, and income, Nigel reported that the Trust had a balance of around £32,500, including the Fitzroy Maclean Fund and stock valued at about £22,300.
b. It was agreed to appoint Nigel Alington as Investment Manager.
c. It was agreed that the following individuals are approved signatories for the Trust's bank account with the Bank of Scotland:
    - Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morven
    - Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch
    - Nigel Alington
    - William Douglas
d. It was agreed that Dr James McLean and John MacLean are no longer approved signatories on the bank account.
e. It was agreed to confirm to the bank that it must receive any two of the authorised signatures before carrying out transactions on the Trust's account.
f. Neither Internet nor telephone banking arrangements are required, meantime.
g. It was noted that paper bank statements are still going to John Maclean.
h. Annual accounts are ready to approve at the September meeting, when the Chairman’s report will also be ready.
i. The Chairman said that he had a possible candidate in mind for the post of Treasurer.
j. It was queried if we are to receive a bill for advertising the piping competition.
k. The secretary reported that the CMHT sales table had taken £1,200 on the first two days of the Gathering.
l. Nigel introduced the draft budget for 2012/2013, saying that the expected deficit for the year was about £10k, reducing the reserve to £5.4K (plus stock and the Fitzroy Maclean Fund (£3.4k)). It was agreed that this was encouraging, as we had built up the reserves for use during the Gathering. There is now a need to consider the budget for future projects. The budget included a provisional amount of £1,000 for the surplus that might accrue to the Trust from the Gates Appeal. Sandy proposed, and Ian seconded that the budget should be accepted, subject to review in September.
m. Nigel commented that the Trust might consider using the surplus from the Gates Appeal for a special purpose.
n. It was noted that accounting records should be kept for a minimum of 6 years from the end of the financial year in which they were made, and that we do not appear to have them all. The secretary will approach Dr James, a previous Treasurer, to see if he still has them.

7. **Friends of CMHT**

a. The Secretary reported:
110 Friends (both individual and family) have paid for 2012
12 who paid in 2011 and 12 who paid in 2010 have not renewed. There are 5 Honorary Friends.
(8 new Friends joined during the Gathering and 3 renewed.).
b. It was agreed that we would have to work hard to retain Friends in 2013. It was suggested that names of those who had not renewed should be passed to trustees for a follow up.
c. It was agreed that the 2012 benefit should be a signed copy of the chief, his son, Malcolm, and grandson, Oscar, photographed at the gates to Duart.
d. Following a short discussion, it was agreed that the cost of membership of the Friends of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust should rise to £20 for an individual and to £30 for families. This in part to reflect the rising cost of postage.

Alan and Allan left the meeting at this point.

8. **Projects**

a. A short discussion was held on how the Trust might help Duart, recognising that a member of the Trustees cannot benefit from the trust.
b. The Secretary introduced the new project database, and asked for comments. He informed the meeting that it showed completed projects, for the record, though he requires help to complete this. It also shows projects that the trust does not wish to become involved with, though this might change later. The database was accepted, but without project numbers being allocated.
c. It was recognised that overseas Trustees must have the opportunity to promote and debate projects. They are asked to put forward a paper, ahead of a meeting, detailing: What is being proposed; Why it merits the support of the Trust; What needs to be done to bring the project to fruition (including permissions required); Other participants (if applicable); Likely cost and any external source of funding; and Timing. The Secretary will include the item on the agenda. Outcomes from the meeting are then to be reported back.

9. **Current Projects**

a. Eilean Amalaig. The difficulties of recording the seafaring nature of the clan at Eilean Amalaig were noted. An alternative suggested was to place an information board at Duart. The Chairman said he would investigate the possibilities/options.

10. **Projects under consideration**

a. The Kaid. Alan reported that Clan Maclean France is in touch with the authorities in Tangiers, and was concerned that Nicolas Maclean of

Pennycross' contacts with the Moroccan embassy in London may cause confusion in regard to taking forward recognition of The Kaid in the Tangier Palace.

b. John Maclean, U.S. Supreme Court Judge. Sandy briefed the trustees on his contribution, and a brief discussion followed on how this might be recognised. Sandy was asked to investigate what might be possible.

11. **Centenary Gathering 2012**

a. The unveiling of the cairn at Lichlee follows this meeting, in turn followed by the Friends' Reception at Gruline, at which the pipe music book will be formally launched.
b. The Trust's table will be in the Marquee at Duart on Saturday. Books are meantime being sold in the Aros Hall by White & MacLean.

12. **AOCB**

a. Ian Thornber's aerial photographs of Maclean castles were discussed. Allan said he would talk to Ian about making them available for publication.
b. The autumn meeting will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday 19th September in the Western Club, Glasgow.

13th August 2012