



**Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of  
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust  
held at 12 noon on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012  
at the Western Club, Glasgow**

**Present:** Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern (Chairman) (part), Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, Nigel Alington, Fiona Maclean of Ardgour, Alan McLean, James Beaton (part), William Douglas (Secretary)

1. **Welcome**  
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 38<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.
2. **Apologies:** Sandra McLean, Ian MacLean and Col Donald MacLean.
3. **Minutes of the 37th Meeting**
  - a. The minutes were agreed
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
  - a. All matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting were covered in the agenda for this meeting
5. **Trust Organisation**
  - a. Discussion on new trustees was held over to a future meeting.
  - b. James has agreed to continue as a Trustee til the end of 2014. Fiona and Nigel agreed to continue until the end of 2017.
  - c. Lochy stated that a new Chairman should be in place by 2017.
  - d. Nigel and William agreed to continue to look after finance for the time being, while consideration is given to identifying a new Treasurer. It was noted that this person must be capable of preparing accounts to OSCR standards and in accordance with the applicable laws and statutory regulations.
  - e. The Chairman took the opportunity to acknowledge Col Donald MacLean's contribution to the Trust. This was to have been Donald's last meeting before retirement, but he was unable to attend. His considerable contribution to the Trust was in addition to that that given to the Association. Recently, he has produced the book, The Pipe Music of Clan Maclean, and promoted the Piping Bursary. The Trustees thanked him, in his absence, for his work.
6. **Finance**
  - a. Nigel reported that the revised banking authority had been approved by Bank of Scotland and was now in effect. The signatories are the Chief, Allan Maclean, William Douglas and himself, with two signatures required for any transaction.
  - b. He also reported that the Halifax had also recorded his appointment as Investment Manager and was now dealing with him in relation to the

War Loan Stock that represents the Fitzroy Maclean Fund.

- c. Nigel reported that the effective bank balance was £5,486.23 plus the PayPal balance of £1,023.51 giving a total cash balance of £6,509.74. A full report was circulated ahead of the meeting.
- d. A discussion was held on whether stock should be recorded in the accounts at cost price or sale value. Nigel agreed to investigate the applicable regulations. Secretary's note: stock should be valued at the lower of cost price and net realisable value. Nigel has amended figures accordingly.
- e. Nigel presented draft accounts for the year ended 31st March 2012. They were approved, proposed by Allan, seconded by Fiona. They now are to be passed to an Independent Examiner. Allan agreed to ask Dr James if he would take on this task. The Chairman's statement was also approved, subject to some minor corrections, proposed by Nigel, seconded by James.
- f. William stated that he had received some old sets of accounts the day before from Dr James. He will also look in the material held in the Piping Centre. The Chairman confirmed that it was his normal practice to send to the Secretary copies of the report and accounts submitted to OSCR.

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

- a. It was agreed that photograph 0685 of the Chief, Malcolm and Oscar was to be used for the 2012 Friends benefit. Allan will discuss production with the photographer. The Secretary is to inform Allan of the number required. These will all be signed by the Chief. The secretary will set up the process for distribution.
- b. The Secretary reported that we had 115 Friends at the start of the Gathering, and that 4 renewed and 8 joined whilst there.

#### **8. Projects**

- a. Nigel gave an overview of the projects budget, which he had circulated before the meeting.
- b. Nigel identified some changes to be made to the Projects database. The secretary will add past completed projects to the list. It was agreed to include projects from before the Trust was formed.
- c. The Chief outlined progress towards investigating potential funding for the long term care and maintenance of Duart Castle, which, for the time being, is a project outwith the Trust's remit.
- d. It was agreed to nominate Dr Hector Maclean of Gruline to be commemorated by a Historic Scotland Commemorative plaque. The Secretary is to ask Nicholas Maclean-Bristol for assistance in preparing the application.

#### **9. Current Projects**

- a. The Quaich for the piping competition winner is still to be passed to the winner, Brian Donaldson. We are awaiting his new address.
- b. A photograph of Dr Simon McKerrell, winner of the competition for a new pipe tune "Duart Gathering 2014", and a MP3 of the tune, is to be

- passed to Nigel so that it can then be added to the website.
- c. The Pipe Music of Clan Maclean. Following a discussion on selling the books, it was agreed that James would work to gain book reviews in appropriate publications, e.g. Piping Times. It is important that any review should include details of how to purchase the book (from maclean.org). James agreed to build a list of email addresses for pipe bands for marketing purposes. Fiona agreed to continue to distribute purchased books. A copy of the book was presented to the Chief at the meeting. The Secretary will ensure an inscription is written. Allan thanked the Chairman and James for all their contribution towards the production of the book. A copy of both the hardback and paperback books have been lodged in the archives in the Mull Museum.
  - d. The 2012 Lady Maclean Award was won by The Junior Choir, Salen Primary School, Mull, Years 5-7.
  - e. Fort Dewart. It was agreed to increase the budget to £1150 to enable both a plaque and a storyboard to be erected. Ian and Lochy will take this forward. The importance of this project was recognised by the Trustees.
  - f. Hon. Angus Maclean. It was agreed to increase the budget to £640 to enable a storyboard to be erected. Allan will prepare an article for the Oban Times and Scots Heritage.
  - g. It was noted that Jamie Maclean had so far had only one three-hour session at the College of Piping, whereas the bursary was for two weeks.

#### 10. **Projects under consideration**

- a. The Fitzroy Maclean book has been shelved for the time being. It is recognised that this would be a good book for the future.
- b. Sandra was thanked for sharing photographs of Maclean House in Toronto. This project is now shelved.
- c. The piping tuition on Tiree was also shelved, as no reply from Tiree has been forthcoming.
- d. The memorial at Glenlivet requires 'scoping' as a possible project for 2019.
- e. Neil Maclean of Nevada is to be shelved.
- f. The trustees wished the writing of a Gaelic poem to be a project, in the long term.
- g. Although there is no identified project associated with the Macleans of Sweden, an aim should be to cement links. The Clan Maclean Association of England and Wales will be visiting Sweden in July 2013, when the book 'The Macleans of Sweden' will be presented.
- h. Alan updated the Trustees on plans to recognise the Kaid in Morocco. He reported on the painting in the Hotel El Minzah; on the memorial in St Andrew's Church, in Tangier and on his former residence in what was once Chemin Maclean, but is now Chemin Shakespeare, which is now a barracks, and not in good repair.
- i. Other potential projects in France were discussed, including recognising Sir John Maclean in the Jacobite Court at St Germain, and Sir Hector, who had introduced Freemasonry to France. It was suggested that

letters carried by Sir Hector might be the basis of the 2013 Friends benefit. Maclean links with the Peninsular War were also discussed.

- j. It was further suggested that the Maclean links to Freemasonry might be considered as a future project.
- k. The Battles at Largs (1263) and Flodden (1513) will not be Trust projects.

#### 11. **Centenary Gathering 2012**

- a. The Secretary, and those who worked on the Trust stall, were thanked.
- b. The Secretary is to ask the Chief if there is an outstanding bill for the teas and for the tent at Gruiline House. A letter of thanks is to be sent to the 'tea ladies'.
- c. Allan reported that it seems likely that there will be around £5,000 surplus from the Gates Appeal, once a new flagpole has been erected, and that this will come to the Trust. It was agreed that the names of those who subscribed to the appeal should be given to the Trust for safekeeping.
- d. No decision was taken on what to do with the names of those who attended the gathering.
- e. A copy of the souvenir programme, and the piping books, have been placed in the Archives in the Mull Museum.

#### 12. **AOCB**

- a. Association minute books, held by Allan, are to go to the Archives in Mull Museum.
- b. A discussion on the archives and library held in the Mull Museum was held over for a future meeting. It was noted that not all Associations' magazines and newsletters are being deposited there.
- c. Fiona reported that the Ghruinneart stones, Islay, had been repaired, and thanks have been given to RSPB.
- d. Selling Maclean products/memorabilia on eBay was discussed. A co-ordinator would be required if this is to become profitable. An alternative is the proposed option of 'Maclean Mart', on the website, which is not yet operational.
- e. Nigel raised the question if the Trust should be on Facebook. There was little support for this.
- f. Following correspondence with Sandra, it was affirmed that we want books for the library that are about Macleans, rather than by them. Her kind offer of donating books that are missing from the library will be taken up by Allan.
- g. Allan asked for Maclean genealogy to be on the next agenda.
- h. The next meeting will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013, in The Western Club, Glasgow.