



**Minutes of the 41st Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 2pm on 9th November 2013
at the Glynhill Hotel, Renfrew**

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

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 41st meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.

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

3. Minutes of the 40th Meeting

- a. The minutes were agreed subject to the following corrections/comments:

Item 6a - The Piping Centre has not yet paid for the pipe music books.

Item 8b - Broadfoot should read Broadford.

Item 9a - Responsibility for responding to Peter Maclean Docherty's interest in commemorating the Macleans of Boreray was not allocated

Item 9c - Responsibility for scoping the Maclean genealogy project was not allocated.

Item 9h – Delete General Sir George, and his father John Maclean and insert George Maclean and his grandfather John Maclean

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. None that are not already included in the agenda.

5. Trust Organisation

- a. Trustees. Allan stated that he had identified a potential CMA-nominated Trustee. The nomination had been approved by the CMA Council. A decision from the person concerned was awaited.
- b. Office bearers. No progress was reported in securing a Treasurer.
- c. Trust representatives. A discussion took place on the role description circulated by Nigel prior to the meeting. Ian's concerns were discussed. It was agreed to proceed with the recruitment of Trust representatives. The Chairman will write to the Presidents of the five Associations that do not already have a Trust representative. Nigel will draft the letter.

6. Finance

- a. Referring to the paper circulated before the meeting, Nigel reported that there was a half-year surplus of £377.52. Total cash in hand is £8,226.03 with £11,681.48 of liquid assets.

- b. 2012/2013 Accounts
 - i. Robin Angus, of Personal Assets, has agreed to be our Independent Examiner. The Chairman will write to him to thank him for agreeing to this, and give him Nigel's contact details. Nigel will pass the accounts to him.
 - ii. The Chairman's report is almost complete and will be circulated for comment next week.
- c. Credit card payments. It was noted that as CMA is stopping the use of StreamLin. The Trust will use PayPal through the website. Details of the new arrangements are on the website, and on the forms. Nigel said that he had responded to Noel's suggestion of collecting subscriptions through the Associations.
- d. Marketing: We are still waiting for James' list of e-mail addresses of pipe bands in order to promote sales of the Pipe Music book. Allan will circulate General Sir Peter Graham's letter commenting on a review of the book.
- e. The Trust has received £250 from CMA E&W.

7. Friends of CMHT

- a. Benefit. Differing options regarding providing a benefit to Friends were discussed. These options included (a) providing the benefit every five years as a loyalty bonus, (b) asking Friends to pay an extra say £10 if they wanted to receive the benefit and (c) instituting a higher level of Friends (Supporters?) who would pay a higher subscription, with the benefit being restricted to this level. Allan proposed that we continue to provide one this year, possibly seeking alternate sources of funding, and this was agreed. Friends will be written to advising them that this may be the last.
- b. Noting that subscriptions have fallen, the Chairman expressed concerns at the numbers who have not paid for 2013. William agreed to review numbers against payments.

8. Current Projects

- a. Homecoming 2014.
 - i. We are looking for Trust representatives to be available at the Clan tent at Bannockburn 700, 28th, 29th and 30th June 2014
 - ii. We are looking for Trust representatives to be available at Duart Castle 25th or 26th July 2014. (Date to be confirmed at the CMA meeting).
 - iii. Fiona confirmed that she would be at the Arisaig Games on 30th July.
 - iv. Allan requested that Trust display material be available, e.g. slide show and/or a film, which would have to be made. Allan and the Chairman to discuss further.
- b. Piping Bursary. It was noted that Allan had been in contact with the College of Piping about the programme for Jamie. An invoice was awaited.

9. Projects under consideration

- a. Project(s) for 2014. A number of projects were discussed as being

suitable for adopting as our project for 2014.

- i. Dr Hector Maclean of Gruline, and possibly his daughter. It was suggested that we could put something in the Gorbals next year and something at Erray for 2017. James is requested to take forward their recognition as a project.
- ii. Lochaline Stones. Fiona will consult with Allan about the proposed lighting project for the stones.
- iii. Beaton Cairn. The Chairman reported that he had written requesting the grass and bracken be cut back. He will now write to Historic Scotland to explore options as to how to proceed about concerns over the preservation of the 1592 stone.
- iv. Ballygrant. Allan and Fiona have not yet followed up on their investigations.

NOTE: At this point, the meeting adjourned to another room, with Allan leaving for the CMA AGM

b. Project(s) for 2015 - 2017

- i. A cairn or plaque to commemorate the Rankin College of Piping at or near Kilbrannan is to be explored as a project for 2017. The Chairman will discuss with Rick Compton Maclean of Torloisk.

c. Genealogy – Discussion of this item was postponed to a later meeting.

d. The Kaïd – The suggestion of a book 'ghosted' by Terence Francis MacCarthy, at a cost to the Trust of £1500, was discussed and rejected. Alan took the opportunity to update the Trustees on related projects. The Lavery portrait in the El Minzah Hotel was due to be cleaned in September. Alan will check when next there. Allan asked if it should be protected by glass. It was agreed that restoration of the palace was not a project that the Trust should be involved in. Alan is also monitoring the condition of the Kaïd's tomb in the churchyard of St Andrew's Church in Tangier. Nigel asked if he could have a photograph of this for the Trust's records. Alan handed to the Secretary a framed bookplate that he had purchased and which he wished to be included in the collection at the Mull Museum.

e. Killean. Protection of the mediaeval gravestones in the graveyard was discussed. The Chairman said that he would again discuss this with the landowners, the de Klee family.

f. Nigel proposed that our cairns, for example at Lichd Lee and Kilninian, should have directional signs and/or storyboards at nearby parking places. Otherwise there was nothing to indicate that the cairns were there, if they were away from the road. The Chairman said he would

discuss with Councillor Mary Jean Devon.

10. Other business

a.. The next meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust will be held in March 2014 on a day to be confirmed following the CMA AGM.