



**Minutes of the 42nd Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 12 noon on 12th March 2014
at the Western Club, Glasgow**

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

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 42nd meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust, and in particular Hector McLean, who was present as an observer.

2. Apologies:

Alan McLean, Sandra McLean, Ian MacLean, James Beaton and Noel Robinson.

3. Minutes of the 41st Meeting

- a. The approval of the minutes was proposed by Allan Maclean, seconded by Fiona Maclean and agreed by all present.
- b. Robin Angus was thanked for carrying out the duties of Independent Examiner.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. **2013/14 Friends benefit.** It was confirmed that plans for the restoration of Duart will be this year's benefit. Allan agreed to write a descriptive piece to accompany the image. It will be printed on A4 paper. The Secretary will notify Allan on numbers required. The Chairman will write an annual report to accompany the benefit.

b. **2014/15 Friends benefit.** The anniversary of the 1715 Battle of Sheriffmuir and the role of the 20th Chief were proposed as a suitable theme for next year's benefit, should there be one.

b. **Macleans of Boreray** – see below

c. **Genealogy.** Allan agreed to scope the project. He will consider using Ian Phillips and Edwin (Australia) to assist. The Secretary agreed to provide links to genealogy websites of which he is aware.

5. Trust Organisation

a. **Trustees.** Allan will make an approach to a Gaelic speaker to identify if he is willing to join the trustees. The CMA nominee is considering whether to join the Trustees.

b. **Office bearers.** Trustees were asked to seek a replacement for the Secretary, who steps down in early 2015, and for the vacant Treasurer's post.

c. **Trust representatives.**

i. The following have been nominated as Trust representatives by their respective Associations:

Peter MacLean in Western Australia

Marcus Maclean in New South Wales

Leslie Maclean in Delaware (Clan Gillean USA)

Pat McClean in Pacific Northwest.

These nominations were approved.

Stuart McLean (Clan Maclean Association in Australia Inc.) has yet to respond. (Afternote: he subsequently nominated Gordon McLean.]

ii. Nigel, as International President, will brief Presidents.

iii. The Secretary will liaise with the Representatives.

6. Finance

a. Referring to the Treasurer's Report circulated before the meeting, Nigel reported the current position as the Trust having £8,525.92 total cash with total liquid assets of £11,673.89. The Chairman queried the high balance in the PayPal account. Nigel explained that, as we get no bank interest, there was no immediate benefit to transferring funds.

- b. Payment of the Piping Centre invoice is expected at the end of the week. [Afternote: payment was duly received on 14th March.]
- c. Allan will ask Robin Angus if he is willing to be our Independent Examiner again this year.
- d. The sale of maps continues well, and a reprint may be required.
- e. About £4,500 is due to the Trust from the Duart Gates Appeal.
- f. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Nigel for looking after the accounts.

7. Friends of CMHT

- a. The Secretary reported that there are 157 living members listed in the database. Of these, 48 paid (or were paid for) in 2013, 119 in 2012, 42 in 2011, and 57 in 2010. So far, in 2014, we have 11 paid up subscriptions. There followed a discussion on how to build membership, including amongst 'the young'. The use of Facebook was considered, and concerns were expressed at the need to maintain currency with the site material. The Chairman will ask Ian MacLean if his son, Davy, might be interested in setting up and running a Heritage Trust Facebook page.
- b. The Secretary said that he was concerned that some Friends had not yet increased their subscription. He will issue a reminder to individuals, using email where possible.
- c. Following a discussion on different routes to increasing the number of Friends, Hector offered to look at a strategy. This was accepted.
- d. The Secretary said that he would check to see if we offered a corporate membership.

8. Current Projects

- a. **Homecoming 2014.**

The Bannockburn Live event is now over two days only, 28th and 29th June, followed by a 'Clan Day' on 30th June. Hector offered to co-ordinate the arrangements for the the clan tent.

William will join the Chairman at Duart on 26th July, at which Gathering the castle restoration appeal will be launched.

Fiona and Robin Maclean of Ardgour will attend the Arisaig Games on 30th July.

Allan will represent the Heritage Trust at events in Inverness in July and September.

The Secretary will bring together a list of materials available for a Trust display at these events.

Nigel agreed to update the slide-show. He will also represent the Heritage Trust at the Fête Franco-Écossaise in Aubigny-sur-Nère in France, with Alan, and at the Ashbourne Highland Games in Derbyshire, both in July.

b. **The Piping Book.** Nigel has now located a list of pipe band email addresses, which can be used to promote the Piping Book. However, it will be a large task to extract the addresses and put them into a useable list. James E.B. Maclean, of the Cowal, was suggested as someone who might be able to help.

c. **Piping Bursary.** Allan will investigate progress.

d. **Maclean papers.** Clan papers that have been left to Professor Ian Maclean's son could be passed over to the Trust. The Chairman will share correspondence with trustees.

e. It was noted that the Trust has no project in hand that is due for completion in 2014.

9. Projects under consideration

(Note: numbers refer to the project database serial number)

a. **Commemorating the Macleans of Boreray (53).** Peter Maclean Doherty's proposal to erect plaques on North Uist and a cairn on Boreray was considered further. It was noted that the mausoleum on North Uist was in need of care. The links with MacLean-Watt were noted. It was agreed that the Trust should be supportive of the idea, and that Fiona would maintain contact.

b. **Dr. Hector Maclean of Gruline (7).** Hector features in Nicholas Maclean-Bristol's forthcoming book. Allan will ask Nicholas if he can identify the place where Hector practised. James has said that he is not in a position to take this forward.

c. **Lochaline Stones (57).** Allan and Fiona are to review the best way forward.

- d. **Beaton Cairn** (3). The Chairman asked that someone else take over as lead for this project. Nigel will ask Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross if he would take this on for the Trust. Nigel is to provide details to Allan so that he can write to Aonghus MacKechnie.
- e. **Rankin College of Piping** (18). This 2017 project will be scoped by the Chairman.
- f. **Signing of cairns on Mull** (64). The Chairman is still pursuing this, but not getting positive responses.
- g. **Killean**(59). The de Klee family have agreed that some restorative work can be done. The Chairman and Allan will take a boat trip to the site to assess the scope of the project. Funding from Historic Scotland, Argyll & Bute Council and other bodies may be required.
- h. **The Kaid** (42). Alan has yet to discover if the portrait has been cleaned. (After note: It has not)
- i. **Maclean Register** (27). Nigel reported that the register of notable Macleans will be ready for the 2017 Gathering. It contains 520 names so far.

10. Other business

- a. **Data protection.** It was agreed that the Trust work within the Act, but that we did not need to be registered with the Information Commissioner. Concerns were raised about the collection of credit card details. Nigel agreed to check on the rules. He will also talk to the webmaster about complying with cookie rules on the website.
- b. **Mull Museum.** The Secretary stated the formal agreement between Mull Museum and Clan Maclean for the storage of archival material was between the Museum and the Association. Allan will write agreeing to the Association handing over responsibility to the Trust and the Secretary will write accepting responsibility. The Trust already makes an annual donation, next due in May.
- c. **OSCR Trust entry.** The Secretary was tasked with investigating if a change to our entry in the OSCR Charity Register to make it reflect better our objectives would be legal. Alan Maclean (Heriot Row) is to be asked if legal advice is required.
- d. **The next meeting** of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust will be held on 17th September 2014 at the Western Club.