



**Minutes of the 46th Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 12 noon on 9th March 2016
at the Western Club, Glasgow**

Present: Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch, Fiona Maclean of Ardgour, Hector McLean, Vera MacLean, Brigadier John MacFarlane and William Douglas (Secretary). Sir Lachlan and Allan shared the Chair.

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 46th meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust. He said that he would be leaving the meeting early. Allan agreed to continue as Chairman from that point.

2. Apologies

Alan McLean, Sandra McLean, Nigel Alington, Noel Robinson and Ian MacLean.

3. Minutes of the 45th Meeting

The minutes of the 45th meeting were agreed subject to the following correction.

- (a) In item 4, first line, the last word, which should be 'been' not 'ben'.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. **Trust deed** – The Secretary informed the Trustees that he had had a recent conversation with OSCR and it now appears easier to change deeds. He will investigate further. If a legal opinion is required, Alan Maclean of Heriot Row will be asked.

5. Trust Organisation

- a. **Trustees.** A review of terms of office was carried out. Judge Sandra McLean is to be asked to extend her term of office, as is Alan McLean if so recommended by CMA. Nigel Alington is to continue as a Trustee as his health allows. Recommendations for new Trustees from 2017 onwards are to be brought forward to the next meeting.

- b. **Office bearers.** Nigel is due to demit office as Treasurer at the end of the financial year (31 Mar 2016). However, no firm recommendations were put forward for a replacement. The Secretary, John and Hector will follow up possible leads. In the meantime, the duties will be carried out by Allan, who will do the bookkeeping and the Secretary who will take over monitoring the bank account and Paypal account. Nigel was thanked for his support carrying out the duties of Treasurer in addition to his Trustee responsibilities. Trustees are asked to review Nigel's role description for a Treasurer.
- c. **Trust representatives.** Nothing to report.
- d. **Trust deed.** See item 4a above

6. Finance

- a. **Current position.** The Trustees noticed from Nigel's report that the current cash in hand was £23,570.36. It was agreed to place £10,000 on deposit at 12 months notice and £10,000 on deposit at 32 days notice. It was noted that Friends subscriptions have halved in recent years, but are expected to rise again as we approach the 2017 Gathering. Book sales continue to be satisfactory, but are slowing.
- b. **Accounts for the 2015/2016.** The draft YTD accounts were accepted.
- c. **2016/2017 Budget.** The Trustees felt that they had insufficient time to review the draft budget for 2016/2017. Comments are to be forward to the Secretary and Nigel after the meeting.
- d. **Accounts – public access.** The Secretary explained that OSCR can provide a link from our entry on their website to the page where our accounts are listed on our website. It was agreed to implement this.
- e. A donation of £5,000 has been received from Carole McLean. The Chairman has thanked her and Allan will ask for this to be given through Gift Aid. Greg MacLean, of Massachusetts, has given two donations of £100 to the Trust and to the Lady Maclean Fund.
- f. Nigel is asked to complete the Gift Aid claim before he retires as Treasurer.

7. Friends of CMHT

- a. **Friends update.** The Secretary reported that the Trust has 20 Friends, 10 each individual and family memberships, who have paid in 2016. Vera reported that 8 subscribers to the 2017 Gathering have applied for membership
- b. **Membership recruitment and re-activation.** Alan, Hector and William are still to meet to discuss ideas.

- c. **Honorary Friends.** It was agreed to make an award of Honorary Friend of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust to Curt Speight for his contribution to the creation of the History Map. The certificate design was approved in principle. The Chairman will talk to Doug Maclean about him becoming an Honorary Friend.

8. Current Projects

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

- a. **Lady Maclean Award** (20). It was agreed to increase the award to £100.
- b. **World War 1 commemoration** (65). Hector reported that he has a list prepared by Gordon McLean (Australia) and has obtained permission from the Commonwealth War Graves commission to use the list, subject to recognition of the source. The Secretary and Hector will discuss the way forward to place the data into the template provided for the website. It is hoped to have the list printed for the 2017 Gathering. The possibility of remembering the dead at the Kirkin o' the Tartan service at the Gathering is being considered.
- c. **Private George McLean** (69). The Trustees noted the formation of the project group and agreed that this project should proceed. The Trustees allocated a provisional sum of £500 towards this project.
- d. **Commemoration of the Battle of Sheriffmuir.** The Trust's participation in the commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the battle was noted.
- e. **Charles Rawden Maclean.** The Trust's commemoration in Durban, South Africa, of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Rawden Maclean was noted.
- f. **Boreray** (53a) Fiona reported that Peter Maclean Doherty has erected the planned plaque at Kallin House, Grimsay, and now has plans to commemorate Hector Morrison. There would be no Maclean crest on this plaque.
- g. **Dr John Knox Maclean** (66) Sandra has reported that recognising John Knox Maclean next to Maclean Cross in the Chapel of the Pacific School of Religion is now a possibility. The Trustees are happy for her to continue with this project.
- h. **Alan Maclean 'The Survivor' tombstone at Drimnin** (91) It was agreed to follow up the recommendation by Derek Lewis, of Drimnin, who is hosting a visit during the Gathering, to make funds available for the maintenance of Alan Maclean's tombstone.
- i. **Kilties book** The Trustees approved a grant of £200 towards the costs associated with the book about the Kilties, should this be required.
- j. **Maclean register of eminent people** (27) The Trustees, noting the Secretary had a copy, asked if the Register, maintained and being built by Nigel, could be made available to all Trustees and if he was able to continue to develop it.

- k. **The Kaid (42).** Alan's report that there was no progress with a proposal for leaflets at St Andrew's Church, Tangier, was noted.

9. Projects under consideration

- a. **Argyll Piping Trust (89).** John reported that The Argyll Piping Trust was set up in 1979 by the Argyllshire Gathering in response to a gradual decline in Piping across Argyll. There is concern that Argyll Council will withdraw funding. John will identify the Piping Trust's costs within its budget of £10,000 and discover how we might make a difference, possibly on Mull.
- b. **Prioress Anna Maclean. (90)** Allan reported that the memorial on Tiree needs protection. He will follow up.
- c. **Book of Maclean poetry.** Reviewing project 10, the **Maclean poem**, a suggestion was made that the Trustees should consider compiling a book of Maclean poetry. A further suggestion was made that, rather than have a new poem composed, an old one could be resurrected for the 2017 Gathering. John agreed to follow this up.
- d. **Duart history panels (92)** As part of the programme for Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design, history panels showing how the castle was built are being acquired by Duart. The Trustees agreed to contribute to the costs by donating £500 in the current year with a further £500 being considered for next year.
- e. **Inverkeithing memorial (48a)** The storyboard at the memorial at Pitreavie (48) is weather damaged and requires renewal. Allan, who has the original text, will take this forward.
- f. **Piping books.** Considering at a possible re-launch of the book, Hector proposed a CD containing some of the tunes in the book. John offered to investigate costs. A review should be done on what to do with stock if this does not proceed. The Secretary will follow up details of books sold at the National Piping Centre with James Beaton.
- g. **Projects on Mull (7, 55 & 59)** Allan reported that he was again attempting to meet with John Reeve on Mull to look at taking forward the various projects there.
- h. **John Maclean of Kingussie (15)** Allan will share his thoughts on the background to this project.
- i. **Rankin College of Piping (18)** The Trustees hoped that this would be a project for 2017. To be scoped by the Chairman.
- j. **Rev. Archibald Maclean (36)** The Trustees decided that the project to commemorate Rev. Archibald Maclean should be shelved.
- k. **Nurse Rena Maclean (94)** The Trustees noted continuing interest in this Canadian project.
- l. **Genealogy (46)** No progress to report.

- j. **Sir Lachlan Mor, Kilchoman.** Fiona is visiting Islay in October, and will inspect the stone marker to identify if there is a need for a project.

10. 2017 Clan Gathering

- a. It was noted that the programme for the week of the 2017 Gathering has been published. A suggestion has been made for an additional visit to be included for the Monday prior to the official start of the Gathering for those who arrive early. John agreed to explore an expedition to Port a' Bheathain.
- b. **CMHT stalls.** A decision as to how many days the stall would be available in the Aros Hall was delayed til the number and content of other stalls is known. The Secretary outlined possible displays for the stall and asked if the 2012 Powerpoint presentation could be updated. He also asked that the CMHT and CMA panels be updated. The stall will move to Duart on the Saturday.
- c. **Friends event and reception.** Clarification was sought as to the Friends event programmed for the Friday afternoon. The following is what was agreed: *Duart Castle, for Friends of the Heritage Trust (by invitation) Illustrated talk by the conservation architect; private guided Tour of the Castle; craftsmanship displays and tea with the Chief. The event is exclusive to Friends. If not already a Friend, you are welcome to join.* Friends with an invitation will receive a free entrance to the castle, limited to 150, which will otherwise be open to paying visitors.
- d. **2017 Projects** Projects related to the Gathering are the Duart panels, the Drimnin grave, the Rankin School of Piping and an expedition to Port a' Bheathain, as well as a commemoration of World War 1 casualties, all detailed above.
- e. A **Trustees meeting** will be held on Thursday 22nd June, although it is noted that this may have to change.

11. AOCB

- a. **Fit and Proper persons.** The possible changing definitions and rules relating to who can and cannot be a Trustee are still under consideration. Nigel was requested to continue to monitor this for the Trust.
- b. **Archive materials.** The Secretary is to collect materials held by James Beaton. Allan reported that he is still collating past Association minutes before passing to the Mull Museum.
- c. **Maclean of Coll grave, Durban.** The Secretary reported that he had been unable to locate the grave, even though a site plan showing it was found in the records.
- d. Allan reported that Nicholas Maclean Bristol is writing a book on the Maclaines of Lochbuie.
- e. The **Piping Bursary** (32) is to be discussed at the next meeting.

(Secretary's note: In view of the timeframe, review of the processes is being undertaken now)

f. Allan stated that the Trust has a digital copy of the portrait of Alan Maclean of Drimnin, held by Allan. (Secretary's note: Does Nigel have another copy?)

g. The Chairman gave a resume of the progress of the restoration of Duart. Phase 2, involving the gable-end facing the tea room, should be complete by the end of March. Phase 3, at a cost of £300,000, of which some will be from donations received through the Restoration Appeal, will involve work on the courtyard wall. The total cost of the restoration work is expected to be £1.4million.

h. Allan will send a copy of the recent edition of The Battleaxe to Ian 'Webmaster' so it can be published.

i. **Use of Skype at meetings** The Secretary will discuss with Trustees the possible use of Skype, or other conference call facilities, at future meetings.

f. **Next meeting** – The 47th meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust will be held on Wednesday 28th September 2016 in the Western Club, Glasgow, at 12 noon.

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