



**Minutes of the 47th Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 12 noon on 28th September 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 47th 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

Apologies were received from: Alan McLean, Sandra McLean, Nigel Alington and Ian MacLean.

3. Minutes of the 46th Meeting

The amended minutes of the 46th meeting were approved. Proposed by Allan, seconded by Fiona.

**4. Matters arising from the 46th Meeting
- minutes and action points**

- a. Allan reported that Carole McLean was not able to 'Gift Aid' her donation.
- b. The action points from the previous meeting were not reviewed.

5. Trust Organisation

- a. Trustees – nominations for new appointments. The Chairman said that he would check if his candidate is to continue or if a replacement is to be found in which case he would approach another candidate. Other potential candidates

suggested by Trustees were discussed. Vera will ask CMA's nominee if he will extend for a further five years.

b. Office bearers. The Chairman will approach a possible replacement for Nigel as Treasurer. Meanwhile, the Secretary will take on responsibility for the bank and Paypal accounts and Allan will do the book keeping.

c. Trust deed. The Secretary explained that although OSCR now have a template to assist charities in preparing a constitution, this is not available to charities that wish to amend them. There is an online form that can be used for this. The Trustees noted the 21 year rule in Item Fourth of the deed, but felt no action was required. It was clear that not all are in favour of a change. Allan said that he would take the matter to Turcan Connel, solicitors.

6. Finance

a. Current position. The Trustees noted from the Treasurer's report that the total cash available is £24,786.37, which includes that placed on short term deposit.

b. Accounts for 2015/2016. The Trustees reviewed the Treasurer's report and the statement of accounts with the Chairman commenting that we have not been spending funds on projects recently. Not everyone had received the assets page; the Secretary will distribute a copy. The decline in sales of publications was noted, though this is in line with expectations. The Secretary was asked to check if the Mull Museum had received our £50 contribution.

c. Allocation of Treasurer's responsibilities. The Secretary will send a copy of the Treasurer's tasks to a possible new Treasurer once the Chairman has spoken to her.

7. Friends of CMHT

a. Friends update. The Secretary reported that we currently have 33 paid up subscriptions, 15 individual and 18 family memberships. There are also 5 Honourary Friends. Vera reported that of those who had signed up for the 2017 Gathering, 27 joined as Friends. (Secretary's note: Of these, five will not be attending, two are existing Friends and five had allowed their subscriptions to lapse.) The equivalent total in 2011 was 59., i.e. one less so far in 2016.

b. Membership recruitment. Plans for a recruitment drive are on hold til after the Gathering.

c. Honorary Friend – Doug Maclean. The Trustees were pleased to offer Doug McLean of Saint John, New Brunswick an honorary membership as a Friend of the Trust, recognising his many contributions to the work of the Trust, noting his work on the Kilties commemoration, developing and updating a brochure for the Trust, doing computer work for both the Angus MacLean and Fort Dewart projects, preparing certificates and assisting the Secretary in establishing our Facebook page. Proposed by Allan; seconded by Fiona.

8. Current Projects

a. Duart history panels (92). A decision on funding the panels was deferred to the next meeting

b. Argyll Piping Trust (89). John elaborated on the paper he had circulated ahead of the meeting explaining the need to support the Argyll Piping Trust, which was concerned about falling support from public bodies. Following concerns expressed about the project falling outside the Trust's aims and objectives, the Trustees felt it did meet our education and music remits, though we would want to set parameters to any grant given. It was agreed to donate £1,500 per annum for three years provided that the funds would be used on Mull, that they would not be used as an excuse for public bodies to withdraw their funding and that the use of the Heritage Trust's publication Pipe Music of the Clan Maclean would be encouraged. The Argyll Piping Trust is to be made aware of the first year's funding only, with years two and three being determined upon the first year's results. John was asked to take this forward. Proposed by Vera; seconded by Fiona.

c. Kilties book (93). The Trustees agreed to buy 20 copies of the book Percy Guthrie and the MacLean Kilties, written by Paul E. Belliveau, which would be available for sale at the 2017 International Gathering. This expenditure is to taken from the money allocated, but not used, for the publication of the book. Proposed by Allan; seconded by Hector.

d. World War 1 memorial (65). Hector stated that we are waiting for the names to go onto the Maclean.org website. The Secretary said he would talk to the Webmaster.

e. Piping Bursary (32). The Chairman will discuss the Bursary with John with a view to him taking it forward. The Chairman said he would talk to James Beaton about possible candidates (Secretary's note: James has already

forward details of two possible candidates.). The Secretary is to share information that he has with John.

f. Private George McLean (69). The Trustees agreed to grant £600 towards the cost of commemorating and educating the public, - in particular First Nations people and Macleans; in a lasting way, about the heroism and life of Private George McLean. Ian was thanked for his work on this project. Proposed by the Chairman; seconded by John.

9. Projects under consideration

a. Beaton Cairn (3) The meeting with John Raven of HES has not happened, and will now have to be arranged for next Spring.

b. Rankin College of Piping (2017) (18) This is no longer a 2017 project as the Gathering programme is full, but remains on the 'Proposed' list.

c. Signing of cairns (64). This is unlikely to happen in the near future, so will be taken off the agenda.

d. Mull projects (7, 55 & 59). Projects on Mull will be reviewed when site meetings with John Raven can be arranged. Project 7, Dr Hector Maclean of Gruline, is also being considered as a Glasgow (Gorbals) project.

e. John Maclean of Kingussie (15) Allan will share the background to this project so that a decision can be made on how to proceed.

f. Drimnin memorial (91) Restoring the memorial to Alan Maclean, 'The Survivor', has become our 2017 project, to be completed before the clan visit to Drimnin at the Gathering. Derek Lewis, proprietor of the Drimnin Estate, has not yet given a revised estimate of the costs, which were previously £500. The Trustees voted up to £1,000 for the repairs. The Secretary is to liaise with Mr Lewis to gain a revised estimate and set repairs in motion.

g Dr John Knox McLean (66) No progress was reported for this project.

h. Inverkeithing (48). No progress was reported for repairs/replacement of the storyboards. Alan showed the Trustees a copy of the leaflet that had been produced at the unveiling of the Pitreavie Cairn, which event was the catalyst of the founding of the Trust. He agreed to send me a digital version which the Secretary could send to Trustees, and include in a future newsletter to Friends.

- i. Nurse Rena Maclean (70). Ian will develop this project after the 2017 Gathering.
- j. Maclean kilties apparel (94). A request to help preserve to Kilties' balmoral and kilt was noted. These items remain the property of CMHT whilst remaining in Canada, as long as the Atlantic Association can look after the items. The Trustees felt that they would wait to see how local fundraising went before deciding whether to make a financial contribution.
- k. Prioress Anna Maclean (90). It was agreed that no action is to be taken meantime on the protection of the monument on Tiree.
- l. Book of Maclean poetry (96). Reviewing the comments arising from the suggestion the Trust should consider a book of Maclean poetry, the Trustees agreed that this item be shelved as there is adequate provision of this already.

10. 2017 Gathering (67)

- a. The CMHT stalls. It was agreed that the CMHT stall would be available on the Tuesday in the Aros Hall and on the Saturday in the marquee at Duart. The Secretary hopes that Trustees will find time to assist on the stall. The Secretary will work to update the slideshow provided by Nigel in 2012 and will provide display material for the table. Hector agreed to help with material. The Trustees decided that the 2006 display panels would be acceptable.
- b. Friends event. A limit of 250 has been set for the Friends' event at Duart on Friday 23rd June 2017. The Secretary will publicise in the newsletter.
- c. 2017 projects
 - i. Restoring the memorial to Alan Maclean (See 9f, above)
 - ii. Battlefield tour to Port a Bheathain. Following a discussion, John agree to lead a tour to the site of the engagement between the MacPhies of Colonsay who came cattle-reiving to the Ross of Mull, and the Macleans at whose hands they met their fate, on Monday 19th June, should there be sufficient interest. The Secretary is to publicise the event and Allan will email to Gathering list.
- d. Trustees meeting - Thursday 22nd June. The date was noted. A time for the meeting has still to be confirmed.

11. AOCB

- a. Piping books – storage. No longer an agenda item.
- b. Death or Victory – presentation copy(ies) It was explained that presentation quality copies of the book are being considered by CMA. No action by Trustees is required.
- c. Maintaining the CMHT section of Maclean.org Nigel is withdrawing from his role as the link between CMHT and the maclean.org webmaster. The Secretary agreed to ask Ian if this is something that he and Doug might be able to take on.
- d. Tobermory High School Pipe Band (95). John explained that an attempt is being made to develop the pipe band at Tobermory High School. They are a looking for uniform 12 pipers, who may wear Maclean of Duart tartan.. The Trustees agreed to donate £500. Proposed by Vera; seconded by Fiona.
- e. The Kaid (42). Alan had asked if the CMHT would endorse the leaflet being placed in St Andrews Church, Tangier. The Trustees agreed to this, provided it went under our logo and name, and showed our charity number. It is to be signed by Alan, in his capacity as a Trustee.
- f.. Next meeting The 48th meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust will be held in the Western Club on Wednesday 15th March 2017.