



**Minutes of the 48th Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 12 noon on 15th March 2017
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

Alan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 48th meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust. Sir Lachlan arrived later, and took over the Chair.

2. Apologies

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

3. Minutes of the 47th Meeting

The amended minutes of the 47th meeting were approved. Proposed by Fiona seconded by Hector.

**4. Matters arising from the 47th Meeting
- minutes and action points**

- a. Referring to Alan Maclean's request for assistance with the leaflet for St Andrew's Church in Tangier, the Secretary was tasked with supplying a copy of the Maclean of Torloisk leaflet, which could be used as a template. Alan suggested that 'second sight' was required of the text and layout. Alan is asked to say if the leaflet will be in multiple languages.
- b. Allan plans to meet with John Raven of Historic Environment Scotland in April to take forward the Mull projects (3, 7, 55 & 59).

- c. The Battle of Inverkeithing storyboard at Pitreavie (48) is water damaged. Allan will scope work needed to effect a repair. He will send a digital version of the leaflet to the secretary for circulation to Trustees.
- d. The Trustees felt it appropriate to commemorate John Maclean of Kingussie (15) with a plaque, but Allan has still to put forward a formal proposal.
- e. The Trustees were minded to commemorate Sir Lachlan Mor, at Kilchoman, Islay (62) as a possible project for 2018. A stone of plaque on the ground rather than on the building wall was thought the best option. A decision was deferred to the next meeting. Fiona explained the church is privately owned and the graveyard is in the care of Argyll and Bute Council, from whom agreement would be required. She will write to the Council as a first step. Possible involvement of the Glasgow Islay Association was discussed.
- f. The Trustees asked that the secretary place the Maclean Register (27) in the Trustees section of the website, with the understanding that it is a work in progress.
- g. The Secretary was asked to liaise with Hector Maclean of Dochgarroch, the Association's representative, over improvements and potential changes to the maclean.org website, and with CMIA, to ensure a coordinated approach is made to the Webmaster. The Secretary will check with the webmaster what he believes the current protocol to be regarding adding or changing website content.
- h. It was decided not to continue with the plan to market the Piping Book directly to pipe bands. A decision was made to maintain the price of the book at £20 for 2017.
- i. Further matters raised from the Action Points are listed below, or will be included in the Action Points arising from the 48th Meeting.

5. Trust Organisation

- a. Trustees – nominations for new appointments. Vera reported that the Association nominee, Alan McLean, has agreed to extend his tenure til 2021. She was asked to seek the Association's approval for the continuance of Hector's tenure, to 2023. Fiona agreed to extend til 2022. William agreed to join the Trustees as the Chief's nominee. The Secretary was tasked with asking Ian if he is prepared to extend his term of office as a Trustee til 2020. (Secretary's note: He has agreed) It was noted that Nigel and Sandra's terms of office end this year. (Secretary's note: Noel's term of office also expires at The Gathering) Possible new Trustees were discussed. It was agreed that Allan should follow up one proposal and John another.

The situation is to be reviewed again at the next meeting.

b. Office bearers.

Chairman: Sir Lachlan stood down as Chairman. Brigadier John was proposed and accepted taking on the role in a year, with Rt. Rev. Allan, supported by Fiona, taking the Chair in the interim.

Treasurer: William, supported by Nigel, will continue to look after the Treasurer's role until the handover is complete, when, it is hoped a new Treasurer can be appointed. The Chairman will wait until Nigel responds before asking.

c. Trust deed. Allan has not yet met with Simon MackIntosh of Turcan Connel, but hopes to be able to do soon to discuss any changes to the Trust's constitution.

6. Finance

a. Current position. The Trustees noted from the Treasurer's report that the total cash available is £25,095.53, which includes that placed on short term deposit.

b. Accounts for 2016/2017. Draft accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2017 were accepted. It was noted that some transactions were still to take place and be recorded.

c. Allocation of Treasurer's responsibilities. Transfer of the Paypal accounts is still not complete.

d. It was noted that the Gift Aid claim has still to be completed. The Secretary will ask Nigel if any interest has been received from the deposit accounts. No income has been received from the 2017 International Gathering for new Friends who have registered.

e. The draft Projects Budget was accepted, but the Trustees requested that a draft budget for the Trust for 2017/2018 should be prepared.

f. The Trustees reviewed donations over the past 9 years and concluded that it would be appropriate to tie fundraising to future projects. The Secretary will remind our supporters of the benefits of leaving a legacy to the Trust.

g. The Trustees expressed their gratitude to Robin Angus for being our Independent Examiner, and hoped that he would review our accounts again this year. The Secretary is to write to him.

7. Friends of CMHT

a. Friends update. The Secretary reported that we currently have 42 paid up subscriptions, 29 family and 13 individual memberships. There are also 6 Honourary Friends. Vera reported that 51 Family subscriptions and 31 Individual subscriptions had been received through the Gathering registration process which can be added to the numbers above. The Secretary has yet to reconcile these numbers. All new members notified to him have received a welcome. A short discussion was held on what Family membership entails, and what benefits are available to Friends. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

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

c. It was agreed that Friend subscriptions should remain at £20 for Individuals and £30 for Families.

8. Current Projects

a. Duart history panels (92). The panels will be ready in early April. The Trustees voted £500 towards the cost. This support is acknowledged on the panels.

b. Argyll Piping Trust (89). John gave an overview of the 'vastly important' project, detailed in a pre-meeting paper. He said that he would be supervising tuition given by Calum McLean and would discuss with him the proposed gift of piping books. A grant of £1,500 for Year 1 will be made in new financial year. John will brief the Trustees so that Year 2 support can be decided at the March 2018 meeting.

c. Kilties book (93). The Trust will have 20 copies of the book for sale at the Gathering. The secretary was asked to confirm if the author is attending.

d. World War 1 memorial (65). The Secretary reported that the database is now 'live' on the website. It has been trialled by the friends who have made a number of useful comments. Some adjustments will be made before it is more widely promoted.

e. Drimnin memorial (91) Restoring the memorial to Alan Maclean, 'The Survivor', is our 2017 project, to be completed before the clan visit to Drimnin at the Gathering. Derek Lewis, proprietor of the Drimnin Estate has asked for a contribution of £1,300 towards the cost. (Secretary's note: Details which were not available at the meeting were circulated later and Trustees then agreed to this expenditure.) The access path is also to be improved.

f. Piping Bursary (32). John explained that after extensive promotion, the only applicant had been a 13 year-old boy. However, at the last minute, Alastair Maclean, of Oban, has come forward, and been accepted on an amended timetable. He is prepared to play at the Gathering. John will arrange some PR once the tutoring is complete. The Chairman thanked John for his work on this project.

g. Private George McLean (69). The grant of £600 towards the cost of commemorating and educating the public has been transferred to Ian. The Trustees took note of the tribute event being held on 8th April.

9. Projects under consideration

a. Projects for 2018. The following were discussed as possible 2018 projects:

- Sir Lachan Mor grave marker, Islay (62)
 - The Mull projects (3, 7, 55 & 59)
 - John Maclean of Kingussie (15)
 - Dr Hector of the Gorbals
- and possibly Tangier.

b Mull projects (3, 7, 55 & 59). See Item 4b above. Project 7, Dr Hector Maclean of Gruline, is also being considered as a Glasgow (Gorbals) project.

c. 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.

d. Dr John Knox McLean (66) Sandra reported that development work at the university is slow, and that our project continues to be on hold..

e. Maclean kilties apparel (94). The Trustees remain uneasy about supporting this project. They question whether maintaining clothing was something the

trust should do. They took note that the Maclean Atlantic Association had raised \$123 towards the cost. The matter was referred back to Ian..

10. 2017 Gathering (67)

a. The CMHT stalls. The Secretary will ask Sandra and Ian to help with the stalls. He will also ask Hector and Augusta Dochgarroch. Fiona will provide the books for sale. Hector (Trustee) may be able to help if not involved with CMIA activities. Contributions of photographs to update the slideshow are required.

Old magazines will be sold in the Aros Hall for a donation to the Duart Restoration Fund.

b. Friends event.

A limit of 200 has been set for the Friends' event at Duart on Friday 23rd June 2017. 175 are already signed up and it is expected that some existing members will accept the formal invitation.

Following a discussion on managing the numbers, it was decided that there would be two sessions with similar programmes, at 2:30 and 3:30pm.

Allan will investigate a visit to Pennygowan Church at 2:30 for those who are invited to the 3:30 Reception.

On arrival, Friends will have their tickets checked by the Secretary and Fiona. A 10 minute welcome address will be followed by conducted tours with the architect, the builder and the stone mason. They will then return to the marquee for tea. It should be noted that the castle is open to paying guests on that day.

The possibility of a memento of the day was suggested. The Secretary will investigate something based on the recent 'Benefit' related to the rebuilding of Duart.

c. 2017 projects

- i. A visit will be made to the memorial to Alan Maclean (See 9c, above)
- ii. Battlefield tour to Port a Bheathain. This event can no longer take place.

d. Trustees meeting - Tuesday 20th June, at 12 noon in the Aros Hall.

11. AOCB

a. Allan stated that he was unable to find back copies of, contained in a leather two bound books, in the Archives in the Mull Museum. He asked the Secretary to check if he had them.

b. Fiona reported that she holds the last five hard back Piping Books.

c.. Next meeting The 49th meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust will be held in the Aros Hall, Tobermory, on Tuesday 20th June 2017, at 12 noon.

The autumn meeting will be held in the Western Club, Glasgow, at 12 noon on Wednesday 20th September 2017.