



**Minutes of the 49th Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 12 noon on 20th June 2017
at the Aros Hall, Tobermory**

Present: Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch (Chairman), Fiona Maclean of Ardgour, Hector McLean, Alan McLean, Ian MacLean and William Douglas (Secretary).

1. Welcome

Allan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 49th meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust, with a particular welcome to Ian and Alan.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Vera MacLean, Brigadier John MacFarlane, Sandra McLean, Nigel Alington and Noel Robinson.

3. Minutes of the 48th Meeting

The minutes of the 48th meeting were approved.

4. Matters arising from the 48th Meeting

None

5. Trust Organisation

a. Trustees. The retiral and resignations of Nigel Alington, Noel Robinson and Sandra Maclean were accepted. A vote of thanks was extended for their contribution to the Trust over several years. Ian agreed to extend his period of office for a further 4 years, and this was gratefully accepted. In this context, Alan described the Trustees as the 'backbone of the clan'.

It was agreed that three of the five nominees for new Trustees would be approached by Allan.

It was decided that the use of Skype for future meetings should be explored. The Chairman and Secretary will seek a suitable venue.

b. Office bearers.

Nigel continues to support the financial management of the Trust, however, William stated that even with that support, he finds it difficult to keep on top of both the finance and secretarial duties. Ian offered to help with Friends membership.

6. Finance

a. Current position. The Trustees noted from the Treasurer's report that the total cash available is £21,699.25, which includes that placed on short term deposit, but excludes any balance in the Paypal account, to which William does not yet have access.

b. Accounts for 2016/2017. Draft accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2017 were accepted at the 48th meeting, but some transactions were still to take place and be recorded. This has yet to be completed.

d. It was noted that the Gift Aid claim has still to be completed.

e. A draft budget for FY2017/2018 was circulated ahead of the meeting.

f. It was agreed to write off the value of the publication 'Pipe Music of Clan Maclean' and sell it at a reduced price (Secretary's note: Subsequently set at £10.) This is to include stock held at the Piping Centre and College of Piping on a sale or return basis.

g. A suggestion that the interest arising from funds on deposit should be divided between the various funds considered and rejected.

7. Friends of CMHT

a. Friends update. The Secretary reported that we currently have 143 members of the Friends of Clan Maclean Heritage Trust: 41 individuals, 85 families and 7 honorary. Additionally, there are 10 whose membership status is not known to us. He explained that the details of those who had signed up through the registration process for the Gathering, and their payments, have yet to be received from the Association. The importance of retaining Gathering members was stressed, and the value of the newsletter was recognised.

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- b. Reviewing the Family membership category, it was agreed that the terms 'husband, wife and dependent children' should be replaced with 'family, including dependent children'.
- c. A review of nominations for Honorary Friends was postponed to the next meeting.

8. Current Projects

- a. Duart history panels (92). The Trustees voted £500 towards the cost, which has been paid.
- b. Argyll Piping Trust (89). John's report was accepted and the Trustees expressed their pleasure with the project.
- c. Kilties book (93). The Trust has received 20 copies of the book for sale at the Gathering.
- f. Piping Bursary (32). Alastair Maclean, of Oban, our 2017 Bursar, will be playing at the Friends Reception. The Trust is covering his travel costs. He is to be given Life membership of the Clan Maclean Association.
- g. Rena McLean (70). The Trustees reviewed Ian's report on Rena Mclean, who served as a Nursing Sister in France, England and Greece during WW1, losing her life in the sinking of a hospital ship torpedoed by a German submarine in June 1918. It was agreed to allocate £800 to enable two plaques to be made, one fixed and one portable of educational use.
- h. Kaid (42) Alan has prepared an information leaflet, in English and French for use in St Andrew's church in Tangier. (Secretary's note: A copy is now in the Archives in Mull Museum.
- i. Alan requested that the 'Roll of Honour' – the list of eminent Macleans – should be placed online.

9. Projects under consideration

- a. It was noted that 2018 is the designated 'Year of Young People'. The Chairman asked that a suitable project for young people in Scotland be identified. (Secretary's note: See <http://yoyp2018.scot> for further details)
- b. Sir Lachlan Mor, Islay (62). Fiona reported that there are plans for a 2018 commemoration of American servicemen who lost their lives in WW1 when

two troop ships went down off Islay. The Trustees felt that they should investigate further the cost for a plaque or stone to identify the likely burial stone of Sir Lachlan Mor. Fiona agreed to do so.

c. Alan raised to possibility of recognising the site of the Jacobite Court at St Germain en Laye, and other French locations of Maclean interest. No decision was taken.

10. 2017 Gathering (67)

a. The CMHT stalls. The Secretary said that he had sufficient offers of help for the stalls.

b. Friends event. The Chairman explained how the guest list had grown from an expected 60 to 230, and the problems that had arisen as a result. There will be two sessions at Duart, at 2pm and at 3:30pm, with the second group first attending a briefing in the Craignure Hall at 2:30pm, and the first group after their visit to Duart. The event was to be used as an opportunity to meet friends and build relationships.

The Secretary was tasked with asking for the bill for the teas.

It was agreed that the Trust would meet the additional unexpected cost of erecting the marquee at Duart.

c. Drimnin (91) A wreath will be laid by the Chairman at the memorial to Alan Maclean, 'The Survivor', which has been restored by the Drimnin Estate at a cost to the Trust of £1,300. Another wreath will be laid by Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross at the memorial to Charles Maclean of Drimnin, at the pier. A photographic portrait of Alan Maclean will be presented to Mr Derek Lewis.

d. The Chairman will lay a wreath on Tiree to commemorate Ian Mac Gilleathain during the visit on Thursday.

11. AOCB

a. A discussion was held on the allocation of the Fitzroy Maclean Fund, which has £3,775 in hand, in particular its use to cover the cost of the Duart history panels (92). It was agreed that whilst education was an appropriate use of the funds, funding the panels was not.

b.. A discussion was held on the proposal to use the Lady Maclean Fund, which had on 31 March 2016 £2,083 in hand, to cover the costs of providing uniform for young pipers. It was felt that it was appropriate to use the funds for tutoring, but not for uniforms. However, it was agreed that the arrangements in place now need not be changed.

c. Common Reporting Standard (CRS). The Trustees reviewed Nigel's report on CRS and felt that no action is taken unless required to do so by our bank.

d. Data Protection..TheTrustees took note of Nigel's report on Data Protection.

c.. Next meeting. The 50th meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust will be held in the Western Club, Glasgow, at 12 noon on Wednesday 20th September 2017.