



**Minutes of the 50th Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 12 noon on 20th September 2017
at the Western Club, Glasgow**

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

1. Welcome

Allan opened the meeting and welcomed 'the five' to the 50th meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern, Brigadier John MacFarlane, Alan McLean and Ian MacLean.

3. Minutes of the 48th Meeting

The minutes of the 50th meeting were approved, proposed by Fiona and seconded by Hector..

4. Matters arising from the 48th Meeting

- a. The directory of 'Eminent Macleans' is now available on the website. William said that he would ask Hew Dundas if he would be willing to maintain it.
- b. It was noted that the World War 1 Commonwealth casualty list is available in the History section of the website. However, an introduction and some corrections are required. Hector will take on responsibility for making future changes and additions, though the Secretary's email address will remain as the point of contact. Hector reminded the Trustees that Kane McLean (maclean.us.org and macleanhistory.org) is working on American lists (Secretary's note: see: <https://macleanhistory.org/conflicts/ww2/>)

5. Trust Organisation

a. Trustees. Reviewing existing Trustees, it was confirmed that Ian would continue as a Trustee til 2021. The Chairman stated that one of the nominees had declined; he will follow up the other nominations. The Secretary will review past nominations and share details.

b. Office bearers.

1. It was noted that the Paypal account has still to be transferred from Nigel to William, but otherwise he now has all the relevant Treasurers documentation.
2. A decision was taken to pay an honorarium to the Secretary of £300p.a.

c. Trust deed. The Chairman reported that he has received legal advice that our Trust deed does require revision.

6. Finance

a. Current position. The secretary referred the Trustees to the Treasurer's report. The Trust's financial position, apart from investments and deposits, as at 18th September 2017 was:

Cash at bank	£ 3,543.92
PayPal balance	£812.00
Total	£ 4,355.92

The Secretary reported that the budget for 2017/2018 has a deficit of £1,200. The trustees felt that this is acceptable given our current position, and past performance.

b. Accounts for 2016/2017. The accounts were approved and signed. The Chairman will prepare his annual report so that it and the accounts can be submitted to OSCR.

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.

7. Friends of CMHT

a. Friends update. The Secretary reported that we currently have 129 members of the Friends of Clan Maclean Heritage Trust: - Individuals 35,

Families 79, and Honorary 6. Additionally, there are 9 whose membership status is not known to us. It was noted that the numbers recorded in the minutes of the 49th meeting were incorrect.

- b. It was suggested and agreed that the Trust should introduce a Corporate membership category. This would be included in the revised Trust deed.
- c. Allan, Hector and William will meet in Stirling to devise a plan to improve Friends membership. Allan will make the arrangements.
- d. A review of nominations for Honorary Friends was postponed to the next meeting.

8. Current Projects

- a. Duart history panels (92). The first batch of history panels are in place in Duart, and the grant has been paid to the Castle. It is not clear if a further set of panels will be displayed, however the Trustees noted that £500 is in the budget for when this goes ahead.
- b. Argyll Piping Trust (89). The Trustees noted John's report, and agreed to continue funding, assuming all continues well.
- c. Kilties book (93). It was agreed that 5 of the unsold copies of the Kilties Book should be transferred to the Duart Castle shop, and the balance offered through the newsletter. (Secretary's note: It is being sold by Lulu (online publishers) at £12.81 excl. VAT)
- f. Piping Bursary (32). The bursar, Alastair Maclean, of Oban, played at the Friends' Reception at Duart, and was presented with Life Membership of the Clan Maclean Association. He was asked to play at the clan night at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, but was not available.
- g. Rena McLean (70). The Trustees welcomed Ian's report and noted that a committee has been formed to take forward the project.
- i. Support for Mull Museum. The Secretary proposed that we should increase our grant in recognition of the Mull Museum's continuing to house the Archives. It was agreed that the new donation would be £100 p.a., beginning this year. The Secretary reported that he would find an opportunity to re-visit the Museum to continue his check of the catalogue. The Chairman reminded Trustees that some Trust documents are held in the National Archives.

j. The Kaid. Alan has placed bilingual leaflet in St Andrew's Church, Tangier.

9. Projects under consideration

a. Sir Lachlan Mor, Islay (62). Fiona reported that the church has been fenced off from the remainder of the graveyard, with Sir Lachlan Mor's grave inside the fence.

c. Genealogy (65) It was noted that CMA is collecting details of family trees from those who attended the gathering and others. Allan will scope options for CMHT to bring to the next meeting. A discussion was held on the recent publication: The Genealogy of the Clan Maclean, by Ronald Collins.

d. Mull projects (3,7,55,& 59). A meeting with John Raven at a suitable time was not managed in 2017. The Chairman will try again for a date in 2018.

e. The Secretary undertook to get a digital copy of the Pitreavie Cairn leaflet.

10. 2017 Gathering (67)

A review of the Trust's activities at the Gathering was made. The wreath laying at Drimnin went well, but the trip to Tiree was cancelled, so a wreath was laid at Lichd Lee instead. The Secretary thanked the Dochgarroch family for their help at the stall in the Aros Hall, and those Trustees who were able to help there and in the Duart marquee. It was noted that sales were well down on those achieved in 2012, possibly because of the Restoration Fund appeal. The Friends Reception passed off well, despite there being two sittings for tea with consequential pressures of time. The castle tours were well received. The Trustees thanked the Association for covering some of the costs that may otherwise have had to be paid by the Trust.

11. AOCB

a. Fiona informed the Trustees that she had visited Kilnave Chapel and Cross on Islay, and found the site to be in good condition, and noted that it could have a storyboard. She showed a photograph of the CMHT storyboard well displayed in the RSPB building at Traigh Ghruinneart, also on Islay.

b.. Trading:

1. it was noted that Oban Games Piping Steward Torquil Telfer wants 30 copies of the piping Book. It was agreed to supply these at a 30% discount, i.e. £7.

2. The Secretary is to ensure that the Piping Book price change is reflected on the website

c.. The Chairman reminded Trustees that each project should have a mentor in addition to the lead Trustee.

d. The Trustees took note of Peter Maclean Docherty's latest project to clean up Aird a Mhorain, North Uist.

e. Next meeting. The 51st meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust will be at 12 noon on Wednesday 7th March 2018, at a location to be decided.