



**Minutes of the 51st Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 12 noon on 7th March 2018
at the Western Club, Glasgow**

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

1. Welcome

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

2. Apologies

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

3. Minutes of the 50th Meeting

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

4. Matters arising from the 48th Meeting

No matters arose from the minutes. Matters arising from the Action Points are as follows:

- a. The Chairman will ask the Chief to progress the acquisition of the Maclean papers being held by Professor Ian Maclean.
- b. A suggestion was made that we should investigate selling the piping books at large scale piping competitions, and at the Argyllshire Gathering. Secretary to investigate.
- c. It was further suggested that the Heritage Trust and CMA should have a stall at the Argyllshire Gathering in the Heritage Tent. Secretary to investigate.

d. It was proposed that the Heritage Trust World War I web page should link to the US World War 2 web page. Secretary to follow up.

5. Trust Organisation

- a. Trustees. Mark Myres, California, was appointed as a Trustee. Two other possible people were identified as possible candidates. The secretary will draft a letter for the Chairman to invite them to join the Board.
- b. Office bearers. William Douglas will continue as Secretary. A Treasurer is still required, with William covering per temp. He will seek a book-keeper to assist with final accounts. A formal letter of thanks is to be sent to Robin Angus, our Independent Examiner.
- 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 his Treasurer's report. The Trust's financial position as at 28th February 201 was:

Bank	£4,991.10
PayPal	£1,231.46
32-Day Notice Deposit Account	£10,093.80
Fixed Term Deposit Account	£10,000.00
Total	£26,316.36

The Secretary reported that draft accounts for 2017/2018 have a surplus of £1,878.01. The Trustees subsequently voted further expenditure in the current year.

- b. It was noted that the Gift Aid claim has still to be completed. This is now in the budget for FY2018/2019.
- c. A draft budget for FY2018/2019 was circulated ahead of the meeting. A deficit is expected. This was agreed.
- d. Following discussion, it was agreed that no funds from the sales of Death or Victory, nor income from bank interest, need be added to the Lady Mary Fund as it is in a good financial position. It was noted that income from the Fitzroy

Maclean Fund was to be used for general purposes, so it was agreed that a share of bank interest would not be allocated to this fund. The Trustees noted that it has been unused since being incorporated into the Trust

d. The Secretary asked that the report and accounts should be completed in good time to avoid a rush over Christmas. A target date of June was set.

e. Vera agreed to be included as a signatory on the bank account, in the place of Nigel. Proposed: Fiona, seconded: John

7. Friends of CMHT

a. Friends update. The Secretary reported that he, Allan and Hector had met to discuss ways of recruiting new Friends and of retaining existing members.

The Secretary reported that he had, as part of the plan, sent the recent newsletter out in batches, to those whose payments are up to date (13), to those who paid for 2017, but have not yet paid for 2018 (73), and to those whose payments are due about now (35).

Allan will write to those whose membership has lapsed to encourage them to re-join, and at the same time to ensure we have permission, under data protection legislation, to contact them in the future.

b. Reviewing the possibility of introducing a corporate membership, the Secretary will investigate what benefits other charities offer.

c. A discussion was held on events to which Friends could be invited, as part of the membership retention programme. John will investigate a visit to the archives at Inveraray, and Allan will investigate a visit to Strachur, both in 2019. Allan will also raise with the Chief the possibility of offering reduced cost entry to Duart for friends.

d. An article on the Trust's support for piping is to be circulated to the Friends in June.

e. The Secretary is to review our standing order usage and processes.

f. A review of nominations for Honorary Friends was postponed to the next meeting.

8. Current Projects

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- a. Duart history panels (92). 3 of 6 history panels are now in place at Duart. The Duart Castle Partnership is aware that a further £500 grant is available from the Trust if required. The panel acknowledging the Trust's support is not yet in place.
- b. Argyll Piping Trust (89). The Trustees noted John's report, and agreed to continue funding, in 2018.
- c. Sir Lachlan Mor, Islay (62). Fiona reported that she has received quotes to complete a marker for the grave. Approval to proceed was given. The Treasurer has provisionally allocated £1000 to the project. A Friends event to coincide with the 'unveiling' was thought to be appropriate.
- d. Rena McLean (70). The Trustees noted progress with this Canadian project.
- e. Support for Mull Museum. The Secretary reported that the cheque for the increased grant to the Museum had not been cashed, and that a reminder has had no response. The Chairman and Secretary will visit the Museum to resolve issues around the future of the Trust's archives and library.
- f. Inverkeithing story board (48). Alan has the digital version of the storyboard. He will visit the site to assess what is required to improve the display in the light of reported water damage.
- g. Tobermory School Pipe Band (95). The Trustees noted that the band was growing in numbers and that more kilts were required. A further grant of £400 was agreed.

9. Projects under consideration

- a. Genealogy (46). William proposed a publication with a mix of heraldry and genealogy as a project for 2022. This did not gain support. It was noted that the Maclean DNA project has a target date of 2022. (Secretary's note: Not a CMHT project)
- d. Mull projects (3,7,55,& 59). A meeting with John Raven has still to be arranged.
- c. Indexing Sennachie genealogy (37). This project is on hold.
- d. The Kaid. Alan is requested to put forward a proposal to commemorate the Kaid in 2020.

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. Data protection. The Trustees considered the implications of the The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and considered the trust to be compliant as all Friends have opted in to receive correspondence.
- c. The decision not to fund garments through the Lady Mary Fund was confirmed.
- d. Next meeting. The 52nd meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust will at 12 noon on Wednesday 22nd September 2018, at a National Piping Centre, McPhater St, Glasgow (To be confirmed).