



**Minutes of the 52nd Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 12 noon on 26th September 2018
at the Western Club, Glasgow**

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

1. Welcome

Allan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 52nd meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust, with a particular welcome to Alan..

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Hector McLean, Ian Maclean and Mark Myers.

3. Minutes of the 50th Meeting

The minutes of the 51st meeting were approved, subject to correction of spelling errors.

4. Matters arising from the 48th Meeting

Matters arising from the minutes were discussed during the meeting, and are covered in the entries below.

5. Trust Organisation

- a. Trustees. Two people were identified as possible candidates. The Chairman will invite them to join the Board. Other potential candidates were also discussed.
- b. Office bearers. William Douglas will continue as Secretary. He has approached a book-keeper to assist with final accounts.
- c. Trust deed. The Chairman reported that he has still to progress a revision.

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6. Finance

a. Current position. The Secretary referred the Trustees to his Treasurer's report. The Trust's financial position as at 24th September was:

Current account:	£ 3,753.79
Paypal:	£ 226.14
32-Day Notice deposit	£12,636.07
Fixed Term deposit	£10,000.00
Total	£26,616.00

b. The Secretary reported that he had not been able to balance the draft accounts for FY2018-18 and is seeking professional assistance. There is a surplus.

c. The Secretary reported that he had not been able to balance the draft accounts for the first six months of FY2018-18 and is seeking professional assistance.

d. It was noted that the Gift Aid claim has been completed. Payment has not yet been received from HMRC.

e. The Trustees accepted the projects budget. Matters arising from this are below.

7. Friends of CMHT

a. Friends update. The Secretary reported that we currently have 20 family (79 in September 2017), 12 individual (35) and 6 honorary Friends, with 6 family members due to pay later in the year.

b. Friends recruitment and retention. The newsletter is considered an important incentive for Friends retention. It was decided that this should be posted, rather than emailed, but only once a year. Alan reported on CMIA's development programme. After discussion, it was agreed to test support for a Friends' day, possibly in 2019 at Inveraray and Strachur. The Chief kindly offered free access to Duart to fully paid up Friends. This is to be publicised in the newsletter.

b. Reviewing the possibility of introducing a corporate membership, the Secretary reported that he had investigated what other charities offered. This had proved difficult, and the only example he found did not match us closely enough to provide any guidance.

c. There were no nominations for Honorary Friends

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

8. Current Projects

a. Piping projects (89 & 95) John referred Trustees to his report, which was accepted. It was agreed that a further payment of £1,500 be made to Argyll Piping Trust to support young pipers on Mull and Iona. Further support for the Tobermory High School band is to be investigated to enable the purchase of a set of pipes. John was asked to provide an article for the newsletter with a quote from Argyll Piping Trust.

b. Piping bursary (32) Sir Lachlan suggested that the frequency of the Piping Bursary be reduced to every two years, and that it be for 'Macleans and those with Maclean family connections'. John will take the views of James Beaton and Angus McColl and report back to the Trustees.

c. Lady Mary Fund (20) The Secretary reminded the Trustees that, as the Lady Mary Fund is financially healthy, the profit from the sales of Death of Victory has been retained in the main account. Sir Lachlan suggested that, in addition to the current award to the Mull Mod, consideration be given to other projects within the remit of education and youth. Support for schools worldwide, promotion of Gaelic and of music at the Conservatoire was considered, but no proposal made. Fiona was asked to investigate if an award could be made at the Ardnamurchan Mod. Declaring an interest, she agreed to do this.

d. Inverkeithing memorial (48a) Sir Lachlan will investigate the cost of a new sign. The Secretary will forward a copy of the current one.

e. Lichlee (21) Sir Lachlan reported that the plaque on the cairn erected in 2012 needs replacement. It was agreed that he and Allan would take this forward. Allan said he had the original wording and will investigate who cast it.

9. Projects under consideration

a. The Kaid – 2020 anniversary. Alan reminded the Trustees of the importance of the Kaid, General Sir Harry Aubrey de Vere Maclean, to Morocco, and of the three main features of his, Alan's, campaign to maintain the record – The Palace, St Andrew's Church and his portrait in the El Minzah Hotel in Tangier. The Kaid died in 1920, and it was agreed that this is an opportunity to commemorate his life, and to take forward the project. It was agreed that the Trust's project could be the restoration of the Kaid's portrait

and possibly the placement of a plaque. The portrait is to be displayed in a gallery or suitable place after restoration. Alan is to investigate this.

b. Sir Lachlan Mor, Islay (62) Fiona reported that the Kilchoman Church walls are unsafe, and so it is not possible to continue with this project.

c. Kilnave Church (98) Fiona proposed that a plaque or sign at Kilnave Church to note the Macleans burnt to death in the chapel after the Battle of Traigh Gruiniart should be considered as a project for 2019. Scoping was agreed, with Fiona as project manager and Allan as mentor.

d. Dr John Knox Mclean (66) Mark reported that he will be taking forward this Californian project as and when the opportunity reopens.

e. Rankin College of Piping (18) Sir Lachlan will scope this as a project for 2022, the year of the International Gathering.

10. AOCB

a. Sir Lachlan reported that he has had no response from Professor Ian Maclean regarding the archive papers he holds.

b. The Register of Eminent Macleans (27) It was noted that Hew Dundas has kindly agreed to take on this project from Nigel Alington. Sir Lachlan said that he would write to Hew to thank him. The Trustees noted that there had been a suggestion that this might become a book, but there was no support for this. The Secretary will circulate a link to the website where this can be found.

c. CMHT 25th anniversary The trustees considered how to commemorate the founding of the Trust in 1996. Ensuring details of all our projects were recorded was thought important. A dinner at Duart for past and present Trustees was proposed for consideration.

d. The need to maintain the website was discussed, without resolution. The Secretary is to check with Ian Webmaster that the links from our WW1 page to the WW2 page on the macleanhistory.org website. He will also look for other updates required.

e. The Chairman closed the meeting by paying tribute to our former trustee, Nigel Alington, who died earlier this year. He said that we are missing his guiding spirit and his contribution to the Trust, which was marked in the eulogy at his funeral.

f. Next meeting. The 53rd meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust will at 12 noon on Wednesday 20th March 2019, at The Western Club, Glasgow (To be confirmed).