



**Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 12 noon on 20th March 2019
at the Western Club, Glasgow**

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

1. Welcome

Allan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 52nd meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Sir Lachlan Maclean, Ian Maclean, Alan McLean and Mark Myers.

3. Minutes of the 50th Meeting

The minutes of the 52nd meeting were approved.

1. 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. The Chairman will invite a possible candidate to join the Board. Other potential candidates were also discussed.

b. Office bearers. The Chairman reminded Trustees that he had agreed to take the post on an interim basis. He set a date for a new Chairman to be appointed to be two years from now (i.e. March 2021). William Douglas will continue as Secretary. He will approach a book-keeper to assist with final accounts. With Brigadier John, he will discuss with Roy and Sara Rutherford the possibility of them taking over as Treasurer.

c. Trust deed. The Chairman reported that he had recent correspondence with the solicitors, Turcan Connell, who recommend that the Trust requires a new constitution to meet current legal requirements. The possibility of converting to a SCIO was discussed, and rejected. The Trustees agreed that a revised constitution, taking account of the Turcan Connell suggestions, in particular Clauses Third, Sixth and Seventh, should be prepared, at a cost of up to £2,000 plus VAT. The Chairman and the Secretary were detailed to liaise with Gavin McEwan at Turcan Connell.

6. Finance

a. Current position. The Secretary referred the Trustees to his Treasurer's report. The Trust's financial position as at 28th February was:

Current account:	£ 3,079.41
Paypal:	£ 818.44
32-Day Notice deposit	£13,680.14
Fixed Term deposit	£10,000.00
Total	£27,577.99

b. The Secretary reported that he had not been able to balance the draft accounts for the year to date and so will employ professional assistance for the final accounts. There is a surplus at this point, but about £1,800 of grants and expenses have still to be paid..

d. The Gift Aid claim of £478.66 has been paid by 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 36 family (20 in September 2018), 15 individual (12) and 6 honorary Friends. 17 Friends who had not paid in 2018 have done so since receiving the newsletter.

b. A newsletter was posted to 35 paid up Friends and 111 who had not paid since 2017, at a cost of £650.88. Renewals earned £470 in subscriptions. Only four have indicated that they would be happy to receive an electronic version. The Trustees decided that a printed newsletter should be sent to Friends towards the end of each year. Following an appeal for contributions from Trustees, it was suggested that Trust representatives should also be asked to contribute. The Secretary explained that the piping article, kindly supplied by Brigadier John, had arrived after publication date, and is being

held over for the next edition. The Chairman said how good he thought the Newsletter was, and thanked William very much for compiling it.

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

8. Current Projects

a. Piping projects (89 & 95) The Secretary explained that the piping article, kindly supplied by Brigadier John, had arrived after publication date, and is being held over for the next edition.

b. Piping bursary (32) The Trustees noted Brigadier John's report and, after discussion, it was agreed to proceed with a Bursary in 2020. He has identified some potential candidates, including an American. The Trust allocated up to £2,000 to cover the expenses.

c. Inverkeithing memorial (48a) Allan will take forward the replacement of the storyboard, which is water damaged. He reported that the cairn looked good.

d. Lady Mary Fund (20) The Trustees considered extending the Fund to including an award to the Ardnamurchan Mòd, being a prize to the Junior Choir that obtains the highest mark in a single competition, similar terms to those applied to the Mull Mòd. It was agreed to award them £100 for a period of ten years. The Secretary is to write to make them the offer. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Mull Mòd confirming that the grant has been extended by ten years, to 2029.

e. Lichlee (21) Sir Lachlan and Allan will take forward the replacement of the sign. It was agreed that the sign should be adapted to include the year of the battle.

f. Kilnave Church (98) Stokes Memorials (Frazer Downie) is to be asked to provide a memorial plaque in Gaelic and English to be set into the wall to commemorate the Macleans burnt to death there. £1,000 - £1,500 was allocated to this project, to be completed by 2021. It was suggested that there be a Trust visit to unveil the plaque, and visit other Trust projects on Islay.

9. Projects under consideration

a. The Kaid (42) – 2020 anniversary. Alan submitted a report highlighting the difficulties progressing work on the Kaid projects in Morocco. He said it was doubtful that there would something to commemorate on the 2020 anniversary. He has enlisted support from Nicolas Maclean of Pennycross.

b. Dr John Knox Mclean (66) Mark reported that he is progressing the placement of a plaque at the Pacific School of Religion, and that the Pacific branch of the Association will provide funding. The Trustees indicated their wish to be closely involved with the project. The Secretary will correspond with Mark.

c. Genealogy/Heraldry (99) William proposed a chart depicting the Maclean armorials with a 'family tree' showing lines of descent to those whose arms were depicted. It was agreed to investigate this further, with a target date for completion being the 2022 International Gathering.

d. Record of achievement (100) Ian proposed that the Trust produce a booklet detailing the Trust's achievements in the past 25 years. Ian was asked to lead on this, supported by the Secretary, who has identified 46 projects completed.

e. Rankine College of Piping (18) Sir Lachlan reported that he visited the site with Richard Compton with a view to placing a memorial there by 2022.

10. AOCB

a. Trading – Fiona reported that the Duart castle shop was our most important outlet for sales of Death or Victory, and Sir Lachlan had proposed that the price be increased to £8.50. This would entail a redesign of the cover to remove the current (£7.95) price, at a cost of £175. After discussion, this was agreed. The price of the map is to remain at \$5 and the Piping Book at £10. The Treasurer reported that his provisional figure for trading profit was £971 (Adjusted for unpaid bill).

b. The Register of Eminent Macleans (27) Hew Dundas, who has taken on responsibility for maintaining the register asked for guidance as to what is meant by 'eminent'. After discussion, it was decided to leave this to his discretion. It was suggested that the register be moved from the Trustees only section of the website to the main area. It was agreed that Trustees should view the document to decide if the format was suitable for public access. The Secretary was asked to remind Trustees how to access it.

c. CMHT 25th anniversary

(1) The Secretary was asked to acknowledge the Chief's kind offer of hosting a celebratory dinner at Duart in 2021, and to accept on behalf of the Trustees.

(2) Record of achievement – see above.

d. The Chairman briefed the Trustees on the difficulty faced by Nicholas Maclean Bristol in finding a publisher for his new book on Maclean Jacobites. The publication of his 'Two Clans' book was noted.

e. Heritage Trust Archives

(1) Association minutes - Allan is looking for a complete set of Association minutes to place in the Trust's archives in the Mull Museum. Vera said that she would check to see if she had a set.

(2). Archive papers - We have been unsuccessful so far in our negotiations for being given the papers of Dr James Maclean by his brother, Professor Ian Maclean. Allan reported that Ian had returned some Dochgarroch papers to him, and Fiona said that she would try getting in touch as she is hoping to find some missing Ardgour papers.

(3) Allan said that he would update the list of books not yet in the Archives

f. Website - Hector and the Secretary are to meet to discuss ways of improving the website and look at how to make a co-ordinated approach to the Webmaster taking into account the wishes of CMHT.

g. Next meeting. The 54th meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust will at 12 noon on Wednesday 18th September 2019, at The Western Club, Glasgow.