



**Minutes of the 54th Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 12 noon on 19th September 2019
at the Western Club, Glasgow**

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

1. Welcome

Allan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 54th meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust.

2. Apologies

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

3. Minutes of the 53rd Meeting

The minutes of the 53rd meeting were approved.

1. Matters arising from the 53rd Meeting

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

5. Trust Organisation

a. Trustees.

(1) Peter Maclean Doherty was voted onto the Board of Trustees. The Secretary is to confirm the arrangements with Peter.

(2) It was noted that Vera's term of office as the CMA President was due to end this year. The new President would then become an ex-officio Trustee. The Trustees also asked Hector, a CMA nominee, if he would be prepared to extend for a further five years (Secretary's note: To be confirmed at the next

meeting). It was agreed that Allan should extend til at least 2021, and that John should extend for a further five years.

b. Office bearers. The Chairman reminded Trustees that he had agreed to take the post on an interim basis, the new Chairman to be appointed by March 2021. William Douglas will continue as Secretary and Treasurer, but seeks assistance with this til a successor can be found. The Treasurer will discuss options with a local accountant.

c. GDPR privacy procedures. Trustees discussed recommendations from OSCR regarding data protection and maintaining a register of Trustees preferences, and decided that no further action was required at this time.

d. Trust deed. The Chairman and the Secretary have yet to meet with Gavin McEwan at Turcan Connell to review the Trust deed. (Secretary's note: Sir Lachlan queried the cost of using Turcan Connell in a note not seen til after the meeting)

e. Trust representatives. Alan highlighted issues of worldwide recruitment and stressed the important role of our Representatives. The Chairman asked that they be kept informed and asked to pass on information. The possibility of appointing a London Representative was discussed, but no suggestion as how to proceed was made.

6. Finance

a. Current position. The Secretary referred the Trustees to his Treasurer's report. Our financial position as at 18th September 2019 is as follows:

Cash at bank	£ 2,871.29
32-Day Notice deposit	£13,736.47
Fixed Term deposit	£10,000.00
PayPal balance	564.97
Total	£ 27,082.73

b. The Secretary presented the draft annual accounts for FY 2018-2019.

The year in summary:

Income:	£4,692
Expenditure:	£3,602
Surplus	£1,090

The accounts were agreed by the Trustees and will now be passed to our independent examiner before submitting to OSCR. The Treasurer commented that the Trust should bring forward plans to spend some of its capital on charitable projects. The Trustees thanked the Treasurer for his report.

7. Friends of CMHT

- a. Friends update. The Secretary reported that we currently have 34 family (20 in September 2018), 18 individual (12) and 6 honorary Friends.
- b. A newsletter will be sent to Friends later in the year. The Secretary thanked John for his article on piping and called for further contributions.
- c. The Secretary reported that the Trust has 31 Friends and 2 others who have signed Gift Aid forms. We have 21 Friends who subscribe by bank standing orders and 11 who make recurring payments through Paypal.

8. Current Projects

- a. Piping projects (89 & 95) The Secretary was asked to report on the situation regarding payments made to the Argyll Piping Trust to confirm if our commitment had been fulfilled.
- b. Piping bursary (32) Brigadier John reported that he had had no response from Kevin Maclean, from Vancouver. He proposed that instead that we offer the bursary to Angus Maclean, from Kilmartin. This is likely to be taken up in August 2020. The Piping Centre has this 'in the diary'. John stated that the tuition will cost £275 for 5 days, and accommodation £540 for the bursar and 'a responsible adult'. He asked for a budget of £1,200 for the project (Secretary's note: £2,000 already allocated).
- c. Inverkeithing memorial (48a) Allan will take forward the replacement of the storyboard, which is water damaged.
- d. 25th anniversary booklet (100) The Chairman acknowledged Ian's work on the commemorative booklet, and said that he would pass on some comments made by the Trustees to Ian. It was hoped that the launch would be at the celebratory dinner (see below).
- e. Lichlee (21) The replacement of the plaque for the cairn is still in hand.
- f. Kilnave Church (98) Fiona had circulated a report ahead of the meeting, and this was accepted by the Trustees. John has some questions about the

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wording of the Gaelic translation of the inscription on the plaque commemorating the death of Macleans in the church, and will discuss these with her. It was agreed that this project should proceed at an within a budget range of £300 - £500.

g. Duart panels (92) The Chairman queried whether a further payment was due to the Chief towards the cost of the history panels. The Secretary will enquire.

h. Rankine College of Piping (18) Sir Lachlan reported that he had been unable to meet with Richard Compton during the summer with a view to placing a memorial at or near Kilbrannon, which we hope will be installed by 2022.

i. The Kaid (42) – 2020 anniversary. Alan reported on the slow progress with Moroccan authorities to plan a commemoration of the Kaid's anniversary. Plans include a service in St Andrew's Church, laying a wreath, Installing a plaque in the barracks/royal palace and a reception at Hotel el Minza (home to the Kaid's portrait). It is now likely to be towards the end of the year. The Secretary recommended that we find an 'event secretary' to co-ordinate the arrangements. Several names were mentioned. It was estimated that a reception would cost about £2,000.

j. Genealogy/Heraldry (99) William displayed a suggested chart with a 'family tree' and associated heraldry. The Trustees thought that this would be popular with Macleans as an item to acquire. The chart would require suitable wording to accommodate different opinions on Maclean descendancy. The Chairman said that he had suitable armorials. The target date for completion being the 2022 International Gathering.

k. Website development (39) It was noted that William and Hector had met to review ways forward for the website, but had not identified how that might be achieved.

9. Projects under consideration

.b. Dr John Knox Mclean (66) Mark reported that he is progressing the placement of a plaque at the Pacific School of Religion. Draft language for the plaque is prepared which he will send to the Trustees for review. He is working with college staff on the plaque's location.

c. The Chairman suggested that it might be appropriate to offer to pay for history panels at Moy Castle. No decision was taken.

10. AOCB

a. Trading – The Trustees noted that Death or Victory has been reprinted without a recommended sale price. It is selling well at £8.50 in the Duart Castle shop. However, the webmaster has not corrected the price on the website, so online sales continue at the old price. The Secretary will again attempt to contact the webmaster.

b. The Register of Eminent Macleans (27) It was agreed that the Register is not suitable for public access as it contains details of the living as well as those who have died. It was suggested that the Trust finds someone who could reformat the Register so it could be a publically accessible document. Hew Dundas will continue as the administrator meantime.

c. CMHT 25th anniversary

(1) The Secretary will provide the Chief with a list of names of Trustees past and present who could be invited to a dinner at Duart to celebrate the Trust's achievements. He will liaise with the Chief to choose a date, the sending of invitations, pipers, etc. It was thought that overseas guests might appreciate a one-year lead time.

(2) Record of achievement – see above.

d. Alan informed the Trustees that he would be representing Clan Maclean at a World War 1 wreath laying ceremony in Belgium in November. Fiona will send some piping books to Alan to take with him.

e. Heritage Trust Archives

(1) Association minutes - Allan has not yet compiled a complete set of Association minutes to place in the Trust's archives in the Mull Museum and would welcome assistance in locating them.

(2). Archive papers - The Chairman reported that he had received a letter informing him that the papers formerly held by Dr James Maclean and his brother, Professor Ian Maclean, have been placed in The National Library, in Edinburgh, and are in temporary deposit (Reference No: TD3800).

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

(4) Battleaxe magazine – The Secretary reminded the Trustees that we have a policy regarding public access to Battleaxe (*Copies of the International Battleaxe that are more than two years old can be*

downloaded from the Archive and copies from the last two years can be downloaded from the Members Only Archive which is password protected.)

f. Lady Maclean Prize. Fiona was asked to circulate details of the prize winners at the Mull and Ardnamurchan Mods.

g. Culloden. Alan asked if the Trust should campaign to prevent areas of the Culloden Battlefield from being developed. It was noted that The Association of Highland Clans was already involved, so no action by us was necessary.

h. One Clan or Two? The Trustees agreed to acquire a copy of the book *One Clan or Two?: The feud between the Macleans of Duart and the Maclaines of Lochbuie 1100 to 1717* by Nicholas Maclean-Bristol and place it in the Archives in Mull Museum.

i. Next meeting. The 55th meeting of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust will at 12 noon on Wednesday 11th March 2020. A further attempt will be made to find a location that can accommodate video-conferencing.