



**Minutes of the 61st Meeting of
The Trustees of the Clan Maclean Heritage Trust
held at 3pm on 20th September 2022**

The meeting was a 'virtual meeting', held on the Zoom digital platform

Present: Canon Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch (Chairman), Sir Lachlan Maclean, Fiona Maclean of Ardgour (part), Vera MacLean, Hector McLean, Anne Maclean of Dochgarroch, Alan Maclean, Ian McLean, Peter MacLean Docherty and William Douglas (Secretary).

1. Welcome

Allan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone on screen. He reminded us that the 60th meeting had been a continuation of the 59th meeting, when we had not been able to complete the agenda.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Brigadier John Macfarlane and Mark Myers

3. Minutes of the 60th Meeting

The minutes of the 60th meeting were amended and accepted.

4. Matters arising from the 60th Meeting

All matters arising are included in the agenda

5. Reports

a. The Chairman reported that he had meetings:

- with the Secretary, in Edinburgh, to discuss new Trustees
- with the Secretary at Mull Museum, reviewing the CMHT archives
- with Georgina Satchel, the Mull Museum Archivist
- With Andy McClaine, Ron Collins and the Secretary to discuss alternatives to the current arrangements at Mull Museum.

He said that he would like the trust to review our contribution to the Mull Museum.

b. The Secretary reviewed his written report which matters are contained elsewhere in the Minutes.

6. Trust Organisation

a. Trustees – The Secretary circulated a confidential list of potential Trustees whose names had been discussed at previous Trustees meetings. At the meeting between the Chairman and Secretary, six people had been identified as possibilities. It was agreed that these should be approached by the Chairman and Secretary. The Chairman said that he would approach Stewart Liddle and Angus McColl for help in identifying someone with piping knowledge. Alan emphasised the importance of having overseas members, and Ian that the trust needed 'doers'. Ian suggested that Grant could be asked for suggestions from Australia.

b. Office bearers – William stated that he would be standing down after the International Gathering. Sir Lachlan suggested that Ian might like to consider taking on the secretarial role. Anne suggested that we could advertise for replacements.

c. Trust deed – The Chairman explained that he felt that Turcan Connel had not provided the solution we were seeking and proposed adopting the SCVO/OSCR model constitution as the basis for the Trust's revised constitution. He said that this was the route that the Society of Highland & Island Historical Research, led by Hector MacQueen, Emeritus Professor of Private Law in the Edinburgh University Law School, had taken. This was agreed.

7. Finance

a. Accounts for FY 2021/2022 – William, as Treasurer, referred to the accounts for the past year which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He explained that he had sought assistance from an accountant. He noted that the Trust had made a small surplus of £110. The Chairman asked for an explanation of a difference of £202. William explained that the Trust no longer holds any trading stock.

William said the accounts included a transfer of £500 from the General Fund to the Lady Mary Fund of £500 for which he sought, and received agreement. Further discussion ensued – see below. It

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was agreed that there should be no changes to the Fitzroy Maclean Fund.

The accounts were agreed: Proposed by Alan, seconded by Ian.

Following the death of Robin Angus, there is a requirement to find an Independent Examiner. Sir Lachlan suggested that John Maclean, Short-term Treasurer in 2012, be asked.

b. Year to date accounts for FY 2022/2023 – William referred to the draft year to date working accounts circulated prior to the meeting, noting we have continued to support the Mull and Ardnamurchan Mods, and Mull Museum. Apart from editor's fees for the 25th Anniversary book, there have been no other charitable purpose outgoings.

It was noted that two boxes of piping books have been passed to the Duart Castle Gift Shop, and that Death or Victory has been selling well in the shop.

c. Current position:

Our financial position as at 17th September 2021 was follows:

Cash at bank	£10,771.48
32-Day Notice deposit	£13,799.98
PayPal balance	£ 300.00
Total	£ 24,871.46

d. Projects budget – William shared the projects budget ahead of the meeting. It was noted that some proposed projects had not had a budget allocated. It was otherwise agreed.

8. Friends of CMHT

a. Friends update – In his report, the Secretary said that numbers were similar to those of preceding reports. Alan referred to this as 'dismal' and stressed that action is required. He said that there was a requirement to 'sell the trust' and that everybody should be doing it. We should be seeking tax-efficient bursaries from businesses. Hector said he had made no progress with a corporate membership policy. It was noted that there had been no follow up from details gathered through the Virtual Gathering. William said that he and Anne had prepared a draft vision and mission document, which had been shared in the recent CMA newsletter. Allan agreed to redesign the CMHT brochure and

display boards in time for use at the International Gathering. He also commented on the previous 'benefit' that might again be introduced to garner supporters. Anne suggested that we use the website more.

b. Newsletter – The Chairman reminded Trustees that articles are required for the newsletter, being published in December. It was stressed that this is an important benefit of membership.

9. Vision and Mission

The Secretary, said that progress with a vision and mission statement had stalled.

10. Current Projects

a. Piping Bursary (32) – The Chairman shared John's report that there was no progress pending the School of Piping resuming in person tutoring.

b. Inverkeithing memorial (48a) – The Chairman referred to the photographs he had shared. It was agreed that the frame on the storyboard be replaced.

c. Lichlee (21) - The requirement to replace the plaque at Lichlee was confirmed; it was noted that the plaque at Kilninian (50) also required replacing and that a plaque would be required for Kilbrenan (18). A supplier is to be identified.

d. Kilnave Church (98) – Fiona had reported by email that the stone mason has not responded to her enquires about progress.

e. Rankine College of Piping (18) – Sir Lachlan said that he had not managed to meet with the landowner, Rick Compton-Maclean, but will be meeting with the factor to seek the best place for a memorial. Rick will be returning to Mull in November. A budget of £5,000 was voted for this project.

f. Genealogy/Heraldry (99)- William had no progress to report.

h. Black's Harbour (106) – Ian stated that the organiser had made no progress but that he hopes to be able to take the project forward. A budget of £800 was voted for this project.

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i. Àird a' Mhòrain burial ground, North Uist (103) – Peter reported that now that the wording of the plaque has been agreed, he hopes to have the plaque in position by the end of the year, or early 2023, weather permitting. He will inform the Trustees of the details, should any wish to attend.

k. Mull piping – There was no report about placing the CMHT logo on the drums in return for a grant.

l. 25th Anniversary record of Achievement (100)

1. Publishing - Titled 'Celebrating The Clan Maclean; The First 25 Years of Clan Maclean Heritage Trust', the book has been proofread and is ready for layout. However, all pictures have not yet been sourced, and some permissions have yet to be received. They have yet to be captioned. The cover will be tartan with the flags of the nations whose stories are told in the book.

2. Marketing – A plan for marketing is to be drawn up by Allan, Ian, William and Doug McLean.

m. History project at/for Duart – Arising from initial suggestions that CMHT could develop a history/heritage project for Duart that would be of benefit to visitors, and a discussion on options for the use of the Lady Mary Fund, which is for the benefit of young people, the Trustees examined a range of options. It was decided to review the potential of providing information points through the use of QR codes which would allow young people to source details through their mobile phones. Hector agreed to lead a focus group of himself, Anne and William with the intention of providing a brief for the Chief. The group is to report by the end of November. (Secretary's note: Ian Webmaster has since agreed to assist)

This proposal is subject the Duart Castle Partnership agreeing that this would meet legal and operational requirements. The Chairman suggested that QR codes could additionally be placed on all Heritage Trust projects.

n. Major General Sir Fitzroy Maclean (109) – Peter said that there was no progress to report on placing a plaque.

o. John Maclean of Kingussie (15) - Allan said that he had no progress to report of commemorating John Maclean.

p. Lady Mary Fund – Additional to reports above, a discussion was held around other ways to use the Fund for the benefit of young people. Sir Lachlan suggested that we should support the Gaelic language, perhaps through the National Mod. He said he would talk to Janet Macdonald about possibilities. The Chairman recalled that CMA had presented a cup in, possibly, 1969 and suggested perhaps we could develop that. Anne said that this would be a useful way to promote the Trust.

q. Dr John Knox Maclean (66) – See addendum

11. Projects under consideration

a. Sir Allan of Torloisk; Kilninian (50) William said that he had visited the cairn and found the plaque illegible. (See above)

b. Other projects

1. Alan asked for The Kaid (42) to be kept in mind as a future project.

2. Dr Donald Maclean MD – See addendum below

12. The 2023 International Gathering

a. CMHT Day (Wednesday 21st June) – see Rankine College of Piping (18) above Vera asked for clarification on numbers for the tea.

b. History Walks (Monday 19th; Thursday 22nd) – William said that the first of these walks was fully subscribed. John has agreed to lead, but due to numbers, we may need additional assistance.

c. CMHT Stall in Aros Hall (19th – 23rd) – William said that he would provide a stall, but would need assistance to staff it.

d. CMHT stall at Duart (Saturday 24th) – William said that he would provide a stall, but would need assistance to staff it

e. Friends registration leaflet/form – Our leaflet requires updating. Allan agreed to take this on.

f. Display panels and presentation materials – William explained that one of the panels is missing, but both required updating. A

copy of each is in the Tower Room at Duart. Allan said as he had prepared them, he would do the revision. William will prepare other display materials.

g. Magazine content – William stated that several Trustees are contributing to the Gathering brochure. Ian asked for confirmation on what was required from him.

h. Book launch – Anne suggested that we hold the launch of the book 'Celebrating The Clan Maclean' at the 'Meet and Greet' event on the evening of Monday 19th June. An alternative would be the CMHT event at Torloisk.

13. AOCB

a. Archives – Allan outlined the difficulties of our arrangements with Mull Museum which wishes to restrict content to that which refers to Mull. He said that the meeting with Andy McClaine was to seek a solution and discussions will continue.

The Chairman asked if the current £100 grant to Mull Museum was enough. A decision was held over til the March meeting.

b. Alan informed the Trustees that he and Col. Bruno Gagnaire, an associate member of CMA Scotland, will be attending a ceremony in Paris on 4th October for the Auld Alliance when a plaque will be unveiled at the Hotel des Invalides to commemorate Scots who fought for/with France.

b. Date of next meeting – This was not set (Secretary's note – Suggested date: Tuesday 21st March 2023, being the day preceding the CMA meeting)

Addendum

Subsequent to the meeting, Mark Myers submitted the following

a. Plaque for Dr John Knox Maclean - Berkely School of Religion

- Project was put on hold due initially to construction delays in the campus upgrades and then after this due to Covid.

Next steps:

1. Approve size of plaque with school administration.

1. Location is either to be in the chapel on a column or in library over fireplace.
2. Plaque shape is expected to be round (approx 6" diameter) with a profile relief of Dr Maclean and a brief statement of contributions to the school.
2. Approve language of plaque with CMHT.
3. Determine with school the date for installation and unveiling.

b. Investigation of Dr Donald Maclean MD

1. Ian Maclean has provided source material to investigate the life and death of Dr Maclean.
2. At this time a cursory investigation has proven out the medical bonafides, next steps are to trace back roots and ultimately what if any commemoration can be achieved.
3. More work to follow on this lead.