

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING

Attendees:

Major Nicholas Maclean-Bristol. Chairman
Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern.
The Very Reverend Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch ygr.
Ronald MacLean.
Dr. James MacLean. Treasurer.
Malcolm F MacLean. Secretary.

1. Apologies

No apologies received but the Secretary brought to the attention of the meeting that Trustee Alister D McLean of Western Australia had retired from the Trust on the 21st June. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks for the time and devotion that Alister had given to trust matters in Australia during his period of office and together with all present at the meeting hoped he was now regaining his full health.

The Chairman was asked to write a letter of thanks to Alister from the Trustees.

2. Minutes of the 5th Meeting

These were signed by the Chairman following the proposal of their acceptance by Allan seconded by James and carried unanimously.

3. Arrangements for Ghruinneart Cairn Unveiling

The Chairman gave a brief review of the arrangements made for the unveiling of the Cairn taking place at 12 mid-day.

1. Introduction by Nicholas giving historical over view.
2. Chief's Piper to play a lament.
3. Unveiling of Cairn by Chief.
4. Observance of 2 minutes silence.
5. Chief's Piper to play.
6. Viewing of Exhibition in Reserve Centre with introduction by Duncan Fergusson.

4. Financial Report.

The accounts are in a healthy state at present, but there has been a rather poor response to the Appeal. There was a rapid reaction in the first two weeks, but since then there has been nothing!!! Fortunately some of the donations are covenanted and will bring in money for the next few years.

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4.1 Ghruinneart Costs

Building Cairn.	£1374.48
Design & Artwork.	£ 520.00
Visual & Technical.	£ 271.95
Plaques.	£ 379.09
Printing Posters.	<u>£1128.00</u>
	<u>£3673.52</u>
Piper.	£ 154.90

Total £3828.42

4.2 General Finance Report

The Treasurer presented copies of the financial statement as at the 31st March 1998 showing a £1,264.30 net total of income over expenditure. Ronald was thanked by the for his very generous donation to Trust funds.

5. Communication

The Chairman mentioned briefly the failure of Clan "Battleaxe" publication to come out on time, promised for March, due July but still awaited. The meeting determined that the problems surrounding the Bulletin can only be resolved by the Clan Maclean Association.

The Secretary was given approval to send the Appeals Letter to Clan Associations in Canada and the USA.

6. Australian Projects

6.1 H.N. McLean Memorial Retirement Village

Approval was given to the size and shape of the plaque which will be in the recommended cast bronze. The Trust Logo of the Battle-Axe is required at the top of the plaque, with at the bottom of the plaque the approved wording; Erected by The Clan Maclean Heritage Trust, October 1999.

Detail of the above requirements to be fax to Brian McLean in Australia by the Secretary as soon as possible.

6.2 The Honourable Allan McLean (1839-1911)

The Rev. Alister B. McLean Great-grandson of the above to be asked to provide cost estimates of the plaque together with his proposed inscription for the plaque. Some firm idea of where the plaque will be sited will be required together with any necessary formal approvals for fixing the plaque to such a site.

The Secretary to write to the Rev. Alister McLean on the above issues.

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7.0 Possible Future Projects

7.1 Coll Mausoleum

The Chairman reported that the Adrian Laycock report on the Coll Mausoleum was very depressing, possible costs of repair or rebuilding are listed below:-

1. Cosmetic repair only	£ 5,000
2. Underpinning	£16,000
3. Mini piles + 1 above	£25,000
4. Dismantle & rebuild	£30,000

Following some discussion on the report submitted to the meeting it was thought that the underpinning estimate of £16,000 was the most viable course of action under consideration at this stage.

Based on the above conclusion Allan and James will make contact with Martin Hadlington, an Architect, specialising in historic buildings for advice on possible external funding.

7.2 Inverkeithing 1651

Planned for the year 2001, Sir Lachlan was asked to produce a report for the next meeting.

7.3 Iona

Missing brass foot to be replaced on effigy.

7.4 Islay

Hector Maclean, Schoolmaster Ballygrant a Gaelic scholar to be recognised by the Trust?

7.5 Tiree

Ronald to report back on possible projects.

7.6 Pennycross

Battle Axes to be replaced on railings.

7.7 Lochbuie

Mausoleum to be reviewed.

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7.8 Mull

Allan to draw-up a preliminary "check list" of Maclean sites on Mull.

8. Vote of Thanks

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Allan on his retirement as a Trustee and praised him for the immense amount of time and effort he had contributed at the formative period of the Trust and the many sessions since.

9. Date and Venue for next meeting

Date the **11th January 1999 at 11.00am, 8 Colinton Road, Edinburgh.**