

CLAN MACLEAN HERITAGE TRUST

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING

Attendees: Major Nicholas Maclean-Bristol. Chairman
Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morvern.
The Very Reverend Allan Maclean of Dochgarroch.
Lt/Col Donald MacLean.
Ronald MacLean.
Dr. James MacLean. Treasurer.
Malcolm F MacLean. Secretary.

1. Apologies

No apologies all members of the Committee being present.

2. Minutes of the 7th Meeting

Following a brief discussion these were accepted unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

3. Chairman's Remarks

It was with some sadness that the Chairman announced to the meeting the death of Alister D McLean of Western Australia, a Trustee until June 99 when he had to retire because of ill health. Alister because of his energy and enthusiasm for the Trust distributed information about the Trust throughout Western Australia, his time, experience and devotion to trust matters will be sorely missed in Western Australia and the UK.

4. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented copies of the financial statement as at the 31st March 1999 showing a £2,445.95 net total of income over expenditure. James reported that the actual cost of the Hector Neil McLean Memorial Plaque was £136.06 a lot less than anticipated. He went on to express some concern that current Covenants/Donations are raising only some £400 p.a. he said "there is a serious need for the Trust to raise substantially more cash than our present income indicates".

5. Project Reports.

5.1 Inverkeithing 1651

Sir Lachlan reported back to the meeting on the correspondence and discussions so far held with the AOC Archaeological Group and Fife Council. John Barber (AOC) had suggested a location that overlooked the battle site, where it is thought a cairn similar in style to that erected on Islay could be placed. Further suggestions in addition to the cairn were actively being put forward by Fife Council for consideration. It is thought that additional project funding support might come from Gala Homes and Fife Council. Sir Lachlan to write to John Barber on the results of today's meeting and firm up on the cairn site and other matters.

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5.2 Iona - Maclean's Brass Foot

Approval was given for the recovered brass foot to be replaced on the effigy within the Iona Abbey. Expenditure on this item not to exceed a budgeted ceiling of £500.

5.3 Coll Mausoleum

Allan reported back to the meeting on the subject of gaining external funding for the above project on Coll. Following a meeting with Adrian Laycock the opinion was held that it would attract Historic Building money but it would take considerable time to achieve a result. There was also the faint prospect of gaining Lottery Funding through the RSPB.

On a separate issue concerning the Coll Mausoleum Trust Deed from the RSPB. Sir Lachlan express some unease about signing such a lease without first submitting it for a legal review and opinion on the lease conditions. He needed to be made fully aware of the possible legal actions against the Trustees arising from accidental damage to persons or property because of the Mausoleum's poor state of repair. He apologised to the Chairman for not informing him promptly with regards to his concerns about the lease document.

5.4 General Project Review & Funding.

It was agreed that Heritage Projects, are in future, identified and costed so that benefactors can give to a specific project; CMHT appeals for funds will from now on emphasis this fact in any correspondence.

C M H T PROJECT LISTING

Ref. No.	Project Heading	Comp. Date	Funding	Apprvd.	Project Contact
1	Brass Foot Restoration	1999	£500	Yes	Rev. Allan
2	Inverkeithing	2001	£5000	Yes	Sir Lachlan.
3	Coll Mausoleum	2001	£20000	Yes	Nicholas
4	Genealogical Proj. Heritage Centre	2002			Donald/Allan
5	Reg. of Deeds Search 1600/60		£12000		Allan -
6	Maclean Piper Bursary	2002			Donald
7	Maclean Pipe Music Reprint				Kenneth (Piper)
8	Lichlee Battle of Mull				Sir Lachlan
9	Glenlivet				Charles
10	Pennycross Graveyard				Nicholas- Penny
11	Editing & Pub. Ian Maclean Poetry				Nicholas

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6.0 Any Other Business

6.1 Objectives of the Trust

Ronald again voiced his strongly held opinion that the Clan should have a Clan Heritage Centre to preserve Maclean documents, Memorabilia and genealogical data. Such an idea was well supported by the US Branches. Sir Lachlan in reply could only see enormous problems moving such a large scale project forward to a successful conclusion. James pointed out the US problem of clan members gaining no tax benefits unless they gave to a specific project rather than simply to the Heritage Fund. Reference was again made to James McKeand efforts to create the Ross of Mull History Centre and whether it offered an opportunity for cooperation.

Donald made the point quite strongly that the Trust needed to do more than simply erect a Cairn here and there, but to begin thinking in terms of far larger ambitions and fund raising schemes. The Chairman in reply to this point thought that we were currently going along the right lines at this stage in the Trusts development.

Ronald also raised the issue of entering into fund raising schemes to bolster the Funds cash balance, he felt that a 200 club raffle could raise some £19,000 pa. perhaps a Heritage Raffle was a possibility, coupled with a reminder to Clan Members of the ability to leave a legacy to benefit the Trust.

9. Date and Venue for next meeting

Date the 11th January 2000 at 10.00am, 8 Colinton Road, Edinburgh.