

The first Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Argyll Papers was held  
at 11.15 a.m. on Saturday 18 March 2017  
in the Nicoll Hall, Inveraray.

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Attendees: Ronnie Black, Denis Broad, Olive Brown, Diarmid Campbell, Roderick Campbell, Donald Clark, Iain Connon, Alison Diamond, Dorothy Hogbin, Peter Hogbin, Sarah Jacobs, Murdo MacDonald, Marion McIntosh, Ishbel Mackinnon, Alison Rosie, Catriona Smyth.

Attendees (guests): Caroline Clark, Shirley Carey, Adrian Carey and Mary Carey (donors of the Anne Campbell Collection), Micky Gibbard (PhD student, currently volunteering in the archives for 3 months, appointed proxy for Annie Tindley).

Apologies: Her Grace, Eleanor, Duchess of Argyll, Duncan Beaton, Mary Braithwaite, Lindsay Campbell, Linda Fryer, Ann Galliard, Andrew Jones, Elizabeth Kraus, Christine Leach, Ken MacTaggart, Elizabeth Marrison, Jean Maskell, David McKellar, Mark McLaughlan, Alison Palmer, Margaret Storrie, Annie Tindley, Patricia Wiseman

2. Update from the Chair (Murdo MacDonald)

- Murdo reflected on the recent death of Rae MacGregor at the age of 87. Rae was truly 'Mrs Inveraray', steeped in the history of the town, its traditions and people and the 'go to' for information. She was also extremely knowledgeable about Campbeltown where she also lived for a while and where her MacLeran ancestors were at Lephenstrath. Rae was also known for her particularly excellent pancakes and scones. She will be a sad loss to the area.
- After extensive planning, the Friends was formally launched on 30 September 2016. This inaugural event included a tour of the Castle, a drinks reception and Allan Macinnes' talk on experience of working in the Castle and Pirates of Craignish, as well as the unveiling of the Friends banner.
- The first Friends newsletter, brilliantly edited by Duncan, was distributed in November. Feedback on the format and content is invited, and contributions for future editions welcome.
- Some genealogical enquiries have been answered by the Friends – and donations to the Friends received in response.
- There have been 95 visitors to the archives so far in 2017.
- Conservation of the maps and plans is continuing: the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of maps and plans have been collected from Highland High Life in Inverness. This batch included PV6 (Langlands survey of Inveraray farms) and PV7 (Richmond's survey of Mull farms), and the 1722 plan of old Inveraray castle and estate. A 3<sup>rd</sup> batch is currently being conserved which are mostly Campbeltown and Kintyre plans. The 1<sup>st</sup> batch was Tìree plans. The conservation of maps and plans is currently subject to the schedule prepared by Ishbel for the Written in the Landscape project. The project includes funding for this conservation and for cleaning and repackaging other maps and plans amongst the Argyll

Papers. The order in which the maps and plans are sent to the conservator will comply as far as possible with requirements of project partners and conservation priorities. There is extensive conservation and repair required of other parts of the collection including the charters, many of the volumes and items within bundles. Some of these may be included in *Written in the Landscape*, others will require to be the subjects of future projects for which specific funding will have to be achieved. The Clan Campbell Educational Foundation is keen to support the archives and we are discussing with members how best to use this support. Other ideas for fundraising or offers of finance are welcome.

- Friends are encouraged to get involved, through volunteering in the archives, from a distance or by joining the Friends committee.
- Murdo wished to note the Friends thanks to Annie Tindley, who was very involved in setting up the Friends but has had to step back from immediate involvement having moved to Newcastle University.
- Murdo also wished to thank Ishbel, the first archivist and prime mover in setting up Friends – and who remains a member and supporter although she has moved on to be ‘County Archivist’ for Perth and Kinross.
- Ideas for future events welcome – social and fundraising.

### 3. [Statement of accounts and approval \(Jean Maskell\)](#)

Jean offered her apologies for being unable to attend the meeting. She presented accounts for financial activities to 31 August 2016 and for 1 September through to date of the meeting, which show a healthy balance of £1400. Annual commitments (‘pledges’) amount to £475 per year. There are currently 61 members.

Gift Aid is in process, as is the (eternal) process of changing the signatories to the account.

Please see appendix 1 for the detailed accounts.

### 4. [Proposed amendments to the constitution](#)

Various amendments to the constitution have been proposed to clarify certain issues. Amendment 1 (10E) was amended to read ‘in recognition of exceptional service’. With this amendment, all the amendments were approved by the members present at the meeting with additional postal votes.

Please see appendix 2 for the proposed amendments to the constitution.

### 5. [Election/re-election of members of the Friends management committee](#)

The committee may have a maximum of twelve members. Three of these are ex-officio members (the Archivist, a representative of the National Register of Archives for Scotland (NRAS) and for Argyll Estates Accountant). There are currently eight members, all of whom stand down at the current meeting but who are happy to be re-elected for a further year. No further nominations have been received in advance of the meeting or at the meeting itself. The following were duly re-elected:

Murdo MacDonald, Diarmid Campbell, Jean Maskell, Duncan Beaton, Ronnie Black, Ann Galliard, Ishbel Mackinnon, Allan Macinnes, with the ex-officio members: Alison Rosie (NRAS), James Brown (Argyll Estates) and Alison Diamond (Archivist).

Mull Museum, as a corporate member, was invited to nominate a committee member but felt that they were currently not in a position to commit to this. Murdo suggested that he invite the Kintyre Antiquarian and Natural History Society, also a corporate member, to nominate a committee member – who can be co-opted after the annual meeting.

The meeting noted that Murdo would like to step aside from chairing the Friends at the next annual meeting. Friends are invited to consider putting themselves forward to fill this vacancy next year.

## 6. Any other business

- Mull Museum suggested a Friends event in Tobermory where Micky Gibbard (PhD student) would talk about his research into planned towns and villages in the Highlands.

### “Show and Tell”

Business having been concluded, the Archivist and some of the current volunteers talked about their current projects.

Alison Diamond relayed a report from Linda Fryer (Tuesday volunteer). Linda has recently completed the creation of a digital version of both the 19<sup>th</sup> century HMRC reports on the Argyll Papers, and has listed a number of bundles. She very much enjoys being part of the Tuesday ‘dementia prevention’ group...

Ronnie Black has recently published ‘The Campbells of the Ark’, a very readable investigation into the Campbells and others mentioned in the Gaelic poem ‘An Airce’ by the Jacobite poet, Alexander MacDonald, who divides those involved in the 1745 defeat of Prince Charles Edward’s army into sheep and goats. The result of eight years research, the two beautifully presented volumes (including illustrations by our own Diarmid Campbell) are published by Birlinn at £25 each – or, special offer for Friends, £40 for both volumes. The special offer will be available from the Castle shop (when it opens on 1 April) or direct from [www.birlinn.co.uk](http://www.birlinn.co.uk) quoting the discount code ClanCampbell.

Alison also welcomed Shirley, Adrian and Mary Carey and Caroline Clark to the meeting. These lovely people from England have deposited five family portraits and associated papers, The Anne Campbell Collection, with the Argyll Papers at Inveraray Castle. The donors are descendants of the people in the portraits, who are also connected with the Campbells of Auchinbreck and who are also ancestors of JK Rowling. The portraits are of

- **Duncan Campbell** (1748-22 January 1822), Sheriff Substitute of Kintyre 1786-1821, Husband of Anne Campbell.
- **Anne Campbell** (1744-c.1820), daughter of Donald Campbell, (First Collector of Excise for Argyll and son of John Campbell of Kildalloig, Chamberlain of Kintyre to the Duke of Argyll),

Margaret Macdonald (daughter of Archibald Macdonald of Sanda). Wife of Duncan Campbell.

- **Ann Mary Kerr** (1783-1854) daughter of David Kerr and Sarah Newton Jarrett of Jamaica, wife of Col.Dugald Campbell. Painted 1805-1815, probably Edinburgh.
- **Col Dugald Campbell RA** (1781-1849) son of Sheriff Duncan Campbell and Anne Campbell, husband Ann Mary Kerr. Painted c.1848, probably Edinburgh.
- **Elizabeth Macmillan** (7 January 1825-1 November 1912) daughter of Donald Macmillan of Lephonstrath and Anne Campbell, and sister of Anne Mary Macmillan or Campbell. Painted in 1840's.

The collection also includes the family tree for Anne Campbell, put together in the 1950's, and notes that go with it and a selection of documents: the testament of John McIsaac who saw a creature thought to be a mermaid, 1811; a copy testament of a child who saw a similar creature two weeks earlier; a copy "Notice respecting the Family of Macdonald of Sanda" by Col Dugald Campbell recording his mother's recollections of her mother's Macdonald family; a copy "A brief account of the Siege of Dunaverty in Kintyre taken from a manuscript of Sir James Turner 1647"; a copy letter written by Sheriff Duncan Campbell to Hugh Mackay, Writer in Campbeltown dated 1818 relating his wife's family connection to the Campbells of Auchinbreck and Kildalloig. There is also a textile of natural bleached linen, damask woven in a chequered pattern, said to have been handwoven at Lephonstrath, Southend, before the 1850's.

We are delighted to be able to provide a home for this fascinating collection, which will be catalogued and made available to researchers in the near future. Plans are also afoot for the portraits and some of the documents to be displayed in Campbeltown as part of the Written in the Landscape project.

### Murdo

Introduced the Friends to the 1624 Rental of the Bishop of Lismore which he has recently finished cataloguing – a fascinating book which throws light on and raises questions about the administration of the church in Argyll in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

### Diarmid

Showed the Friends the Argyll Transcripts vol.3 parts 1 and 2. Having used the Argyll Transcripts to assist in his survey of the charter collection and recognising their value to Alastair Campbell of Airds' three volume history of the Clan Campbell as well as to other historians, Diarmid has started to transcribe the 10<sup>th</sup> Duke's tiny handwriting. Volume 3 part 1 has taken nearly a year for Diarmid to complete and there are 20 volumes, so, in the longer term, we are planning to digitise the volumes and initiate a crowdsourcing transcription project.

### Micky

Chose a fascinating document revealing the style of estate management at the time of the building of the Castle and the new town of Inveraray in 1747 which included paying workers two weeks in arrears to allow time to check up on their work and behaviour and banning poor people from keeping cattle as they were likely to 'steal' grass from the Duke by illegally grazing on his land...



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## Ronnie

Having finished his magnum opus, *The Campbells of the Ark*, Ronnie is now planning to start the even greater task of bringing together the unique and invaluable Dewar Manuscripts and Maclean translations in the Argyll Papers with the notes and changes in the related volumes held by National Library of Scotland. The first stage of this project is the creation of a single catalogue. Ronnie drew Friends' attention to the solution to the mystery of the Appin Murder: the tale related in the Dewar Manuscripts clearly identifies the guilty parties and satisfies the findings of the 2013 Judicial Review of the case. It is therefore no longer a secret...

Friends had the opportunity to examine the documents which the volunteers had spoken about and to buy copies of *The Campbells of the Ark*, before heading over to The George for lunch.

## Appendix 1: Accounts

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

*These accounts establish the charity's financial year as 31 August to 1 September, and cover the period 12 May 2015 (the date our constitution was adopted) to 31 August 2016, a period of just over 15 months.*

#### RECEIPTS

##### Membership

Annual individual	£315 (21)
Annual corporate	£50 (2)
Annual patron	£200 (2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£565</b>

##### Donations

Gift Aid	£285
Grant from Argyll Estates for Charity Checkout setup costs	£56.41
	£300

**Total: £1206.41**

#### PAYMENTS

Set up fee for Charity Checkout	£238.80
Transaction fees for Charity Checkout	£132.63

**BALANCE carried over £834.98**

### STATEMENT OF BALANCES

***Current balance at the bank (as of 13 September 2016): £834.98***

***Reserve account: £512.49***

***Current account: £322.49***

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2016.



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**1<sup>st</sup> September 2016**

**as at 16th March 2017**

<b>Balance Brought forward</b>	<b>512.49</b>	
	<b>322.49</b>	<b>834.98</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Membership	1620.00	
Donations	260.00	
Interest	0.06	<b><u>1880.06</u></b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Commission	15.41	
Wyvex Media	20.00	
Accom	40.00	
Postage	16.63	
Tartan Ink	348.00	
Inveraray Castle	875.00	<b><u>1315.04</u></b>
		<b><u>1400.00</u></b>
Bank	518.51	
Bank	870.19	
Cash	11.30	<b><u>1400.00</u></b>

## Appendix 2: Amendments to constitution

The following amendments to the constitution were presented at the Annual Meeting for consideration and a vote at that meeting. All amendments were unanimously accepted with the change of 'particular' to 'exceptional' in amendment #1 (10E).

1. To allow free life membership to be offered to those who have offered particular support and/or expertise to the Argyll Papers:

10E. The MEMBERS or the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE may propose free life membership of the Friends in recognition of **exceptional** service, through expertise or longevity, to the Argyll Papers.

2. To clarify the number of votes available to individuals representing a corporate member of the Friends at the Annual Meeting:

24E. A member which is a corporate body shall be entitled to authorise an individual to attend and vote at members' meetings; he/she will then be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the body which he/she represents as that body could have exercised if it had been an individual member of the association.

3. To allow specific expertise required for the management and development of the Argyll Papers to be members of the Management Committee by replacing the current clause 29:

29. A person shall not be eligible for election/appointment to the management committee unless he/she is a member of the association.

With:

29. The management committee will include the archivist for the Argyll Papers, a representative of Argyll Estates and a representative of the National Register of Archives for Scotland. In all other cases, a person shall not be eligible for election/appointment to the management committee unless he/she is a member of the association.

4. To clarify election of representatives of corporate members to the Management Committee:

29A. A member which is a corporate body may (subject to clause 29B) nominate any individual for election/appointment to the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE; he/she will then be deemed to be a member of the association for the purposes of clause 29.

29B. No more than one individual nominated under clause 29A by each corporate member may serve as a member of the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE at any given time.



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5. To clarify that representatives of corporate members will cease to be members of the Friends if the corporate body which they represent ceases to be a member of the association:

33(c). In the case of a member of the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE elected/appointed under clause 29, he/she ceases to be a member of the organisation if the corporate body which nominated him/her ceases to be a member of the organisation.