

identified as the major focus for development in the District, suitable for the largest scale developments, The principle of the development is therefore supported”.

Another cause of the downward spiral is other Local Authorities placing their tenants in coastal areas. Of surprise was Shepway Council purchasing and locating tenants to Dover. It is known one property in Leyburne Rd is owned by Oportunitas Ltd registered at Shepway Council Offices ‘address’ and consist of five Shepway councillors as Directors. It has been established 125 households have already been placed in Dover from Shepway. If the Leyburne Road property is an example of the type of residents, then are Shepway relocating their “difficult” tenants?

To conclude on a positive note. The DDC development on the former William Muge House and Snellgrove House sites in Harold Street//Leyburne Rd has commenced and DDC are to be congratulated on this mixed housing scheme that will deliver quality to the area and solve some of the housing issues. Also great to see some funding from Coastal Communities and High Street initiatives and hope DDC spend this money well for Dover.

My health has deteriorated over recent weeks and I hope to continue as Chair of the Society Planning Committee and continue the debate on the above issues, however, when Graham takes over, I am sure he will continue our fight for Dover.

Refurbishment Committee

— Mike McFarnell —

Since the last report the committee has monitored the quality and appearance to the town including run down premises and empty shops. The Elli opened to replace Burger Bros in the Market Square. The Market Kitchen is scheduled to open and replace Dickens Corner. It was sad after so many years of trading Allan Hughes Menswear closed in Canon Street. Work was undertaken by Kent County Council to repair and replace paving stones in Biggin Street. St James Retail and Leisure Centre sponsored the flower baskets on the bollards in Castle Street, which supplemented the floral displays in the High Street by the Town and District Council.

In March 2020 Dover will receive £3,000,000 from the Coastal Community Fund for work on the Market Square area.

Heritage Lottery Funding has been received for the town hall. The new pier is now open and early next year the new marina is scheduled to open.

A meeting with the police takes place twice a year. Dover has a Town Beat policeman PC46010525 James Chenery

Other areas covered are; litter and recycling, the River Dour, Cowgate Cemetery, tourism, highways and pathways.

All the above is important but membership involvement is vital. This can be done without joining a committee. On the inside front page of the newsletter or on the website are contact details: Please share your views and ideas.