

Third meeting of the Executive Committee, The Dover Society, held on Thursday 14 July 1988, at 7 Cambridge Terrace.

Present:- J. Woolford, N. Willis, K. Wraight, L. Clackett, S. Standing, Phyllis Dobbins, J. Gerrard, Michael Foad, T. Khambatta, K. Berry, P. Kennedy, B. Smith.

Apologies:- P. Johnson, J. Cope.

1. Chairman reported that Lord Rees had agreed to become vice president and also Brig. Atherden. Non committal answer expected from Mrs. Horsfield.
2. As no invitation had been received from DDC the Committee was not represented at their annual garden party.
3. Although only fifty attended the second public meeting it was generally considered to rate as successful and the price, providing it remained stable, suggested the use of the hall in future. Eight new members enrolled.  
Linda Clackett, Social Secretary, with Pamela Khambatta assisting, came in for special praise over their handling of refreshments, which showed a profit.
4. John Gerrard gave further information on the latest improvements to his plans for the pier restaurant and said they were now approved. He also informed the Committee that a preservation order had been placed on the Marine Station and invited suggestions for its future use.
5. Treasurer reported a credit balance of £450.85 but after allowing for nineteen (20?), long term members, and settling all outstanding debits to date, we now showed a balance of £108.88. A recruitment drive was then discussed and it was suggested that major local firms and shops should be approached with a begging bowl, a sub committee being formed to supervise. Decided to leave in abeyance.
6. Ken Wraight reported on the activities of his sub-committee for planning. The Committee are K. Berry, S. Standing, J. Truelove, N. Willis, J. Cope. They considered that the site of Dover Stage was not a suitable one for sheltered housing and likewise the site adjoining Crabble Athletic Ground. Plans for the Engineering Site had already been approved, making opposition there not possible but they were presently occupied with the coming redevelopment in Cannon Street. The proposed flats near Forge Garage, Temple Ewell had been withdrawn for the time being. The new village for Eurotunnel, said to be completely self contained, had been officially sanctioned. The Chairman, sub committee planning, stressed that it was necessary to anticipate plans and look for middle ground before making positive moves.
7. P. Kennedy, Editorial Secretary was complimented on her first news letter and wished success with her future issues.
8. Visits to points of local interest were proposed by Social Secretary Linda Clackett, amove welcomed by all present, and the wine and cheese party suggested by her it was thought should be announced at the next public meeting.

9. Secretary confirmed that correspondence regarding Charity Status was proceeding and confirmed that a copy of the Constitution was available for reading at Dover Reference Library. He then made a report on the meeting with other affiliated local Societies at Sandwich, on 29 June 1988.
10. Chairman proposed that Leo Wright be asked to serve on the Committee. No objections. He then suggested that we produce a certificate to present to local firms or organisations who we considered deserved complimenting. Editorial Secretary to produce the certificate.
11. The next public meeting was suggested for a Monday in October, Secretary to make inquiries concerning availability of hall. Members to bring friends.
12. The meeting then returned to item 8. John Gerrard hoped to arrange a visit to the cliff caves at the Eastern Dock. Linda Clackett agreed to approach Mike Mc Farnell regarding a visit to Dover Castle and a visit to the old Dover Gaol was suggested, as also was a trip to Rochester but that was left undecided. Secretary agreed to guide members round the underground tunnels at Western Heights at their own risk.
13. We then returned to item 5 when it was suggested that posters should be sent to industrial and other firms for display on their notice boards together with an appeal for funds.
14. Chairman issued members with a brochure and drew attention to an appeal by Kent Trust.
15. We were asked to spread word of the Deal Music Festival.
16. John Gerrard, on behalf of Dover Harbour Board, was thanked for use of premises.
17. Next meeting 11 August, 7.30p.m. 7 Cambridge Terrace.

Chairman