

# The Dover Society

## Minutes of the 145th meeting of the Executive Committee which was held in the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club on 10th May 2001.

### Present:-

Messrs T. Sutton Chmn; W.L.Naylor Sec; Capt M. H. Weston Treas; Mrs S. Cope; Mr J Cope; Ms T. George; Mrs L. Gordon; Mr H. Gordon; Dr G Hale; Mrs M. Lilley; Mr M. McFarnell; Mrs A. Wood; Mr J. Woolford; Mr L. Wright.

### Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mrs J. Liggett and Mr D. Leach.

### The Minutes

The minutes of the 144th meeting which had been circulated were agreed.

### Matters Arising:-

#### Budge Adams:

Mrs Lilley reported the present position on the Budge Adams records and said that a cheque for £1000 had been deposited in the Publication Fund and that a letter had been sent to the Adams children informing them of this.

#### Internet:

Mr Woolford said that the Kent Amenity Society had been so impressed by the D.O.S. web site that an article about it was to be published in their Bulletin.

Mr McFarnell reported on the preparation of the site and on some of the technical problems which could be involved. The address was being withheld until everything was satisfactory.

#### Historical Plaques

Mr Cope reported that leaflets concerning the 'Plaque Trail' had been distributed around the Town e.g. The Tourist Information Office, Dover District Council, Dover Harbour Board etc. A report on the progress made was to be sent by Mr Cope to the D.D.C.

#### Zeebrugge Day:

Mr Cope reported that all had gone well at the ceremony. He had noticed that the refurbished tablet had attracted a great deal of interest from the general public. A wreath was laid on behalf of the Society.

### Reports:

#### Chairman:

Mr Sutton welcomed Ms George to the Committee and hoped that she would find the items discussed interesting. He went on to say that he had received a letter from Mrs Jarrett offering a donation to the Budge Adams Memorial fund. A letter of thanks would be sent.

A request from the local Rotary club had been received seeking help for their annual event on the 14 July for the local hospitals. It was agreed that a donation would be made from money raised at the 'London Eye' outing.

Mr Sutton went on to say that he had been informed that the RCPYC would be closing in the near future, and that the meeting in June could be the last one held in on the current premises. Suggestions were called for as to where a suitable new venue might be found. The Secretary was asked to make inquiries at the Dover Motel which was offering free accommodation for meetings to local charitable organisations.

He announced that among his future activities he would be attending the Mayor Making ceremony on 16 May in the Town Hall and that the Dover Harbour Board was holding a public meeting on 6 June and that admission was by ticket which could be obtained from the DHB.

**The Secretary.**

Mr Naylor suggested that it might be a good idea to have only one general distribution of literature each month, and that the minutes of one meeting could be sent out with the agenda for the next. After some discussion it was agreed that it should be given a trial.

**The Treasurer.**

Capt. Weston said that during the last month £1162 had been collected in subscriptions for the current year. The Publication Fund had received £171.60 from Crabtrees so that the Publication Fund now stood at £2054. During the last month the sum of £49 was received from advertising and selling back numbers of the News Letter. well.

Administration costs - Postage, photo copying, room hire etc came to £59.54. £172 was paid out to the Civic Trust this was made up of our annual subscription and insurance.

The Zeebrugge Bell project received £289 made up from a grant from the DDC and donations. Other donations of around £60 were in the pipeline. £633.57 was paid for work on the existing plaque and tablet and £250 went to DDC towards buying a new plaque.

Our Millennium project was completed last month with £305.64 being paid to DHB for the production of leaflets for the Plaque Trail, the DDC giving £47.18 towards this venture.

Figures for the social events and the AGM were not yet finalised and would appear in the next months report.

Mrs Cope took the opportunity to thank the ticket sellers for their efforts at the AGM. Mrs Lilley said that there had been keen interest by members for copies of the back numbers of the News Letters one inquirer requesting a copy of every production.

It was agreed that where possible all requests should be met and that a charge of £1 per copy should be raised

**The Membership Secretary.**

Mrs Cope reported that the subscriptions were coming in. There were no new members this month but there was a possibility of one in the near future.

**The Planning Committee:**

Mr Woolford said that after the recent AGM of the KAS a Treasurer was required. There were no volunteers from this Committee.

He proposed that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Mr J. Sloggett on his forthcoming retirement. After some discussion it was decided that the letter be sent nearer the retirement date rather than now. Mr Woolford pointed out that the Council had referred to the DOS when arriving at their decision in their Planning Committee. Mr Woolford drew attention to the work done by Mrs Robson in preparing the Society's case.

A letter drawing attention to the poor external design of the new Health Centre and the sea front hotel will be sent by the planning Committee. It was reported that whilst the DDC had no objections to trees in residential parts of the town they could not agree to trees being planted in the Roads. DTC.

**Projects:**

Mr Gordon reported that the clearance of Cow Gate cemetery was now proceeding. Mrs Gordon reported on the progress of recording of interesting items of the grave memorials.

Editor;

Mrs Lilley gave her apologies for the next meeting saying that he would be away on her holidays. She asked that copy for the next News Letter be in on time, the deadline being June 12. She also reported that an approach had been made by a new advertiser -- Mr B. Williams a financial advisor.

**Press Secretary.**

Mr Sutton had nothing to report but drew attention to widespread favourable reports of the AGM in the local press.

**Social Secretary**

Mr Woolford gave an account of the visiting lecturers who had been booked for the coming winter. The Chairman suggested that Mr John Lyme of Barton Road be invited to speak and that Mr D. Leach could also be asked to prepare another talk.

**Any other Business:**

Mr McFarnell drew attention to the new Dover Town Guide which he commended he went on to propose that the item is kept under review so that suggestions for any improvement could be considered.

Date of the next meeting ; 14 June 01.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15 hrs.

**Chairman**