

The Dover Society

Minutes of the 148th Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday 13th September 2001 at Forte's Post House Whitfield.

Present:- Mr & Mrs Cope; Mr & Mrs Gordon; Dr Hale; Mr Leach; Mrs Liggett Mr Mcfarnell; Mr Naylor; Mr Sutton; Capt. Weston; Mrs Wood; Mr Woolford.

Apologies; Mrs George, Mrs Lilley, Mr Wright.

Minutes: The minutes of the 148th meeting were approved with minor spelling amendments being noted.

Matters arising from the minutes: Mr Sutton thanked Mrs George for standing in at short notice and producing the minutes.

The Philomena Memorial: Mr Cope reported that he had been in contact with the trustees of Philomena's estate who had said that they did not have any suitable pictures available. An offer had, however, been made by Mr Gordon King. Mr & Mrs Cope will view the picture to assess its suitability.

Chairman's Report.

Mr Sutton reported that :-

- 1) He had received a letter of thanks from the Dover Hospital for our donation.
- 2) A request from Mike Webb, chairman of the Dover Community association for a representative of the Dover Society to become a Board Member. There were no volunteers.
- 3) A letter from Dover Town Council about the position of the 'Grappling Iron'
- 4) Letter from Dover Town Council concerning Buckland Village. Mr Woolford to see and report.
- 5) Mr Sutton then thanked everyone for the expressions of interest about his health and said that he had been advised to slow down a bit. He was proposing to resign from the Board of Dover Town Centre Management on which the Dover Society has a seat. He had asked Mr J Cope to take his place and he had agreed, subject to the approval of this committee. Agreed. The chairman said that he intended to continue to represent the Society on TCM Promotions Committee subject to the committees approval. This was agreed.
- 6) Together with Mr Woolford and Mr Bailey he had attended the planning inquiry into Mr Godden's appeal against The DDC's refusal of planning consent for an amusement centre- not an arcade- at George Locks. The main points raised at the appeal were: Locks to move into the Market Square; no one under 18 allowed in the Centre; and it is basically for women shoppers.

The Secretary.

Mr Naylor said that he had received a letter from a member of the Western Heights Society seeking advice on how to protect the present environment when the property was auctioned. The letter was passed to Mr Woolford. Further an invitation had been received for members to attend a presentation by the Royal Airforce. Mr Gordon offered to attend.

Ailsa King
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The Treasurer.

Capt. Weston circulated a report setting out the current financial position. It pointed out that the sum of £482 had been collected in subscriptions for the current year, and £6 for the year 2002/3. We also received £8 in donations.

The Pocohantas trip was very successful making a surplus of £134.50. The costs for the later outings had not yet been finalised.

Membership Secretary:

Mrs Cope reported that most of the subs were now in and that there were now 409 paid up members. Three new members had joined since the last meeting. They were Mrs Marion Porter, Rev. John Lines, and Miss Barbara Jones.

Projects:

Mr Gordon said that 'hard hats' were now available for the Cowgate workers and that the clearance work was still progressing, he observed that more clearance seemed to take place on Thursdays than on Saturdays.

Mrs Gordon reported that the 'Gravestone Recorders' were still working hard but that the Council records for the Cemetery left something to be desired. She asked that more publicity be given to the next opening of the Unitarian Chapel in Snaregate St, which those members who visited at the last opening found very interesting.

Planning and Local Govt:

The minutes of the 53rd meeting of the planning committee were circulated. Mr Woolford said that although letters had been sent to Cllr Cope concerning the Municipal Charities there had been no reply. The Chairman undertook to make further inquiries.

Mr Woolford said that he had received notification from the Bexley Civic Society that they intended to make a survey of redundant street furniture. This was noted.

Mr Woolford then drew attention to the Gift Aid Scheme which allowed tax free giving to charities and other worthy bodies.

Social Secretary;

Mrs Liggett said that she was preparing the guest list for the Christmas Feast and requested nominations. She also said that the entertainment would be different this year. There was some discussion on who would be attending the dinner for the guest speaker at the October meeting.

Press Secretary

Nothing to report. Most items being covered under other headings.

Editor

A reminder that articles are required for the next News Letter.

Publications:

Mr Leach said that:

'The Dover Century of Memories' was showing a £2000 surplus.

The Ivan Green Book should be on sale in October

The Joe Harman Book was selling well.

A.O.B.

The Budge Adams archives have been put on a data base. More details as to access etc will be announced at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting; 11 October Forte's Post House Whitfield at 19.30hrs.