

# The Dover Society

## Minutes of the 152nd meeting of the Executive Committee which was held at the Post House, Whitfield, on Thursday 10 January 2002.

### 1) Present:

Mr & Mrs Cope; Mr & Mrs Gordon; Dr Hale; Mr Leach; Mrs Lilley; Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mr Sutton (Chmn); Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.

### 2) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mrs Liggett.

### 3) Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 13 December were presented and agreed.

### 4) Matters arising from the minutes:

The donation to St Radigund's School was discussed. Mr Leach said that he had informed the Chairman of Governors for the school of its existence. Mr Cope undertook to write a letter to the donor.

### 5) The Chairman.

Mr Sutton said that he had been approached yet again about the siting of the Zeebrugge Grappling Iron, after some discussion, it was decided that our original decision should be maintained.

He reported that he had received an invitation for members of the Society to attend the mayor's Charity Banquet and Ball which is to be held in February in aid of the Aspen Unit.

He ended his report by reporting that he had received a pleasant letter of thanks from the Mayor for the invitation to the Christmas Feast.

### 6) The Secretary.

Mr Naylor reported that he had been in touch with the District Council concerning Free Parking for the Cowgate working party. The request for details had been passed to Mr Gordon. He said that a letter had been received from Kent Police Authority asking for details of any public activities which may have been planned for the forthcoming year. Currently there are none.

### 7) The Treasurer.

Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial statement. He drew attention to the fact that £110 had been received in donations from two members one of whom had given £100 and wished to remain anonymous. £38 had been collected in subscriptions for next year and £19 had been received from advertising in the News Letter.

He pointed out that £800 had been paid to the printers for the December copies which with the distribution costs brought the cost of the News Letter for the current year to £2032.44. This sum is virtually the whole of the annual subscription revenue, (£2298.) This illustrated the value of the past sponsorship and the need to try and find a sponsor for the next financial year.

There was some discussion about the numbers of copies of the News Letter produced and Mrs Cope undertook to look into the situation

Capt. Weston that there had been a good response up of the 'Gift Aid' scheme and that papers were still arriving.

### 8) Membership Secretary.

Mrs Cope reported that there had been no new members during the past month and that the total membership now stood at 418.

### 9) Projects.

Mr Gordon reported that the work at Cowgate was showing good results so much so that a letter from a member of the public had been received congratulating the team.

Mrs Gordon asked about raising those head stones which were lying face down upon the ground. She had asked Mr Webster for advice and was now awaiting a reply.

Inquiries were continuing to find a leader for the 'Recording Group' ( note not a Pop Band), a possible candidate had been found. Mrs Gordon went on to say that over half of the plots had now been recorded .

It was agreed that Mr Webster be invited to speak about the Cemetery at the March Society meeting.

10) Planning and Local Govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the last planning subcommittee and asked about what progress had been made in establishing who owned the leases for the Charity properties in the Town. Mr Cope said that he had held informal talks with the Chairman of the Charity Trustees and whereas the Trustees were prepared to help they had sought advice from their legal advisor and had been told that the information requested was confidential. After a long and protracted discussion it was finally agreed that steps be taken for a small group,- Messrs. Sutton, Woolford, Mrs Gordon of the EC and Mr Bailey of the Planning S/C- to endeavour to enter into informal talks with Members of the Charity Trustees.

11) Social Secretary.

In the absence of Mrs Liggett there was no report, however the treasurer said that although he had not yet had the final accounts for the Christmas Feast but he was sure that they would be satisfactory. There were congratulations from the EC to both Mrs Liggett and Capt. Weston on the success of the Feast.

12) The Editor.

Mrs Lilley reminded everyone that articles were still required for the April News Letter which would go to press in February.

13) Publications

Mrs Lilley reported that the sale of Mr Green's book was going slowly but she was sure that over time it would be a success. English Heritage had agreed to include it in their publications for sale in the Castle. The book on the White Cliffs was selling well.

Mr Leach reported that he still had no reply from the commercial company concerned with making CDs. He had however had talks with the staff of Dover museum who said that the equipment available in the museum should be able to produce the necessary CDs.

It was agreed that the Adams slides be processed at Dover Museum

It was also agreed that the editing and publications of Adams memoirs be discussed with the family.

14) There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40 hrs.

15) Date of next meeting 14 February at the Post House Whitfield.