

The Dover Society.

Minutes of the 154th meeting of the Executive Committee which was held at the Post House Whitfield on Thursday 14th March 2002.

1) Present : Mr & Mrs Cope; Mrs George; Mr & Mrs Gordon; Dr Hale; Mr D. Leach; Mrs Lilley; Mr Naylor; Mr Sutton (Chmn); Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mrs Liggett.

3) Minutes :

The minutes of the 153rd meeting were presented and were accepted subject to the following amendments:

- a) The £ 640 donated to St Radigund's School is yet to be presented.
- b) The Ivan Green book was expected to appear on the Castle Book Stand in February
- c) Mr Cope and not Mrs Lilley met the Adams Family. (item 12 of the minutes.)

4) Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Mr Leach pointed out that at the request of the Head of St Radigund's School the cheque for £ 640 is to be handed over at a ceremony to celebrate the opening of the School's new Computer suite which is not yet completed.

Mr Sutton said that he had attended the site meeting of the DDC where the positioning of the Grappling Iron was determined. It will be placed in accordance with the Society's recommendation.

He also reported that he had not, as yet, received a reply to his letter to the Charity Trustees concerning the whereabouts of their commercial properties.

Mr Cope said that he had been told by The Dover Grammar School for Girls that they were not in favour of a polished wooden honours board in connection with the Philomena memorial. He said that further discussions with the school are to take place.

5) The Chairman

Mr Sutton reported that he still had not had a reply from the Charity Trustees, it was agreed that he try and contact them verbally. He had sent letters to Mr J Sloggett and Mr J. Moir on their forthcoming retirements. He went on to say that he had received an invitation to the Annual Inspection of the Sea Cadets but unfortunately it had arrived during his holiday and the event was held whilst he was absent.

6) The Secretary.

Mr Naylor detailed various items of mail which had been received since the last meeting including a letter from Maidstone asking for publicity for a forthcoming book, which, after some discussion it was agreed that no further action should be taken as the author was not a member of the Society and the contents had very little to do with the town of Dover.

7) The Treasurer.

Capt. Weston distributed copies of the monthly Financial Statement and said that the Wine & Wisdom evening had produced a profit £133.35. It was agreed that £60 be donated to Mr Cliff Taylor's choice of charity. This was in line with previous years. He then requested that all claims for expenses be forwarded by 21st March so that the accounts for the current year could be finalised.

8) Membership Secretary.

Mrs Cope said that one new member, Mr J. Stupple of East Cliff, had joined the Society bringing the total membership to 422.

9) Projects.

The arrangements for the next general meeting were discussed and agreed. Mr Gordon said that the Cowgate project was progressing well but that as he had a very busy year ahead he felt that he could not continue as the Society's Project Leader. He said that he was prepared to continue at Cowgate but felt that he could not take on any further projects. After some discussion it was agreed that each new project would appoint its own leader or organiser on a one off basis. Mrs Gordon said that she too would continue with recording project at Cowgate but would not be available for further projects.

10) Planning and Local Govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the planning S/c which was held on the 5th March. he also gave out notes of the Spring Conference of the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies. There was a long discussion on property owners responsibilities for repairs. It was agreed that the Chairman seeks a reply to his letter (item 5 refers). The YMCA plaque has still to be treated and installed, Mr Leach to chase up. As a result of the clean up of the Co-op car park it was agreed that a letter of congratulation be sent to the manager.

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11) The Social Secretary

Mrs Liggett thanked the helpers who had helped at the Wine & Wisdom evening and said that she would be putting out sheets for names for the advertised outings at the next meeting. It was important that these outings had good support from the membership.

12) Editor.

Mrs Lilley said that the next News Letter would be ready from the printers on 23rd March for distribution by 1st April. She was seeking volunteers to report on events over the Summer. Mrs George said she would cover the talk on Henry viii which will be given on 22 April.

13) Publications.

Mr Leach reported on the talks which had been held with Mark Frost of the Dover Museum on the custody of the Budge Adams papers. The Museum has agreed to our terms and a loan agreement is to be prepared setting out full details and conditions of the loan. It appears that the transferring of the slide collection to CD will take several months to complete, volunteers were called for to help in the process. Details of the division of any profits were discussed and Mr Cope had prepared a draft copy of an agreement. It was agreed that further discussions will continue at the next meeting of the Committee. It was also agreed that Mr Leach will be the Project Leader.

14) Any Other business.

Mr Leach announced that he had a book coming out in April.

15) The date of the next meeting 11 April 2002.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40 hours.