

# The Dover Society

## Minutes of the 155th meeting of the Executive Committee which was held in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover on Thursday 11 April 2002.

1) Present: Mrs Cope; Mrs George; Mr & Mrs Gordon; Dr Hale; Mr Leach; Mrs Liggett; Mrs Lilly; Mr Taylor; Mr Sutton (Chmn); Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mr Cope; Mr McFarnell.

3) Minutes:

Minutes of the 154th meeting were presented and agreed.

4) Matters arising from the minutes:

There were no matters arising

5) Chairman:

Mr Sutton reported that he still had not received a reply to his E-mail to the Charity Trustees.

He reminded everyone that the 23rd April was Zeebugge Day and that it was usual for the Society to lay a wreath, and for some members to attend the ceremony. Mr Woolford proposed that a wreath be obtained. The colours to be red white and blue and to cost around £25. This was agreed and Mrs George agreed to be Project Manager for the occasion.

He announced that the DDC were about to have consultations about the use of Dover Town hall with particular reference to the catering and letting arrangements.

Mr Sutton then referred to the arrangements for the forthcoming AGM and asked for volunteers to help with the raffle. Mr & Mrs Gordon and Capt. Weston gave their apologies for being unable to attend.

The Chairman concluded his report by announcing that a (one) ticket had been donated to the Society which would enable members to have free entrance to a number of English Heritage buildings including Dover Castle. The ticket could be obtained from Mrs A. Wood.

6) The Secretary:

Mr Naylor explained the reason for the change of venue. It appeared that the Dover Post House had changed hands and had double booked our usual room. Hence the change. He went on to ask if the Committee thought the new room was suitable as there was a possibility of further bookings. It was agreed to review the position at the end of the meeting.

7) The Treasurer:

Capt Weston distributed the monthly financial report, and pointed out that the 'outings' had produced a profit of £918 for the year. He congratulated Mr Liggett for her organisation and commitment.

A further point is that the insurance arranged by the Civic Society had an increase in its premium from £105 last year to £160 for the present year. After some discussion it was proposed by Mr Naylor and seconded by Mr Gordon that the new premium be paid.

Agreed. It was also agreed that the Society's badges be made available for sale at the AGM.

8) The Membership Secretary:

Mrs Cope reported that five new members had joined the Society since the last meeting.

They are: -Mrs L. Chesters of Temple Ewell, Mr Jack Hewitt M.B.E., Mrs Ann Groombridge of Temple Ewell, Mr D.P. Groombridge of Roosevelt Rd, Mrs L.M. Kingsnorth of Victoria St. This brings the total membership up to 425.

Mrs Cope went on to report the current position of the Philomena Kennedy Memorial. She now had fresh quotes on the notices which are to be placed adjacent to the donated pictures.

The new layout will be one small brass plate mounted on a hardwood back board placed between the pictures and two smaller notices of similar construction being placed under the

pictures. She circulated paper copies of the proposed plates indicating the size and wording. The total expected cost to be about £300 including VAT. After some discussion it was agreed that the project go ahead. The Treasurer Capt. Weston opposing on the grounds that it had already been agreed that the total expenditure was to be limited to £100.

9) Projects.

Mr Gordon reported that the Cowgate project was proceeding and that there was nothing new to report.

10) Planning and Local Govt.

Mr Woolford gave out the minutes of the last Planning S/C meeting and pointed out that there had still not been a reply to our inquiry from the Charity Trustees. However it had now been established that under the Charities Act 1993 Section 47 there was no legal right to know the names of the occupiers of the properties owned by the Trustees. Further talks are being sought. He pointed out that the Eagle pub had now reopened as a 'Free House' and that if a suggestion was to be made to place our last plaque together with a public Clock on the outside of the building we would not object as this was much nearer the site of the place of execution.

11) Social Secretary

Mrs Ligggett said that the list of forthcoming events had been circulated and drew attention to the date of the Christmas Feast 14 Dec. It appears that bookings for the summer outings were slow in coming in.

12) Editor

Mrs Lilley said that she had nothing to report except that the deadline for the next News Letter was the 10th June for publication on 1st August.

13) Publications.

Mr Leach reported that a new book by Jack Hewitt would be published on 19th April and would be available for sale signed by the author at the AGM.

The Budge Adams Collection ; The family had requested that the Society remove the Collection from the Adams household by 21st May. Talks to take place to try and extend this date. A draft of the loan agreement was still to be agreed. After some discussion Mrs Lilley proposed and Mrs George seconded that the maps and books be offered to the library and the balance of the effects to go to the museum. If the Museum required any of the books the collection could be divided. Agreed. It was also agreed that stickers be placed on all items of the Collection.

14) AOB.

Mr Naylor asked if the Committee had found the new accommodation suitable for the E/C meetings it was agreed with one exception, Dr Hale preferred the Post house. It was therefore agreed that further bookings be made at St Paul's and the existing Post House bookings cancelled.

15) There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35hrs.