

The Dover Society

Minutes of the 162nd meeting of the Executive Committee which was held on 9th. of January 2003 in the parish room of St Paul's Church Dover.

1) Present:

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

2) Minutes

Minutes of the 161st meeting held on 14 November which had been circulated were Agreed.

3) Matters arising from the minutes:

Mr Cope reported that he was prepared to continue as the Society's rep. on the Town Management Board.

4) Chairman:

Mr Sutton reported that the past period had been very quiet.

- a) We had received an invitation to attend the Network of Residents Associations to be held in Aylesbury. Recommended that we decline with thanks. Agreed.
- b) A Christmas Card from the Sandwich Civic Group had been received with complimentary remarks from their President about our News Letter.
- c) Mr Sutton said that he thought the Christmas Feast went very well and thanked Mrs Liggett for organising everything, Mr & Mrs Cope for running the raffle, and special thanks to Capt. Weston for acting as ambulance driver to bring back from the William Harvey one of our members who was taken ill at the Dinner.
- d) Because the date of the AGM coincides with the Easter bank Holiday, Mr Sutton suggested that it be brought forward to Monday April 14. Agreed.

5) The Secretary

Mr Naylor explained why the December meeting was cancelled. It appears that he took a straw poll of the E/C members attending the November open meeting and as a result realised that there was unlikely to be sufficient members present to form a quorum, after consulting with the Chairman it was decided to cancel.

In the discussion which followed it was suggested that the E/C meeting for December be held one week earlier than usual, that is on the first Thursday of December and not as is the present position the second. This was agreed.

6) The Treasurer:

Capt. Weston pointed out that the financial statement which had been distributed covered two months of expenditure in place of the usual one month. In this time £38 has been received in subscriptions, a cheque for £359.45 from Crabwell Publications as the Society's share from the sale of 182 copies of 'Dover's Hidden Fortress.' and £67 from News Letter advertising.

£750 had been paid out for the printing of the News Letter and the cost of postage is still to come.

The cost of the Open Meetings for October and November showed a loss of £26.85. The Christmas Feast accounts are not yet complete but the raffle returned the sum of £147 well done Mrs Cope and her team of helpers.

The quarterly bank interest brought in £106.82 made up of 30 pence from Barclays and £106.52 from Caf

7) The Membership Officer:

Mrs Cope said that she had received applications from: Peter & Pamela Drew: Barry Edwards: Tom & Brenda Tomling : This brought the number of members up to 415.

8) Projects:

Mrs Gordon said that the recording of details from the Headstones was still continuing and Mr Cope said the same about the ground clearing.

Mr Cope also reported that the KCC's survey of the River Dour would now take place on 22 January.

9) Planning & Local Govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the last two Planning Committee meetings and pointed out that the AGM of the KFAS would be held in the near future (date to be announced) and that he had invited several prominent experts to address the meeting ,one of them a specialist in waste disposal.

From the minutes the question of the 'Sex Shop' which is being proposed for Worthington St was the subject of a long discussion. It was agreed to give the Planning Committee discretion as to whether the application should be opposed.

There was further discussion on the question of 'Praise and Shame' for town centre properties. It was decided that a note should be inserted in the next News Letter requesting comments from the general membership.

10) The Social Secretary:

Mrs Liggett said that the numbers were down on last year for the Christmas Feast only 54 and there had been complaints about the food and the cost. This was discussed in depth and the conclusion was to continue with the Dover College for the time being.

There was a discussion on the Speakers for the open Meetings , it was decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting.

11) The Editor:

Mrs Lilley said that she could use more articles for the next News Letter dead Line 17 th. Feb. She also reported that there had not been any response to the advert for a new Editor.

12) Publications:

After a discussion Mr Leach volunteered to make inquiries about Binders for the News Letter.

He also reported that 250 sides of the Budge Adams Collection have now been processed

13) Any Other Business:

A request has been made to the Society to help in the cleaning of a plaque concerning the YMCA. A quote of £60 has been obtained which was considered to be too high, it was agreed to donate £10 if a scheme went ahead.

A request has been made for a donation to be passed through the Society to Elvington and Eyethorn School. The question of tax is apparently involved . Further inquiries to be made.

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