

The Dover Society

Minutes of the 166th meeting of the Executive Committee held on May 8th 2003 in the Parish room of St Paul's Dover.

- 1) Present: Mrs L. Gordon; Mr D. Leach; Mrs M. Liggett; Mrs M. Lilley; Mr M. McFarnell; Mr W. Naylor; Mr T. Sutton (chmn); Capt. M. Weston; Mr J. Woolford.
- 2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr & Mrs Cope; Dr G. Hale;
- 3) Minutes : Minutes of the meeting of 165th. meeting which had been circulated were agreed.
- 4) Matters arising from the minutes.
 - a) Mr Naylor said that he had received a letter asking for details of the 'Twinning' arrangements between Dover and Calais and how they came about, from lady in Kent, It was agreed that Mr Wright be asked to reply. Mr Woolford agreed to pass the letter on
 - b) Mr Leach said that he had sent letters to Mr Wraight thanking him for his services, and to the Civic Trust complaining about their exorbitant increase in subs.
 - c) Mr Leach pointed out that he had never been issued with a copy of the Society's constitution. It was agreed that a copy would be issued to each member of the E/C.
- 5) The Chairman:

Mr Sutton open his report by thanking Mr Leach for 'chairing' the last meeting during his absence. He went on to report that he had a number of congratulations on the success of the of the AGM.

One apparent success he wished to report was that the letter sent to the DTC and subsequent meetings with the TCM and the town clerk , Mr Robert Bailey, had resulted in Dover Town Council agreeing to take over the organisation of the Christmas Lights and allocating £10,000 for the provision of the lights and associated events. A Festival Lights subcommittee is to be set up to organise everything.

He was glad to report that several members to part in the St George's Day events and that three members attended the meeting for River Watch which was held in the Bingo hall.
- 6) The Secretary.

Mr Naylor said that he has already made most of his report during the discussions in matters arising (above) . He pointed out that this year Executive Committee would be Twelve members only and not sixteen as allowed by the constitution
- 7) The Treasurer.

Capt. Weston distributed the monthly Financial Statement and drew attention to the following points:-

 - a) £1212 had been collected in subs for the current year and £6 for next year. £5 had been received as a donation.
 - b) £38 had been collected from Advertisers and the Newsletter costs had amounted to £782.66
 - c) £380 had been paid to the Civic Trust made up of £150 for the affiliation fee and £230 insurance premium for the current year.
 - d) DTC have paid the £100 promised towards the costs of the recent concert and it is proposed that this sum and an anonymous donation be used to pay the costs of the bicycle (£150) presented to the Russian pianist. Agreed.
- 8) Membership Secretary.

In Mrs Cope's absence Mrs Liggett reported that there had been an increase in membership of seven new members:- Miss Madeleine Mee of Harold Cottage; Mr Donald & Mrs

Christine, Shrubbs East Cliff, Mr Maurice and Mrs Ivy Moorcroft, Elms Vale; Mr Chris Taft and Miss Tamsyn Edwards, Hornchurch. The total number of members is now 421.

9) Planning & Local Govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the last meeting of the planning S/c and proposed that the following be elected to the new committee: Mr Woolford Chmn. (elected at the AGM), Capt Weston, Mr L. Wright, Mr M. Bailey, Mrs Robson, Mrs S. Stanley, Mrs P. Jukes. Seconded Mr Naylor. Agreed.

In the discussion on the report concern was expressed about the paucity of parking which accompanied some of the planning applications for new property it was agreed that this would be subject to scrutiny when these applications came before the planning authorities.

Mrs Lilley asked whether the planters in the High St would be filled before the opening of the Dover in Bloom festival commenced. It was expected that they would be.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Mr Godden for putting hoarding around some of his vacant sites. The result of the discussion was inconclusive.

10) Social Secretary;

Mrs Liggett reported that the outings were not being booked early and were slow coming in. The first trip, Hever Castle, had been cancelled due to lack of support and it looked as if the Pocohantas trip would not meet the minimum required number. After some discussion it was agreed that the possibility of a different date being explored and the giving up of our original plan to have exclusive use of the facilities.

11) The Editor

Mrs Lilley said that the copy was scarce and she was seeking more articles for the next edition of the Newsletter. She reported that she expected to have the services of Mr Steve Franks as Assistant Editor in time for next edition.

12) Publications

Mrs Lilley reported that the Budge Adams papers had now reached the half way stage with 900 slides now processed.

13) Any other business

Mr McFarnell reported on the progress of the Web Site saying that there were a significant number of 'hits' being made and asked for the E-mail addresses of the committee members.

It was agreed that the Website should be included as a separate item on the Agenda.

There being no further business the meeting Closed at 21.27 hrs

Date of next meeting 12 June 2003