

# The Dover Society

The minutes of the 171st. meeting of the Executive Committee which was held in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover on 13th November 2003

1) Present:

Mr & Mrs Cope; Mr Leach; Mrs Liggett; Mr Naylor; Mr Sutton (chmn.) Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies:

Apologies were received from : Mrs Gordon; Mrs Lilley; Mr McFarnell.

3) Minutes:

The minutes of the 170th meeting held on 9th Oct. which had been circulated were agreed.

4) Matters arising from the minutes.

After some discussion the Treasurer said that the Society's funds would allow a donation be made to the River Watch scheme. Mr Leach proposed and Mr Cope seconded that the sum of £500 to be available if required. This was agreed.

Mr Woolford said that arrangements had been made for two further concerts by Mr Yuri Tykhonenko be held at Astor College in January and April subject to the sum of £85 per performance being made available, ( from DTC ? ).

5) Chairman:

Mr Sutton said that he had attended a luncheon hosted by the Chairman of DDC, among other guests were local property owners and the TCM manager.

Replies had been received from DHB and our MP ref: the state of Shakespear Beach. DHB said that they were responsible for the beach from the Western Docks to the Town's sewerage out fall and were taking steps to keep the area clean. Mr Prosser said that he had written to the DDC and had yet to get a reply.

Mr Sutton reported that along with other members of the E/C he had attended the Army presentation at the Duke of York's RM school.

Finally he reported that he and Mr Woolford had toured the shops which had received commendation certificates and Mr Woolford had presented the certificates.

6) The Secretary.

Mr Naylor reported that he had received a questionnaire from the University Of Newcastle regarding new building in conservation areas. Mr Woolford agreed to reply.

The secretary then pointed out that at meeting in January 2003 it had been agreed that the December meeting be held on the first Thursday in the month and not , as is usual the second. The next meeting of the E/C would therefore be on 4th. December.

7) The Treasurer:

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

- a) The sale of the Newsletter Binders totalled £103.04 and £ 4 was received in payment of two Society badges.
- b) £ 30 was paid out for the frames and awards to the property owners on London Rd.
- c) Although the accounts for the October meeting are not yet complete it is expected that they will show a loss.

8) Membership Secretary:

Mrs Cope said that there had been one new member Mr D. Marples of Harold St. This brought the total membership to 437.

9) Projects:

Cow gate Cemetery

Mr Cope said that the lower slopes of Cow gate are now cleared and that the new strimmer had worked well. Discussions were continuing about the content of the notice which will provide information for visitors.

The River Dour.

The 'Steering Committee' had met and discussed working practices. The possibility of providing small Hydroelectric generators was being considered with a view to using the old fast flowing mill races and selling any product to the national grid.

Applications for grants are being professionally prepared, and a start of practical work is now in sight.

10) Social Secretary.

Mrs Light said that bookings for the Christmas Feast were very low and unless there was a big increase soon it may be necessary to cancel. It was agreed that the event should be discussed at the January meeting of the E/C.

Mrs Liggett said that she had had a suggestion from Mr McFarnell that the discontinued annual Film Festival should be revived and that local organisations would be asked to contribute £30 each. It was agreed that this item should be raised at the next meeting. She also said that programme of talks for November 2004 was now complete.

11) Planning and Local Govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 76th meeting of the planning subcommittee held on 4 November 03. He went on to say that Dr Lane would like to write a history of the Dover Harbour Board the Authority informed.

Mr Bailey had a meeting with a member of the Dover Charity Trustees which proved most fruitful in that it answered many previous concerns.

Congratulations to Mr Bailey. Mr Woolford then proposed that further certificates be presented to the Barber's shop and the Trophy shop on London Rd both of which have improved their appearances. This was agreed also that the expense be borne by the Society.

12) Publications.

Mr Leach reported that the book 'Our Town Dover' had sold well and an order for a further 1000 copies was soon to be placed.

It appears that the processing of the Budge Adams papers had ground to a halt as the Scanner had expired.

13) Any other business.

Mr Sutton said that his attention had been drawn to the fact that the sale of wine at our members meetings may require a drinks licence. After some discussion Mr Leach volunteered to make the appropriate inquiries at Magistrates Clerk's Office.

Date of Next Meeting **4th December.**