

The Dover Society

The minutes of the 174th meeting of the executive committee which was held in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover on Thursday 12th February 2004

1) Present:-

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

2) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Dr Hale; Mr Leach; and Mrs Lilley.

3) The meeting was opened by the members standing in silence in memory of messrs Leo Wright former secretary and Ivan Green former Vice President both of whom died recently..

4) Minutes

The minutes of the 173rd meeting which had been circulated were agreed.

5) Matters arising from the minutes.

- A) The copy right of Mr Warner's films had not yet been settled, inquiries continuing.
- B) Mr Cope, having pondered, agreed to stand for the vice chairman post at the next election.
- C) The Clifford Jarrett memorial. Mr Gerrard had been contacted but was unable to help. It was agreed that Messrs Cleverly and Spencer be invited to quote for its refurbishment

6) The Chairman.

Mr Sutton reported that he had written to the DHB and the M.P. regarding the condition of the Peter Becker Steps down to Shakespeare Beach. Dover Harbour Board replied by saying that it was responsible for the beach as far as the sewer outfall.

Network Rail said that their responsibility was the structure of the steps only not the cleaning.

After being contacted by the M.P. and Network Rail Dover District Council said that they were responsible for the cleaning and undertook to keep the Steps clean on a routine basis

Mr Sutton said that he had written, as directed, to the National Trust concerning the installation of gates at Langdon Cliffs and the reply from the Head office indicated that their concern was health and safety and that the installation of the gate would go ahead.

Mr Sutton then concluded his report by saying that he and many other members had attended the funeral of Leo Wright he thanked all for the attendance and Mr Woolford for his efforts in letting everyone know the details. He also took the opportunity to thank all who had helped to make the piano concert such a success.

7) The Treasurer.

Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial statement and drew attention to :

- A) £12 had been collected in subs for the year 2004/5 and £6 for 2005/6
- B) £34.96 has been paid to the Auditors.
- C) £150.34 surplus accrued from the Christmas Feast and £1.19 from the January meeting.
- D) The accounts for the piano concert are not yet complete but it is not expected to make a loss.

8) The Membership Secretary.

Mrs Cope said that there had been three new members being Mr Ernest Kember of Lydden; Mrs Myra Kerse of Temple Ewell and Mr Neil Slater; this brought the total membership to 442.

9) Projects:

Mrs Gordon said that the work on compiling the records of the old cemetery was still continuing and that she had been given some photographs of Old Cow Gate for inclusion in the next Newsletter..

Mr Cope said that the clearing work was still continuing and that he had had request for the Society's support in having the Motte Battery at East Cliff cleaned up. Inquiries to be made. Riverwatch.

The survey of the river is to start at once. The steering committee have met and are seeking ideas For inclusion in the survey..

The ~~Dover Town Council~~ have also asked for ideas to improve the town for the forthcoming cruise season.

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10) The Social Secretary:

Mrs Liggett said that the bookings for the Wine & Wisdom evening were very satisfactory currently there were enough people for eleven tables and more might be expected. She said that her provisional programme of outings for the summer included a visit to Lydd: one to the Brewery at Faversham; the Bank of England and Tate Modern; and the French trip this year to Lille. The complete list will appear in the April Newsletter.

11) Planning and Local Govt.

Mr Woolford gave out the minutes of the 79th meeting of the planning S/C. He said that the S/C had invited Mrs Wright to fill the vacancy created by the demise of Mr Wright. She had said that she was honoured and delighted to accept the invitation. This action was agreed.

The question of the DDC's proposal for the introduction of paid parking in the area from Frith Rd to Taswell St was raised and a somewhat heated discussion followed, the final conclusion was taken to a vote with five members being in favour of a public meeting and three against

12) The Editor

In the absence of Mrs Lilley the Chairman read out a note asking for all copy for the April Newsletter to be forwarded to Mrs Lilley by 16th February, he listed those members of the committee who had promised copy. It was agreed that a 'flyer' would be inserted into the next Newsletter advertising a DTC concert.

13) Publications

There was no report on publications this month.

14) Any Other Business

Mr McFarnell drew attention to the poor state of repair of the façade of the museum It was decided to ask Mr Bayley of the planning S/C to look at it

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.15hrs

Date of next meeting 11th March..

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