

# The Dover Society

Minutes of the 175<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee which was held on 11 March 2004 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover

1) Present.

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

2) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mrs Gordon.

3) Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 174<sup>th</sup>. meeting which had been circulated were agreed.

4) Matters arising from the minutes

A) There was thanks to Mrs Liggett and all helpers who made the Wine & Wisdom meeting a success.

B) Mr Bayley and other members viewed the façade of the museum and all agree that it is in need of refurbishment.

5) Chairman.

Mr Sutton said that there was little to report this month. He said that he had been contacted by Mr Marsh of the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) suggesting that there should be closer links between the two groups. It had been mooted that, perhaps, the Dover Society might like to provide a speaker to talk about the Society at one of their meetings in the Autumn. Mr Leach volunteered.

Mr Sutton reported that the DDC were drawing up a new constitution and asked if the Society should take an interest. It was agreed that a copy should be requested.

6) Secretary.

Mr Naylor pointed out that the AGM was due and asked the committee to consider the election of the new E/C. He said that he take any nominations under AOB.

7) The Treasurer.

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

A) £30 has been collected in subs. £12 for 2003/4 and £18 for 2004/5

B) The accounts for the last piano concert are not yet completed but it is looking as though the Society will have a small loss.

C) The Wine & Wisdom meeting accounts still have to be finalised but it was very successful and is expected to have made a surplus of £140. Capt. Weston said that in accordance with current practise he proposed that the profit should be divided between a charity of Clive Taylor's choosing and the Society. This was agreed.

D) Capt Weston said that it was customary to give a donation to St Paul's for the use of their room over the past year. He proposed that the usual sum of £100 be donated. This was agreed.

E) He concluded his reported by asking that all claims for expenses etc be submitted by 18 th. March to enable the year end accounts to be completed

Membership Secretary

Mrs Cope said that there was one new member this month- Mrs Audrey Knott of River. Total

membership now 443.

#### 8) Projects

Mr Cope said that the details of the records of Cowgate were being checked by Mr Murton and that the working party was attacking the remaining jungle with the new strimmers and that both activities were going well..

A notice has been issued by the Health and Safety Executive concerning the safety of head stones in the town's cemeteries. In view of the vast amount of work done by the Society in Cowgate it was agreed that consultations be sought before any action takes place there.

The clean up of the Motte Battery was now under review. It was suggested that the DHB be asked to provide access from the sea front.

#### River Watch.

Mr Cope said that a meeting had been held in Harbour House where discussions covered, an inquiry into the value of the forthcoming report, a workshop was established, and ideas were requested about the further development of the river.

#### 9) Social Secretary

Mrs Liggett said that the programme for the summer outings was now complete and five outings are to take place from May through to September. They are: Batemans the home of Rudyard Kipling, a half day walk about in Lydd, Shepherd and Neam's Brewery in Faversham, the Bank of England and Tate Modern, and Lille as the French trip in September. The programme was agreed and will appear in the April edition of the Newsletter.

Mrs Liggett finished her report by saying that the Wine and Wisdom evening was one of the best attended we have had, some ninety members took part

#### 10) Planning and Local govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning S/C to members of the committee, one point of interest being that a suggestion that trees be planted in the Pedestrian precinct was discussed and it was agreed that the suggestion be forwarded to the DTC.

#### 11) Web Site

Mr McFarnell reported that there had been a noticeable increase in the number of E-Mails which had been received and that the popularity of the web site was constantly increasing

#### 12) The Editor

Mrs Lilley said that the A/Editor had resigned because he had got a new job which entailed travelling away from home. She thanked every one who had sent pictures for the Newsletter particularly those of Cowgate. She said that she had contacted Pzisers ref. A possible grant but to date no reply.

#### 13) Publications

Mrs Lilley said that some of the books were selling very slowly and to clear space in her home she suggested that Ivan Green's book should be offered free of charge to members. She went on to say that the book Dover's 'Hidden Fortress' was going well and suggested that a reprint of 500 copies be ordered. Agreed.

On the Budge Adam's papers the Scanner was still out of action.

#### Any other Business

As all the existing committee members had made them selves available for re- election it was agreed that they should be put forward en bloc at the AGM.

Mr Woolford proposed and Mr Leach seconded that Mrs M Wright be nominated for the E/C by the Committee Agreed.

Mr Woolford then proposed seconded by Mr Cope that Mrs M. Wright be invited to be a Vice President of the Society This was agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2140 hrs.