

# The Dover Society

The minutes of the 181<sup>st</sup> meeting of the E/C which was held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2004 in the Parish Room of St Paul's church Dover

1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Mrs Gordon; Mrs Liggett; Mrs Lilley; Mr Naylor; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford

2) Apologies: Apologies were received from:- Dr Hale; Mr Leach; Mr McFarnell; Mrs Reidy; Mr Sutton; Mrs Wright.

3) Minutes; Minutes of the 180<sup>th</sup> meeting which had been circulated were agreed

4) Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5) The Chairman.

In the absence of Mr Leach, Mr Cope the Vice-chairman who was acting Chairman for this meeting, read a report from Mr Leach:-

A letter had been sent to the Mayor of Dover with a copy to English Heritage concerning the proposed partial closure of Dover castle during the forthcoming winter.

Mr Paul Wells had been invited to consider becoming the Newsletter Editor. The invite had been declined with thanks.

Dover Pride- several members of the E/C/ had attended a meeting where some of the hopes of the organisation were set out. Most of the suggestions were well known to us. Two new ones were attracting a higher Education institution to Dover and the possibility of moving the Marina from the Western Docks to East Cliff on land to be reclaimed.

SeaBritain 2005- Latest from the minutes of the Focus Group. Quite a few events planned for the Dover area eg Beacons throughout the District over the Trafalgar Weekend and possible fireworks. The Commemorative Dinner now unlikely because of cost (£100 per ticket).

Spoke at the AGM of the Dover Branch of the CPRE about the aims and activities hope it may have attracted a few new members.

6) The Secretary:

Mr Naylor said that he would not be available for the next E/C meeting but would send out the agenda etc early. He said that he had received a letter setting out the aims and objectives of the Dover Pride group, It seems that several other members had also been contacted. It was agreed that the matter be discussed under item \*11

7) Treasurer.

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

- A) £66 had been collected in subs and £3 in donations during the past month.
- B) £53 was spent on postage and stationary sending out the August Newsletter.
- C) £12.30 for other postage and photocopying etc.
- D) The accounts for the last two trips are not yet finalised but both appear to be in profit.
- E) The Cafcash account has paid £148.47 interest for the last quarter. The rate 3.92%

8) The Membership Secretary

Mrs Cope said that there were two new members;- Mrs Hella Tappe - Pearce of Walmer; and Mr Terry Croft of Shepherdswell. The total number of members is now 442. She went on to say that she had been informed by Mr Howard Blackett, Head Teacher at Dover college, that he would be leaving the District shortly to take up a new appointment and so was leaving the Society. After a short discussion it was agreed that his name should be removed from the list of Vice Presidents

9) Projects:

Mrs Gordon reported that there had been discussions with the Family History Society concerning putting the cemetery records on microfiche .It appears that this would reduce the records down to two sheets which would enable the public to buy them for around £5. It was agreed that the museum would receive a copy free of charge and there would be no objection to the Family History Society making them available to the public for £5.

Cowgate; Mr Cope reported that a new strimmer had been bought for the sum of £120 as the older machines were becoming increasingly difficult to start. Work on the project had been impeded by inclement weather Jarrett Memorial. Talks with the DHB had agreed that the new stone be of polished black marble and that it should be completed by the end of the year..

.River Dour: The long awaited report had now been received and was being studied by the Steering Committee.

10) The Social Secretary

Mrs Liggett said that the Lille trip had been a huge success.. She was still looking for entertainment for the Christmas feast. She then outlined possibilities for next summer's trips. Mrs Lilley said that leaders for the 'Brainstorming' session at the November meeting were still required. Capt Weston said that the suppliers of wine for the meetings was closing down and that he had made arrangements with Tesco to take up the supply of both wine and glasses, further he asked if he should go ahead with the renewal of the Excise liquor licence for next year. Agreed.

11) Planning & Local Govt:-

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup>. meeting of the planning committee .held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. He said that he had not had much response to his appeals for funds for the planting of trees from local sources and that he was proposing to write to the Tree Council. After a short discussion this was agreed.. He then raised the subject referred to at item 6 and said that having examined the aims and aspirations of he Dover Pride organisation he could find nothing new. After a long discussion on the subject the Secretary asked if he should accept their offer for the Society to join the group, the response was an emphatic No.

12) The Editor:

Mrs Lilley called for the submission of all articles promised for the December edition of the Newsletter and said that it was now imperative that a new Editor be found as she would be definitely giving up in April 05

Budge Adams Papers. Mr Cope read out some notes which he had received from the Chairman in which it was made clear that negotiations were at an advanced stage with the Printers. Changes to the expected price to non-members would be different for that originally thought and after a long and protracted discussion it was agreed that the book would be issued free of charge to each members household . That a small sub committee consisting of the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Editor be set up to fix the final price: that £1000 be drawn from the BA funds to help finance he book. The balance of £800 being reserved for the CD. That the distribution would go out with the December Newsletter . Twenty seven minutes later the discussion was concluded.

13) The Lord Warden

The Society had received a copy of a letter sent by the Friends of Dover Castle to the organiser of the installation ceremonies. Noted.

14) Any Other business.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40hrs  
Date of next meeting 11 Nov.

Handwritten note: No invite