

The Dover Society

The minutes of the 183rd meeting of the E/C which was held on Thursday 2nd December 2004 in the Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

- 1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Mrs Gordon; Dr Hale; Mr Leach (Chmn); Mrs Liggett; Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mr Sutton; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford; Mrs Wright.
- 2) Apologies:- Apologies were received from Mrs Lilley; Mrs Reidy.
- 3) Minutes: The minutes of the 182nd meeting which had been circulated were accepted.
- 4) The Chairman:- Mr Leach said that he had been at the meeting to launch a book about the Bronze Age boat a letter had been sent asking for more information ,a copy of the reply to go to Mr Sutton with a view to obtaining publicity.
- 5) The Secretary: Mr Naylor had nothing report except to point out that the December Meeting of the E?C now takes place on the first Thursday of the month not the second.
- 6) The Treasurer:- Capt. Weston that his report was based on provisional figures this month as the bank statement was not available. He then drew attention to the following points:-
 - A) £10 has been collected in subs.
 - B) £5.11 has been paid out in postage , printing etc.
 - C) £10 paid to the Magistrates Court for our 'Occasional Licence'
 - D) The October meeting made a profit of £24.59
 - E) The November meeting not yet finalised but is expected to be in surplus
 - F) £20 paid to the Chatham Dock Yard as a deposit for next July's outing.
- 7) Membership Secretary: Mrs Cope said that there were no new members this month. The total number of members stands at 440.
- 8) Projects: Mrs Gordon said that work on the Cowgate Micro plan was still proceeding and that it was proposed that a formal presentation should take place when all was complete.
Mr Cope said that the clearing work was still on going. He proposed that an new machine should be purchased as the existing ones were approaching the end of their useful lives. Agreed
River Dour: Mr Cope said that at a recent meeting of the steering committee details were revealed that there might be some re-directing of the river. A plan for the whole river is to be produced. A River Warden to be employed and that efforts were to be made to involve the KCC in the project. The Jarrett Memorial; The contract for refurbishment has been signed and the job should be completed by Christmas.
- 9) Social Secretary: Mrs Liggett Said that there were 47 bookings for the Christmas Feast but more were in the pipe line.
- 10) Planning & Local Govt: Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 88th meeting of the planning S/C he said that a letter had been sent to the Tree Council requesting help in providing trees for the Precinct a reply was still to come. He went on to say that it was proposed that a letter be sent to the local papers expressing concern about the state of some properties along the route to be taken by the Lord Warden on his installation day. A letter was to be drafted expressing our opposition to regionalisation of local government.
- 11) Web Site: Mr McFarnell reported that there had been 162 visits to our web site during the month of November.
- 12) Publications: Capt Weston said that there had been some difficulties in the 'Gift Aid' scheme arising

from the publication of the Adams Memorial book. Mr Cope agreed to make suitable inquiries and report back. Although the sale of the book had proved profitable it was decided not to proceed with a reprint for the time being.

11) Lord Warden: After some discussion it was decided to raise the matter after Christmas.

12) Any Other Business: Finance for the River Dour scheme to be considered in the future when the all the costs have been established.

The Chairman announced that the Film Society would be producing a film show in the Town Hall starting 7th February.

13) Date of next meeting 13 January 2005.

A happy and fruitful New Year to all our members.

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