

The Dover Society

Minutes of the 184th meeting of the E/C which was held on Thursday 10th February 2005
in the Parish 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; Mrs Reidy; Mr Sutton; Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs Lilley & Capt. Weston.

3) Minutes: The minutes of the 183rd meeting held on Thursday 13th January were agreed.

4) Matters arising: Mr Cope said that a letter concerning 'Gift Aid' was to be sent to the Auditors.

5) The Chairman:

Mr Leach said that a letter had been sent to DHB thanking them for their part in the restoration of the Jarrett Memorial and inviting them to a small ceremony to celebrate the restoration which would be attended by a press photographer and which would take place on the morning of Monday 14th February.

Civic Society: Mr Leach said that he had received a letter from the Society proposing that the constituent town members hold an open day in 2006. If Dover wished to take part we were requested list the items of interest which could be offered. After a discussion it was agreed that we should take part and steps be taken to approach property owners to seek their permission to include their premises in the event.

Finally Mr Leach concluded by pointing out that the recent Film Festival had been very good and had attracted a reasonable audience.

6) The Secretary:

Mr Naylor pointed out that the AGM would be on 18th April and that the last meeting of the current E/C would be 14th. He said that any item for the Agenda should be agreed in time for transmission to the members with the April Newsletter.

7) The Treasurer

In the absence of Capt. Weston Mr Naylor distributed the monthly financial statement and drew attention to:-

A) During last month we received £10 in subs for this year and £60 for 2005/6.

B) £800 had been received from Triangle Publications as part of the proceeds from the sale of B Adams book and £11 in donations. £21.55 was paid out in distribution costs.

C) £13.34 spent on stationary and Photocopying.

D) £28.55 Auditors fee.

E) The Christmas Feast account was now complete and was in surplus to £102.33

F) The January accounts are still to be completed but a small surplus is expected.

8) The Membership Secretary:-

Mrs Cope said that there were three new members this month: Mr & Mrs Sencicle of Danes Court and Miss E.J. Reeves of Winchelsea St. Mrs Cope said that she had received a letter from 'My Town' a magazine requesting details of Dover. It was agreed that the inquiry be referred to the Web Site Mr McFarnell to look into the matter.

9) Projects:

Mrs Gordon reported that the DDC were very interested in the maps and lists of the graves in Cow Gate and expressed interest in including them in the District's web site. It is possible some amendments may be required but talks continue.

Mr Cope said that work in the cemetery was progressing well and he was trying to get one of the strimmers overhauled.

Mr Cope reported that the meeting of the 11 January of the River Dour committee had been very progressive. It was agreed that a Warden was required and it was hoped that the White Cliffs group would meet any costs. *Marge Lee Warden*

10) Social Secretary;

Mrs Liggett said that eleven tables had been booked for the Wine & Wisdom session at the February general meeting but there could be more on the day. She went on to say that there had been an increase in price for the first prize which was now £75 instead of £45. She concluded by saying was some

doubt the availability of the usual meeting place in April 2006. It was agreed that the item would be considered nearer the time.

11) Planning & Local Govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 90th meeting of the planning S/C/ said that he was still looking for funds for trees for the precinct. He suggested that an appeal be made to the members by means of a 'Flyer' in the Newsletter. Agreed.

He then distributed a paper setting out the present position with the Trustees of the Municipal Charities. After a long discussion it was agreed that the action plan suggestion of a meeting with the Trustees after further research was a way forward. Inquiries to be made on how the Trustees were appointed and who is eligible to be considered.

Mr Woolford said that he had received a request inviting the Dover Society to subscribe to the Kent Design Guide, a publication highlighting good design throughout Kent. Cost as yet unknown. It was agreed that we enrol. Finally Mr Woolford said that a local committee is being formed to press for a solution to the traffic congestion caused by 'Operation Stack' It was agreed that the Society should join. and that a letter be sent to the Highways Department of the DDC.

12) Web Site

It was proposed that an advert be placed in the Newsletter drawing attention of the members to our web site. Agreed

13) Publications

Mr Leach said that the order for the reprint of the B. Adams book had been placed and that orders for 250 copies had been received.

14) Lord Warden

Mr McFarnell reported that the arrangements for the installation were in hand. Mrs Reidy said that the 'Dover Ladies that Lunch' had arranged a lunch in the Town Hall on Sunday 10 April in honour of the occasion to which all were invited price £18.50.

15) Any other business.

Date of the next meeting of the DHB consultative committee 28.2.05. Venue the Council offices. There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40 hrs.

Date of next meeting 10 March 2005