

The Dover Society

Minutes of the 185th meeting of the E/C which was held on the 10th March 2005 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

The meeting opened with the Chairman Mr Leach introducing Mr Haines of the Dover Chamber of Commerce who addressed the E/C about an approach which was being negotiated by a hotel group with the building of a new five star hotel on the Western Height in mind. Two essentials required by the Group were that the DDC should donate free of charge a suitable plot of land and that the plot should have a magnificent view. Details of the project were explained which included how much money would be invested and who the target clients were. After some discussion it was agreed that the Society should support the scheme in principle.

After his presentation Mr Haines withdrew and the Chairman reverted to the printed agenda

- 1) Present Mr & Mrs Cope; Mrs Gordon; Dr Hale; Mr Leach (Chan); Mrs Liggett Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mr Sutton; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.
- 2) Apologies ; Apologies were received from Mrs Lilley and Mrs Ready.
- 3) Minutes: Minutes of the 184th meeting held on 10 February 2005 which had been circulated were .agreed
- 4) Matters arising: Mr Naylor said that in view of the interest taken in the Municipal Charities by Mr Bailey of the Planning S/C he had spoken to Councillor Match am who also had been making similar inquiries. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Bailey and Councillor Matcham should meet for informal talks..
- 5) The Chairman
Mr Leach said that the meetings of the DHB consultative committee were now complete. That a letter had been sent to Mr Johnson Head of S.E. Kent College concerning the future development of the St James area. In view of the inquiry made by the Civic Trust concerning historic buildings in the town, a letter had been sent to all the owners of such buildings replies were still coming in.
- 6) The Treasurer
Capt. Weston distributed the monthly Financial report and drew attention to the following:-
 - 1) £6 was collected as subs for the next year
 - 2) £4.77 was spent on Stationary etc.
 - 3) The Christmas Feast final total produced a surplus of £119.33
 - 4) The January meeting produced a small surplus of £5.17
 - 5) The wine & wisdom evening showed a surplus of £54.89Capt. Weston pointed out that it was usual to make a donation to a charity of the Quizmaster's choosing He proposed that in keeping with precedent the sum of £50 be sent to the Crabble Corn Mill Trust. Agreed. As the end of the financial year was approaching the time had arrived to make a donation to the Church authorities for the use of the meeting room. The usual sum had been £100 .He proposed that this sum should be repeated. Agreed. It was also agreed that the room be booked for a further year.
- 7)The Membership Secretary
Mrs Cope said that there were three new members this month . Mr Bob Markham; M/s Lynn Young; Mr Sid Perkins the total number of members was 443.
- 8) Projects.
Cow Gate
Mrs Gordon said that production of the micro -fiches for the cemetery records was under discussion with the Kent Family History Society. Mr Cope said that work on the graves had been held up by snow. All the strimmers had been overhauled.

River Dour.

Mr Cope said that work was under way to draw up a draft constitution for the Committee. Discussions were continuing on the question of limited liability for the constituent members. The signs for the river side walk were now ready.

Mr Cope said that as a result of a television programme he and his wife had submitted an entry into a competition for the most hated building in Dover. A follow up had been an invitation to produce a video for inclusion in a future programme. After some discussion it was agreed that the Copes would write the script and Mr McFarnell would produce the video for Channel Four

9) Social Secretary:

Mrs Liggett said that arrangements for the summer outings were taking place. The London trip on 27th August would be to the British Museum as the Houses of Parliament was not available. The outing to France was scheduled for 17th September destination to be announced later, and the Christmas Feast would be on December 17th.

10) Planning & Local Govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 91st meeting of the planning S/C held on 1st March. He pointed out that funds were still required for the 'Trees' and suggested that an appeal be made to all members for donations. It was Agreed that a 'Flyer' to this effect be put in the April Newsletter. There was an inconclusive discussion on speakers for 2006 and the position of Mr Watkins the Speaker scheduled for the AGM in April as he is nominated as a candidate for the next Parliamentary election whenever it takes place.

11) The Editor;

In the absence of Mts Lilley Mr Leach announced that Mrs Lilley had decided to stand down after the issue of the April Newsletter. A successor was urgently required.. It was agreed that a collection be taken up for a suitable present for Mrs Lilley.

12) The Web Site:

Mr McFarnell had nothing to report except that 'hits' on the site were still coming in.

13) Publications;

Mr Leach said that the re-print of the Budge Adams book was now in the shops and 200 had already been sold.

14) Lord Warden.

Mr McFarnell said that the arrangements for the installation were being kept a close secret on security grounds. They would be revealed nearer the day.

15) Any other business;

Mr McFarnell announced that the programme for the Dover pageant was now ready.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.55 hrs.

Date of the next meeting 14 April 2005