

The Dover Society

Minutes of the 186th meeting of the E/C which was held on Thursday 14th April 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; Mrs Lilley; Mr Naylor; Mr Sutton; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr McFarnell and Mrs Reidy

3) Minutes: minutes of the 185th meeting which had been circulated were agreed.

4) Matters Arising: Mr Naylor reported that Mr Bailey and Cllr Matcham had met and had agreed a modus operandi with regards to the Municipal Charities. Capt. Weston said that the sum of £ 680 been received in response to the appeal for the 'Trees'. He said that with the expected relief under the gift aid scheme the Society's contribution towards the cost of the trees would be met.

5) The Chairman:

Mr Leach said that he had attended on behalf of the D/S all the official events connected with the installation of the Lord Warden. A letter had been sent to the Dover Chamber of Commerce confirming our support in principle to the building of a hotel at the Western Heights

6) The Treasurer:

Capt. Weston distributed the monthly Financial Report He drew attention to the following points:-

- 1) £224 had been received in subs for 2005/6.
- 2). £10.71 paid on postage etc
- 3) .£100 paid to St Paul's for use of the committee room
- 4) £250 to the White Cliffs Country Side project for signs for the river walk and £50 to the Crabble Corn Mill Trust.
- 5) The March meeting had a surplus of £47 thanks to the raffle takings of £71.50

Capt Weston said that congratulations should go to Mrs Liggett for a most successful year of social activities. Agreed

6) The quarterly interest from the Caf account came to £ 170.23.

The annual fee for registration with the Civic Trust is now due and is £150 , the same as last year plus the insurance premium is also due. If we have the same cover as last year the premium is £230 this covers the Society for up to Five million pounds. After some discussion it was agreed that both sums be paid.

7) Membership Secretary

Mrs Cope said that there were five new members this month. They are Mr Donald & Mrs Joyce Downie of the Gateway; Mr D Hodgson of Martin Mill and Mr R. & Mrs J Marsh of Millais Rd. the total number of members 445. She went on to say that she had a letter from a similar group in Calais suggesting that we renew our previous contacts this was agreed.

Mrs Cope then said that she had received an offer of a picture for the Society from a member, as we had no permanent accommodation she was in doubt as to whether to accept. After a discussion it was agreed that

the member be asked if the picture could be sold and the proceeds placed in the Society's funds.

8) Projects:

Mrs Gordon said that the work micro-ficheing the cemetery records had started and was expected to take a couple of months.

Mr Cope reported that the cemetery was now cleared for the first time in many years.. A donation of £250 for projects had been received from an anonymous donor

River Dour; Discussions were still continuing to draw up a constitution for the controlling committee.

Mrs Cope said that the video on Burlington House had been completed and sent to Channel 4

9) Social Secretary.

Mrs Liggett reported that bookings for the summer outings were coming in slowly and that she would mention this fact at the forthcoming AGM as some venues required a deposit with the booking.

10) Planning & local Govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of 92nd meeting of the Planning S/C. and reported how pleased he was with the response to the appeal for funds for the Precinct Trees. The DTC would be informed. There was a discussion on the amount of litter in the Tesco Car Park. It appears that it was recently cleared. but is now as bad as ever., the matter will be kept under review. Mr Woolford then raised the question of the sale of the DHB depending on the result of the current election. After discussing it was agreed that the Society were against this privatisation.

It was then proposed by Mr Sutton and 2nd by Mr Naylor that the matter should not be raised at the AGM. Agreed.

11) The Editor

Mrs Lilley announced that a new Editor had been found and would take over after the AGM. He is Mr Alan Lee. It was agreed that he would be a member of the E/C

12) Publications.

Mr Leach said that the re-print of the Budge Adams book was now in the shops and that 322 copies of the 500 printed have been sold. The text for the Cds of the slides was still in preparation.

13) Any Other Business.

The arrangements for the AGM were discussed Mr Sutton said that Mr Watkins had had to withdraw as speaker because of his standing in the forthcoming election. His place would be taken by a professor from Kent University .

St George's Day arrangements were then discussed and Mr Woolford agreed to obtain the customary wreath. Capt. Weston drew attention to changes in the licensing laws which are going to impinge on our winter programme . As things stand we would not be able to sell wine at any of the winter events.. Further inquiries are to be made.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35hrs.. Date of the next meeting 12th May.

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