

The Dover Society

Minutes of the 190th. meeting of the E/C. which was held on Thursday 8th September in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

1) Present:

Mrs Gordon: Dr Hale; Mr Lee; Mr Lee; Mr Leach(chmn) Mrs Lilley; Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mr Sutton; Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Mr & Mrs Cope Mrs Reidy. Capt. Weston

3) Minutes.

Minutes of the 189th meeting which had been circulated were accepted.

4) Matters Arising:

See Projects.

5) Chairman

Mr Leach said that as there was two months activities to report on. He had more to say than usual. He had received 'thank you' letters from the winners of this year's art prize at Dover Grammar School for Girls.

A bill for £250 from the Canterbury Archaeological Trust for the publication and report on a 'dig' in Dover in 1996. had been received. It was agreed that it be paid.

A letter had been received from the DTM asking for our support of a 'loyalty card' they were issuing. Agreed.

A letter from the Dover Chamber of Commerce asking for conformation of our 'support in principle' for the proposed new hotel. Agreed.

Mr Leach said that a letter of support had been sent for the renewal of a visa for the Russian pianist currently in Dover. Approved.

Notice had been received from the DTC of a dinner and dance to be held in the Maison Dieu on Friday 21st October. Trafalgar Day. Noted. To be raised at the next meeting. Reports are required on the success or other wise of the recent Heritage Day.

6) The Treasurer

In the absence of Capt. Weston the Secretary distributed the monthly Financial Report and drew attention to the following points which had been complied by the Treasurer:-

- A) £226 has been collected in subs for this year and £6 for next year and £4 as a donation.
- B) £ 25 our sub. To the CPRE Paid.
- C) £650 to the printers and £36.44 for postage for the last Newsletter.
- D) £30 from the Project Fund for renewals and maintenance of the Cowgate Tools.
- E) £ 45.98 for postage, Photocopying, etc.
- F) £50 paid in prizes to joint winners of the Art Completion at DGS for Girls.
- G) The accounts for three of the outings are now complete they are Chartwell loss £5, Hythe profit £ 40 and Chatham profit £39.

7) Projects:

Mrs Gordon reported that the detailed list and plan of the cemetery was now complete and was ready for distribution and was available for a fee to the general public.

Mr Leach said that a certificate of understanding was being prepared for consideration by the consortium of the River Dour Group.

Mr Woolford said that he had received a letter from Kent Highways Authority setting out possible changes to the agreed location of the Trees in the Dover precinct, and drawing attention to the new CCTV height restrictions, and suggesting the use of free standing containers instead of the already agreed planting in the ground. It was agreed that contact be made with the CE of the District Council and if necessary seek an emergency meeting with all the interested parties.

8) Membership Secretary

Mrs Cope had left details of the present membership, they were that Mr Andrew King of Temple Ewell had joined and that the total membership stood at 442.

9) Planning & Local Govt

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 96th meeting of the planning sub-committee which took place on the 30th August. In addition to the minutes was a copy of a letter addressed to the chief planning officer of the DDC. This set out the preliminary views of the Planning sub committee on proposals being considered by the DDC. concerning the St James development. There was a discussion which covered the pros and cons of the proposals, delight at the destruction of Burlington House, reservations on Asda being the lead store and other ideas which may improve the final development.

The discussion continued when Mr Sutton announced that the Council had been asked by the Housing authority to consider building houses in the area under the SE Development Plan. The number of dwellings and their location were under active consideration.

10). Press Secretary

Mr Sutton said that there had been plenty of publicity in the local press for the Heritage scheme

11) The Web Site

Mr McFarnell said that the site was still ticking over and that it had been up-dated since the publication of the last Newsletter.

12) The Editor

Mr Lee was congratulated on his production of his first Newsletter, He thanked everyone for their kind words and said that the deadline for the next edition was 10th October

13 Publications

Mr Leach said that the B. Adams book was still selling and that the task of adding captions to the slides was continuing.

A.O.B. The Trafalgar Dinner be added to agenda for discussion at the next meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed a 21.35 hrs

Date of the next meeting 10th November.

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