

The Dover Society

Minutes of the 192nd meeting of the E/C which was held on Thursday the 10th November 2005 in the Parish Rooms of St Paul's Church Dover.

- 1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Mrs Gordon; Mr Lee; Mr Leach (chmn) Mrs Liggett; Mrs Lilley; Mr Naylor; Mrs Reidy; Mr Sutton; Capt Weston; Mr Woolford.
- 2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Dr Hale; Mr McFarnell
- 3) Minutes : The minutes of the 191st Meeting which had been circulated were agreed.
- 4) Matters Arising: A reply had been sent to Mrs Whindiate - Blackmore. In reply to a question Mrs Liggett said that the singers for the Christmas Feast were called Quodlibet
- 5) The Chairman: Mr Leach said that there was little to report this month. The only letter received was from the Canterbury Archaeological trust thanking the Society for the support offered. in publishing their report.
- 6) The Treasurer: ^{Kat} Capt. Weston distributed the Monthly Financial report and drew attention to :-
 - A) £22 in subs and a donation for £10 received in the past month.
 - B) £26 received from advertising in the Newsletter
 - C) £7.76 spent on photocopying and £5.10 from the project fund for a microfiche .
 - D) £660 from the dept. of Revenue & Customs . Gift Aid.
 - E) The October meeting produced £60 from the raffle.
- 7) The Membership Secretary: Mrs Cope said that there were no new members this month The total number of members was 443.
- 8) Projects: Mrs Gordon said that the recording of the tombs in Cowgate cemetery was now complete and that the records had been handed over to the DDC and the Library and that the microfiches to the Family History Society. The microfiches were now available for sale. This project was now finished. Mr Sutton said that a piece about the project had been broadcast and that a piece should appear in the local press.
River Dour: Mr Cope said that work to be done by the Environment Dept and the White Cliffs Countryside Agency had been agreed. That a list of the riparian owners was being prepared and that money was available for the development of the 'River Walk' and the training of volunteers. :River Watch to clear the rubbish from the river..
- 9) Social Secretary: Mrs Liggett said that the Christmas feast was going ahead price £17 but bookings were very slow in coming in.
After some discussion it was agreed that the AGM would be on April 24 subject to the Hall being available. Mr Cope who will be acting Chairman at the next meeting proposed a programme for the 'Brainstorming' session at the next public meeting. Agreed that four topics be raised .
Mr Leach asked if the public address system in the hall could be improved. It was agreed that steps be taken to explore the possibility of having a lapel microphone in place of the current fixed instrument.
- 10) Planning & Local Govt. Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 98th meeting of the planning S/C together with a copy of a letter sent the Forward Planning Manager of the DDC setting

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out the Society's views on DDC Local Development Framework the opening line of the Society's letter is that "we reject all of the preferred District level options." The letter then continues with the reasons for the rejection.

A reminder has been sent to Mrs Moody of the KCC ref. The Precinct Trees still no reply.

Mr Cope said he attended a consultative meeting of the DTC which did not arrive at any conclusions

Mr Sutton attended a meeting of the DHB's consultative committee at which the following points were announced

1) DHB have a 'concept' under consideration to build a Lorry Park off the A 20 road with spaces for 1500 trucks. for use instead of 'Operation Stack' in times of extreme congestion. This would be paid for by DHB who envisage it costing unto thirty million pounds..

The Chamber of Commerce are in favour and the KCC 'supportive'

2) Planning application to be submitted this year for a new exit road from the Eastern Docks for use in 2007.

3) DHB to ask Buckingham Palace to give the Port royal status and suggested a Royal visit to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Harbour Board's charter.

Mr Woolford said he wished to relinquish being the Society's rep. on the DHBCC and proposed that Mr Sutton take over Agreed

11) Press Secretary: Mr Sutton said that the Radio reported the on the Cowgate project.

12) he Editor:: Mr Lee reported that the proofs of the next Newsletter were back from the printers

13) Publications: Mr Leach said that the B. Adams Memorial book was still selling and that the work of putting texts to the slides was still proceeding. The possibility of marketing a CD was being explored. £200 was paid into the Society.

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Mrs Lilley announced that as she and her husband were moving house Mr Lilley wished to relinquish the post of Advertising Manager and asked that anew incumbent be sought.

14) The Blairiot Memorial Mrs Cope raised the question of the dilapidated state of the access to the memorial and said that this had been brought to her notice by several people. It was decided to find out who owns the site and what steps are needed to effect restoration.

!5) Any Other Business. Mr Cope said that he understood that the constitution of the Dover Town Centre Management Committee provided for a rep. from the Society. He asked that we obtain a copy of the constitution.

Date of the next meeting 1st December 1005

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25 hrs.: . .