

The Dover Society

Minutes of the 198th meeting of the E/C which was held on 11th May 2006
in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

1) Present: Mrs Cope; Dr Hale; Mr Leach (chmn); Mr Lee; Mr Naylor; Mrs Reidy; Mr Sencicle .Mr Sutton; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies: Apologies were received from:- Mr Cope; Mrs Liggett; Mr McFarnell;

3) Minutes; Minutes of the 197th meeting held on 6th April 2006 and had been circulated were agreed

4) Matters arising.. It was agreed that in the absence of a volunteer for the vacant post of Advertising Manager, Mr Cope; Capt. Weston and Mrs Reidy would share the Duties involved.

5) The Chairman;

Mr Leach said that he had received a letter from Mr Philp thanking the Society for its donation to the Painted House and offering to give a free talk. This was accepted with acclaim .Mr Leach went on to say that he had written to DHB privately suggesting that as part of the Western Dock development the Wellington Dock could be filled with fresh water from the river Dour thus providing free of charge a local source of fresh water, It was agreed that the suggestion should have Society support. It was agreed that a letter of support be sent to the local council for the European Archery competition which has been scheduled in Dover in 2007.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the MOD seeking their plans for the future of Fort Bourgoyne Finally Mr Leach congratulated all the members who took part in the annual Zeebrugge commemoration and thanked Mr Woolford for organising the provision of the Wreath.

6) The Treasurer

Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial statement and drew attention to the following points::

A) £1,514 received in subs. and £10 in donations.

B) Newsletter production and distribution costs £696.94

C) £300 paid to the Painted House Trust.

D) £8 received for four Society Badges.

E) AGM produced a surplus of £73.95 thanks to the raffle which brought in £102.95 net.

F) Insurance cover for 2006 cost £230 for £5,000,000.

7) Membership Secretary

Mrs Cope reported that there are seven new members this month they are :-Mr Chris. Harpham of St Mary in Castro; Mr Robert & Mrs Betty Boyer of the Gateway; Mr David & Mrs Joyce Circuit of Trefor Jones Court ;Mrs B.K. Roberts of the Gateway; Mrs Catherine Huntley of Cleburne Rd.. The total number of members is now 453.

8) Projects

In the absence of Mr Cope Mrs Cope reported that the Cowgate project was proceeding satisfactory. That there had been a meeting of the steering Committee of the River Dour project and that there had been a guided walk along the river bank which had developed into a litter picking exercise and accordingly had used up the time allocated . It was proposed by the River Committee that future excursions would concentrate more on the walk and less on the litter.

Christmas Cards. Mrs Reidy and Mr Lee reported that they had a price for the proposed cards -500 packs of four cards for £500 . It was agreed that the sum of £750 be allocated for this purpose. Order forms to be ready for distribution in September.

Precinct Trees

Mr Woolford said that the trees were now ready for planting. There was a discussion about plaques being placed on the containers indicating the joint efforts by the Society and the DTC in providing them. To be raised with the DTC.

9) Social Secretary

In the absence of Mrs Liggett Capt. Weston raised the question of the cost of the excursion to Wakehurst Place scheduled for May 13th. It appears that the house belongs to the National Trust and several Society members who are booked on the excursion are also N.T, members and as such are entitled to free admission to Trust properties. After a discussion it was agreed that these members should have the cost of admission to the property deducted from the overall price of the excursion.

It was announced that the trip to Kensington Palace would be on July 15th and the French trip would take place on 16th September

10) Planning & Local Govt.

Mr Woolford gave out the minutes of the 104th meeting of the PSC held on 2 May.

There followed a very long and detailed discussion the DHB forward plan for the Port. It was concluded with a request to Mr Sutton for a report on the outcome of forthcoming public meeting. It was also agreed that Mr Leach and Mr Woolford carry out an examination in depth of the ramifications of the plan

11) Publications

Mr Leach said that copies of the Budge Adams papers was still selling

12) Editor

Mr Lee said that he was now getting the material ready for the next issue which will be in August

13) The Bleriot Memorial.

Mr Leach said that he had not received anything from the English Heritage concerning a meeting, inquiries to be made.

14) The Kennedy Memorial

Mrs Cope pointed out that this year was the end of the five year period that a prize was paid to Dover Grammar School for Girls and asked whether it would be extended. After a short discussion it was decided to terminate the scheme.. . .

15) Constitution Of Planning S/C

Mr Woolford proposed that the existing members continue in post. Agreed

16) AOB

Mr Sencicle drew attention to an application for retrospective planning permission due to come before the DDC planning committee which calling for permission to build outside boundaries of the town plan. After some discussion it was agreed to oppose

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45hrs.

Date of the next meeting 8th June. .