The Dover Society

Minutes of the 199th meeting of the Executive Committee which was held on the 8th June 2006 in the Parish room of St Paul's Church Dover.

1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Dr Hale; Mr Leach (Chmn); Mr Lee; Mrs Liggett; Mr Naylor; Mrs Reidy; Mr Sencicle; Mr Sutton; Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies; Apologies were received from Mr McFarnell; & Capt. Weston.

3) Minutes. Minutes of the 198th meeting held on 11th May which had been circulated were agreed.

- 4) Matters arising. A reply from the M.O.D had been received which explained the possible future of Fort Bourgoyne. It appears that it was destined to be sold along with Connaught Barracks and both the DDC and English Heritage had shown interest. It was decided that a letter should be sent to Dover's M.P. seeking his assistance in maintaining the Fort as a historic monument Bleriot Memorial Mr Leach said that as he had heard nothing from English Heritage he proposed that a further letter be sent to English Heritage H.Q. Agreed.
- 5) Chairman.:

Mr Leach said that he had a request from the DTC to support a request from France to enter into a 'Twinning' exercise with a north French town. (Boulogne?) after some discussion this was Agreed

6) The Treasurer.

In the absence of Capt. Weston the Secretary distributed the monthly financial report and drew attention to the following points:

A) £96 received in subs.

B) £ 230 paid to the Civic T. insurers

- C) £500 paid into the project fund. This sum includes £250 from anonymous donor
- D) £25 paid to Mr Woolford for the purchase of the Society wreath for Zeebrugge day.

7) Membership Secretary

Mrs Cope said that there are four new members this month which brings the total number to 457. They are::- Mr Colin Friend of Crabble Close: Mrs P. Fuller of Southwater W, Sussex.; Mr Pat Cunningham of Brookfield Place. And Mrs Geraldine Burrows of Clarendon Place..

8) Projects;

Mr Cope said that things are going smoothly at Cowgate. The River Dour ; the Steering Committee is continuing the task of cleaning the river particularly at the B&Q site and Pencester Gardens.. Crabble Corn Mill want to mount an Industrial Exhibition and is seeking a grant and requested support from the Society. After some discussion this was agreed. A request from the Town Clerk for support in producing a memorial booklet of the wartime dead of Dover .It was agreed that Mr Lee and Dr Hale would help in the compiling and production of the booklet. Trees: The trees for the Precinct are now in place. And discussions are now taking place on the text for the plaques and the cost of their production. A sample produced by Mr Woolford was considered to be too expensive and it was proposed by Mr Sencicle and seconded by Mr Sutton that no 'logos' should by used. mainly to reduce the cost and difficulty of production. Agreed. Talks with DTC still on going. Mrs Cope said that she had received a request from the Dover Tourist off ice for a fresh supply of the Memorial Plaque Walk leaflets, as their stock was exhausted. After discussion on the format and adding the Zeebrugge Bell to the list it was agreed that a reprint would be ordered,.

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9)Social Secretary

Mrs Ligget said that booking for the summer outings were slowly coming and that a possible candidate for the job of Social Secretary was in sight.

10) Planning & Local Govt.

Mr Woolford gave out the minutes of the 105th meeting of the planning sub-committee and reported verbally on a meeting of the DTC he had attended. Discussion then proceeded on the DHB 30 year plan which included the Chairman's draft letter to the DHB and Mr Sutton's report on a recent public meeting where the plan was explained.

11) The Editor

Mr Lee pointed out that some of the advertisers in the Newsletter had still to pay their fees. And went on to say that the first orders for the Christmas cards had been received -200- in total and that all would be ready for the October public meeting

12) Budge Adams.

Mr Leach reported that the work on the B. Adams papers was still continuing.

13) AOB.

As there was no other business the meeting closed at 21.15 hrs.

14) Date of next meeting- Thursday 13th July.

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