

The Dover Society

Minutes of the 201st meeting of the Executive Committee which was held on Thursday 14th September 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 McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mr Sencicle; Mr Sutton; Mr Woolford.

2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs Reidy and Capt. Weston.

3) Minutes The minutes of the meeting of the 200th meeting which had been circulated, were agreed.

4) Matters arising. Mr Leach said that a small group of members had met in Dover with their French counterparts who were trying to arrange the twinning programme. It had been suggested that the Dover group visit Boulogne on 15 November to be followed by a buffet lunch at a suitable venue in Dover for around 50 French visitors at a date to be fixed in May 2007. Each visitor paying for lunch. A repeat arrangement for lunch and wine tasting under similar terms would take place in September 2007 when a Dover contingent would visit France. It was agreed that the 'small group' consisting of Mr Leach, Mr & Mrs Cope , and Mrs Liggett should continue to represent the Society and that Mrs Reidy be invited to join them.

Mrs Liggett agreed that she would carry on in her post for the time being. After some discussion it transpired that a possible volunteer might be interested in taking on the job. It was agreed that Mr Sutton, who knew the lady in question , make further inquiries. Mrs Cope said that the new pamphlets for the Tourist Office had been printed and were ready for distribution.

At this point Mr McFarnell gave a short talk on a new group which he intended to get started which he hoped would help to clear up the appearance of the town. He under took to act as a contact point for people who find litter and rubbish deposited round the town who are asked bring it to his attention and he will then bring it to the immediate attention to the proper authority be E mail and photograph. Hopefully bringing about it's swift removal. He has prepared a leaflet which it was agreed could be given out our next public meeting.

5) The Chairman.

Mr Leach said that he had received invitations to the following events:

- 1) DHB's Centenary Dinner
- 2) The opening of the Bronze Boat Exhibition

He had received a letter from Mr David Atwood concerning a flag pole on the sea front which lost it's plaque. Chairman to write to DHB.

6) The Treasurer.

Mr Leach distributed the monthly financial report and drew attention to notes provided by the Treasurer. They were that the bill has been received from the DTC concerning the 'trees'. After some discussion Mr Sutton proposed that the bill be paid in full this was seconded by Mr Cope. Agreed. Further points were:-

- 1) £232 paid in for subs. And £22 for year 2007/8. £30 received as donations.
- 2) £882.26 from Gift Aid
- 3) £219.22 from the sale of the book 'Dover's Hidden Fortress'.
- 4) £685 paid to Adams for the printing of the Newsletter. £226.39 received from Adverts.
- 5) Postage & photocopying £22.68
- 6) £126 spent from the project fund on new a Strimmer.

- 7) £ 30 annual sub. to CPRE paid.
- 8). £25 paid as prize to the Dover Grammar School for Girls.
- 9) Outings to Bewl Water and Kensington Palace produced a profit of £24 and £188.20 respectively

7) Membership Secretary.

Mrs Cope said that there were six new members this month . The total number now 432. The new members are :- Mrs Sylvia Stewart; Mr Michael Morecroft, Mr Michael Pettifer of Rayleigh Essex, Mrs Christina Machintosh, Mrs Theresa Field, Mr Gary Pettifer of Henfield. .

8) Projects.

Mr Cope said that the Cowgate exercise was still continuing . The River Dour exercise however had been subject to variations in its management. A letter had been sent to the DTC asking why the Steering Group had not held a meeting The reply indicated a proposal to close down this group and leave the direction of the management of the river to each of the sections

9) Social Secretary .

Mrs Liggett said that there were 28 members booked for Bruges. The Christmas Feast was going ahead and after some discussion it was agreed that the Chairman should I invite the Mayor & Mayoress of Dover as guests of the Society to the Feast. Mrs Liggett said that the Planning S/C had agreed to organise the 'Brainstorming' session at the November meeting.

10) Planning & Local Govt.

Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 106th meeting of the Planning .S/C. After a prolonged discussion it was agreed that a proposal by the S/C that the amended planning consent by the DDC be accepted as a small price to pay for the destruction of Burlington House, and that the DDC be informed that a finished concourse of the highest quality was expected on completion. An E-Mail to be sent immediately. Proposed Mr Cope seconded Mr Lee carried.

11) The Editor

Mr Lee said that the Christmas Cards were ready for distribution at the next public meeting. The dead line for articles for the December N/L is 10th Oct

12) The Bleriot Memorial

No news.

13) A.O.B.

Mrs Cope said that the prize for DGSG has been presented

A request has been received from Dover Bowls Club pointing out that their 100th anniversary was in 2007 and would the Society consider presenting a suitable Trophy to mark the occasion. Agreed but not more than £50 .

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