

# The Dover Society

The minutes of the 207<sup>th</sup> meeting of the E/C which was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover

- 1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Dr Hale; Mrs Hooper; Mr Lee; Mr Leach (chmn); Mrs Marsh; Mr McFarnell, Mr Naylor; Mrs Reidy; Mr Sencicle ; Mr Sutton, Capt. Weston.
- 2) Apologies; Apologies were received from Mrs Liggett and Mr Woolford
- 3) Minutes: The minutes of the 206<sup>th</sup> meeting which had been circulated were agreed
- 4) Matters arising: Mr Leach finalised the programme for the visit to the President's house .This was followed by a discussion on the arrangements for the AGM.
- 5) The Chairman Mr Leach said that this had been a quiet month and drew attention to the possible changes in staff at Dover's Library. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the KKC.
- 6) The Treasurer. Capt. Weston gave out copies of the monthly financial statement and drew attention to the following points:-
  - 1) £16 received in subs for year 2007/8
  - 2) £82.50 for adverts in the Newsletter.
  - 3) As agreed at the last meeting £120 paid to St Paul's Church for use of the room
  - 4) The final account for the Christmas Feast shows a surplus of £60.50
  - 5) The account for the January meeting shows a surplus of £24.68
  - 6) The Wine & Wisdom returned a profit of £121.75. As is our usual practise Capt. Weston proposed that £60 is given to Clive Taylor ,Quiz Master for his chosen charity ie Crabble Corn Mill. Agreed.
  - 7) £300 received from Merrill Lilley Triangle Publications with the suggestion that it is put in either the Publication Fund or towards the next Newsletter. It was agreed that it should go to the Newsletter.
  - 8) The final account has been received for printing of the Christmas it appears that VAT was omitted from the original quotation which means that the total cost of the cards is £828.38. A profit of £223
- 8) Membership Secretary. Mrs Cope said that the total number of members was ~~468~~<sup>458</sup> as a result of Five new members this month. They are:-Mrs Pamela Lawrence of the Gateway; Miss Maureen Potts of Bradleys; Mrs Yvonne Green of W. Hougham; Mrs Ruth Parkinson & Mr John Burniston of Folkestone.
- 9) Projects. Mr Cope reported that the Cowgate project was making good progress. That there had been a meeting of the River Dour Action Group It appears that March is part of the closed season for trout The DTC has bought a Brush Cutter for the group and that work will start in April. A suggestion from the Group that cycling be allowed from Buckland Bridge, after some discussion it was agreed that a letter be sent agreeing in principle.
- 10) Social Secretary Mrs Hooper said that there were 96 people at the Wine & Wisdom meeting. There were congratulations from the E/C on the success of her first big event Talks are still continuing on the arrangements for the French visit
- 11) Planning & Local Govt .In the absence of Mr Woolford Mr Leach distributed the minutes of the 112<sup>th</sup> meeting of the planning s/c. He reported that a letter had been prepared to go to the Chairman of the Planning Committee of the DDC requesting a reply to our recent letter to the Planning Office ref. Mr Rix' application for retrospective planning permission. This was discussed and agreed. A further letter had been prepared by the s/c for transmission to the DHB supporting their plans, subject to some Society reservations .for the future development of the Western Docks. There was a long discussion on the planning application

for 1066 Green Lane. It was pointed out that the Society had always opposed previous requests for building in this area. It was agreed that our opposition should be maintained. Mrs Reidy proposed that the should be congratulated for the provision of the 'Skate Board Park' in Pencester Gardens. This was agreed. (although there was no evidence of any member of the committee trying it out.)

12) The Editor. Mr Lee said that the proof reading of the next Newsletter was currently taking place and it was on track for early delivery.

13) Bleriot Memorial . Mr Leach reported no reply to our letter.

14) A.O.B. Mr Leach said that the Heritage Open Days would be held on 10/11 September. Mrs Reidy inquired about arrangements for the provision of irrigation for the Town's trees & plants if there should be a dry summer. Inquiries to be made. She also asked for two volunteers to assist with the organisation of the raffle. Noted. Mr McFarnell drew attention to the fact that the Scouts were having a Jamboree in Dover on the 1st of August which coincided with the Archery Championships. He intends to put notice of the occasion on the Web Site. .

Dr Hale raised the question of some token of appreciation for Mrs Liggett who is not standing for the Committee and who has arranged numerous very successful events over the years.. He suggested that she be elected Vice President. There was a discussion as she had already made it known that she did not want any presents or fuss. It was agreed that Dr Hale would make some inquiries.

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