

THE DOVER SOCIETY

Minutes of the 110th meeting of the E/C held on Thursday 5th. June 2007 in the Parish room of St. Paul's Church Dover

- 1) Present: Mr. D. Leach (chmn); Mr. M. McFarnell; Mr. A. Sencicle; Mr. G. Wanstall; Mr. J. Woolford ; Mrs. P. Hooper; Mr. A. Lee; Mrs. A. Reidy.
- 2) Apologies were received from: Mr. T. Sutton; Capt. M. Weston; Mrs. J. Marsh; Mr. W. Naylor; Mr. J. Cope; Mrs. S. Cope; Dr. Hale. In the absence of the Secretary, Pat Hooper kindly agreed to minute the meeting.
- 3) Minutes: The minutes of the 109th meeting held on 10th May which had been circulated were agreed.
- 4) Matters arising: Having decided we would not invite the Mayor to lunch with the French visitors of the Association des Amis du Chateau (Condette) on 6th. June, we discovered they were bringing their Mayor we did invite ours.

The Chairman had written to Ms. Ann Sutton, Chief Executive, Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust regarding our concerns for the future adequacy of the health services available to us in Dover. The reply was read to members.

It is understood that the D.D.C. are prepared to offer a site to the N.H.S. but say they have not been approached.
- 5) Chairman: The Chairman has received a letter inviting members or a representative to a meeting at the Town Centre Offices on Thursday 28th. June at 7.00 p.m. regarding The Festival of Dover.
- 6) Secretary: Due to the absence of the Secretary, there was no report.
- 7) Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was read out by the Chairman in his absence:

Financial Commentary for presentation to Committee 14.06.07

Subscriptions received during the last month totalled £78.00 for this financial year.

£115.00p was received in advertising revenue for the Newsletter.

£27.71 was paid to Field's Secretarial for photocopying costs and a further £55.50 was paid to them from the projects fund for printing a reprint of the Trail Leaflets.

Under miscellaneous £25.00 was reimbursed to Jack Woolford for his purchase of the Wreath for the Zeebrugge Memorial Service.

The Greenwich outing account has been completed and should read a surplus of £34.00p
- 8) Membership Secretary: it was noted in her absence the membership was as last month 467 members and the last number allocated was 994
- 9) Project: There was no Project report.
- 10) Social Secretary: Commented on the success of the Greenwich Trip and the lunch with our French visitors, which was highly successful. J. Woolford proposed the society show their appreciation and grateful thanks to Mrs. P. Hooper for her patience on the 6th. June for what he thought were difficult

circumstances. This was agreed unanimously. The Chairman read a letter of appreciation from the French for a wonderful day.

The price of the Christmas Feast was discussed due to the increase in meal cost and to allow for a donation to pay for entertainment. A. Sencicle proposed we charge £19 this year. This was agreed.

It was decided to discuss our return visit to France in September at our next meeting in July and the possibility of another planning meeting with the French.

The Palace of Westminster is proving to be very popular and hopes to receive a good response for our return visit to Boulogne.

11) Planning & Local Govt. Mr. J. Woolford gave out copies of the minutes of the 115th meeting of the S/C and read out a letter he had received from Mr. Flisher with reference to the Bldgs. and suggested that it shows "A. S. has proved his point".

There was much discussion about refuse/rubbish and who is responsible. Mrs. A. Reidy proposed we invite someone from the D.D.C. together with someone from the D. T.C. to a committee meeting, so that we can put our questions to them. The Chairman proposed we invited Claire Pitts and Lyn Young. The committee agreed.

12) Press Secretary: Due to the Press Secretary's absence, there was no report.

13) Editor: A. Lee said he would like anything for the Newsletter in as soon as possible.

14) Publications: No Report.

15) Bleriot Memorial: The Chairman said the D.D.C. celebration proposals had been published in the Express and Shepway Council appear to be involved. D.D.C. had not yet informed us.

16) A.O.B: Mrs. A. Reidy told the committee she is unable to be available for the raffle at the October meeting. She also suggested could we change the raffle to a tombola at the Christmas Feast to allow her time to enjoy the evening along with everyone else. Otherwise could we just drop the raffle altogether. It was agreed that we put this to all members at the November discussion evening, also an alternative, that, instead of a raffle we could charge an entrance fee to the meetings.

M. McFarnell said it would be difficult to attract future events in Dover, if the Archery is not supported and successful. The Managing Committee for this event have been very slow in advertising etc. The D.D.C. have printed a colourful brochure with all details, which at the moment can only be obtained via the web site. A five day ticket will cost £20 per person or two people for the price of one. The opening on the 31st. July is free at the Dover Castle, but, you have to apply.

Mr. A. Sencicle said the Dover Transport Museum needs support with a cataloguing its collection. A. Lee suggested that they approach Renaissance S.E. for help. A. Sencicle agreed to advise the Transport Museum.

G. Wanstall wished to report three items which he is interested in and two suggestions:

- a) He would like to form "A Friends of Connaught Park committee" to improve the park.
- b) To try and persuade someone to repair the Dover Town Hall clocks, inside and outside. (costs unknown)
- c) To save London Road YHA
- d) Next year is the 20th. Anniversary of the Dover Society and he suggest we invite members to submit a design for a new Logo. It was decided this would be on the Agenda to discuss at the next committee meeting.
- e) It is the Diamond Wedding in November of this year for the Queen and Prince Phillip and suggests we commemorate this with a new Flag Pole. It was decided this would be on the Agenda for the next committee meeting, bearing in mind the little used 'Norway' flag pole.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2120 hrs.