

.The Dover Society

Minutes of the meeting of the E/C which was held on held on the 10th January 2008 in the parish room of St Paul's Church Dover.

- 1) Present: Mr & Mrs Cope; Mrs Hooper; Mr Lee; Mr Leach (chmn): Mrs Marsh; Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mr Sencicle; Mr Sutton; Mr Wanstall; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.
- 2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Dr Hale & Mrs Reidy
- 3) Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 10th January which had been circulated were approved with some minor amendments.
- 4) Matters arising. Cathedral Choir. DTC said that it needed our guarantee up front to cover some of the costs of printing tickets advertising and other publicity etc. It was agreed that our treasurer' Capt. Western would act as custodian of all takings until the sum of £1000 was reached. The chairman, Mr Leach, to write to DTC, the Chair of the Festival Committee, and Mr Jones of Dover College setting out the commercial terms. In the meantime the tickets may be printed.
Town Hall clock: the Council informed us that they are looking into the possibility of illuminating the clock during the hours of darkness.
- 5) The Chairman: Mr Leach reported that he had received several E-Mails from the 'A 20 Action Group' concerning the impending road repairs After some discussion it was decided that no action was required from the Society. Mr Sencicle agreed to hold a watching brief at their public meetings.
- 6) The Secretary. Mr Naylor drew attention to the forthcoming AGM and asked that anybody who did not wish to stand for re election to the EC to let him know before the agenda was prepared in March.
- 7) The Treasurer. Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial statement and drew attention to the following items:-
 - A) Subs received during the month £16.
 - B) £695 Paid to Adams for printing the Newsletter and £29.44 for postage etc.
 - C) £35.16 paid for postage and stationery
 - D) £35.45 paid to the Auditors and £20 for the Remembrance Day Wreath
 - E) £312.72 received as quarterly interest from the Caf account.
- 8) The Membership Secretary Mrs Cope said that there were four new members this month bringing the total number of members to 461. They are:-Mr Nathan Late , visiting; Mr Peter & Mrs Hart of Danes Court; Mrs Barbara Stapleton
- 9) Projects Mr Cope Said that the work at Cowgate continues although the weather has not

been much of a help. The River Dour is nearing the top of the Reserve List for a grant. Mr Wanstall pointed out that there were possible danger spots along the proposed footpath. Connaught Park' agreement has been reached on a number of points the new oak tree should be obtained by Easter, Railings preferably metal required to protect the tree, arrangements still to be made for planting, A metal plaque with a suitable engraved legend required The inscription to be discussed at the next meeting.

10) Social Secretary Mrs Hooper said that there were changes to dates for the Eltham Palace outing and the June trip. The Christmas Feast had been a success. There had been a suggestion that an earlier start say 6.30 instead of the current 7.30 could be considered. Mr Leach suggested that some thought might be given to the lay out of the tables before next year's event.

11) Planning & Local Govt. Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 121st meeting of the Planning sub-committee held on 8th January. He then expanded on many of the items raised at the various meetings. Capt. Weston reported that a piece of open land on Connaught Road had been fenced off by a house holder. It was agreed that this action should be drawn to the attention of the Council.

12) The Editor. Mr Lee said that more reporters of the talks given at the open meetings were required.

13) Bleriot Memorial Mr Leach said that a meeting was being arranged to discuss the plans for the Centenary in 2009

14 AOB. Capt. Weston reported that the annual returns for the Charity Commissioners had been prepared and were ready to be sent off.

It was announced that there was to be a concert in the Town Hall to celebrate the centenary of Dover Choral Society 1908 on 11 February 2008. The music of the original concert will be performed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2143 Hrs.