## **The Dover Society**

Minutes of the meeting of the E/C which was held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008 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; Mr Sencicle; Mr Sutton; Mr Wanstall; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.
- 2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs Reidy.
- 3) Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008 which had been circulated were agreed..
- 4) Matters Arising: Cathedral Choir. A letter has been sent to the organisers, no reply to date.
- 5) The Chairman: Port Expansion After some discussion it was decided to take no action with regard to a public letter in the local press from Mr R. Haines of the Chamber of Commerce .Mr Leach said that he would send a private letter Mr Haines setting out our view.

The Film Society production. Mr Leach congratulated Mr McFarnell on the standard achieved in F,S, recent festival. It was pointed out that the Town Hall was in need of some TLC a letter to be sent to the DTC. The Western Heights Society are having an open weekend 31st May/1st June their offer of a stand for the Dover Society to be accepted.

- 6) The Treasurer. Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial statement and pointed out that the end of the financial year was in sight and proposed that sum of £ 120 be made to the church for use of the committee room.: Proposed Capt. Weston 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Naylor. Agreed nem con He then drew attention: to the following points:-
- a) Subs received £16
- b) £73 received from advertising.
- c) £9 from the sale of two binders.
- d) £10.75 paid for Stationery and printing.
- e) The accounts for the Christmas Feast now complete show a surplus of £140.26 thanks to the best raffle ever. Thanks to Sheila and her helpers.
- f) January meeting made a loss of £16.26. The net sum from the raffle £83.02
- 7)Membership Secretary Mrs Cope said that there were no new members this month. the total number of members is currently 460.

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8) Projects; Cowgate. Mr Cope reported that the working party had received a gift from London Fancy Box. Co. of two strimmers. It was agreed that two old and unserviceable machines could now be replaced.

River Dour. Mr Cope also reported that the DTC had pledged £10,000 for work on the B&Q area of the river bank.

Connaught Park Mr Wanstall said that there existed a national register of parks and that Connaught was not on it. And the Shelter in the park was not a listed building. Inquiries at the Council said that there were no funds available. Mr Wanstall said that inquiries made at Messrs Jacksons the Fence Merchant resulted in an offer to provide free of charge suitable fencing for the tree. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Society would provide an Oak Tree and a plaque Mr Wanstall to obtain costs

9)Social Secretary. Mrs Hooper. Said that arrangements for the summer outings were now complete and the Costs of the trip to Lille would be £25..

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- 10) Planning and Local Govt. Mr Woolford gave out the minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Planning S/C held on 5<sup>th</sup>. Feb. 2008. Although Mr Woolford expanded on some aspects of the minutes there were no new items not covered in the minutes.
- 11) Press Secretary. Mr Sutton said there had been good coverage in the local press of some of the Society's activities
- 12) Bleriot Memorial. Mr Leach said that there had been a meeting of the organising committee but it had taken place in private. and its minutes would remain private for the time being.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35