

The Dover Society

The minutes of the of the Executive Committee which was held On the 13 March 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 Sutton; Mr Wanstall; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.
- 2) Apologies. Apologies were received from Mrs Reidy and Mr Sencicle.
- 3) Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 14 February which had been circulated were accepted.
- 4) Matters arising. Mr Leach said that he had received a reply to his letter from Mr Hain and after some discussion it was decided to end the correspondence. There followed a discussion concerning the maintenance and use of the Town Hall. Mr Cope suggested that some of the Art pictures which languished unseen in the vaults could be put on display and that an exhibition could be promoted. This led to the state of ticket sales for the Tallis Concert at Dover College it appeared that the total sold could not be arrived accurately as all the sellers had not reported. Mr Cope said that he had nine left. The treasurer said that there was still time for the deadline to be reached when our offer of sponsorship would be withdrawn. Mr Wanstall suggested that all members of the Committee should take a batch of tickets and try to sell them. The suggestion got a cool reception. Town Hall Clock Mr Wanstall said that the estimate for illuminating the clock was £6000. The condition of ARP post near the Station had been reported to the KCC. An invitation from Deal Society inviting six of our members to attend a meeting in Deal Town Hall on 15 April. 7.30 pm. It appears that a plaque on the gable end of a house in Effingham St, was in dire need of repair it was agreed that inquiries be made to contact the owner. As part of the scheme to reduce the use of plastic bags Dover Grammar School for boys are selling Fabric bags, it was agreed to invite some boys to our next meeting. A letter has been received from the Conservative Parliamentary candidate seeking our support to have a Community Hospital in Dover. The Planning S/C/were asked to make recommendations. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that if notice of items for the AGM were to go out to members in the April Newsletter. all proposals including nominations for the E/C should be with the Secretary, in writing by 31st January.
The offer by the Society to help in the clearance of a floral bank in Bushy Ruff has been gratefully received by the Council however they intend to clear the patch up in the Autumn and will inform us when we are required.
- 5)The Chairman. Mr Leach said that he had included his monthly report with the 'matters arising'.
- 6)The Treasurer. Capt. Weston gave out copies of the monthly financial Report and drew

attention to the following points.

A. Subs for 08/09 £6.

B £120 paid to St Paul's annual donation.#

C £67.92 from project fund for service to a Cowgate strimmer.

D Wine & Wisdom profit £164.44. £80 paid to Clive Taylor Quiz Master.

7) Membership Secretary: Mrs Cope said that there were four new members this month they are:- Mr Tony Roche of Worcester Park Surrey; Mr Colin & Mrs Shirley Smith; Mrs Georgette Rapley of St Margaret's. The total number of members is now 464.

8)Projects: Mr Cope said that there was a meeting of the Dour committee on 2 April. The TCM. had closed and a surplus of £ 6000 was available. Mr Wanstall proposed that a letter to the DTC asking that a unit be formed to fill the gap left by the TCM Connaught Park. Mr Cope produced some designs of suitable plaques. Mr Wanstall said that he had been told by the Council that Jacksons would not be allowed a permanent notice on the site. Further inquiries to be made. It was also suggested that signs to the park should be placed in the Town centre

9)Social Secretary. Congratulations were made by the Committee to Mrs Hooper on the success of the Wine & Wisdom Evening.

10) Planning & Local Govt. Mr Woolford distributed the minutes of the 123rd meeting of the Sub-Committee. He gave a resume of some of the items reported. There was a discussion on the question of 'Operation Stack' and the possibility of the use of the Hard ? Shoulder for normal traffic. Inquiries to be made as to whether the sub structure would stand up to heavy trucks.

11) Publications. Mr Leach said that the book on the Western Heights is still selling well.

12) Bleriot Memorial. Mr Leach said that there had been a meeting of the organising committee but its results were kept under wraps for the time being.

13) A.O.B.Capt. Weston said that the Society had been offered the books of the late Mr Taylor- Allan . Further inquiries to be made. Mr Cope said that he has to reply to a questionnaire on cycle paths. He would like the Society to provide some assistance. It appears that some of the lamps on the sea front are showing signs of wear (Rusting) DHB to be informed. Mr Wanstall said that he had made a claim ,as a private individual for a flag pole in Connaught Park and had been awarded £500 by the DTC. It was proposed by Mr McFarnell and 2dn y Mrs Hooper that a grant of £100 be to Mr Wanstall this was lost by 5votes 'Against to 4 votes .For.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45.