

The Dover Society.

Minutes of the 202nd meeting of the Executive Committee of the Dover Society held on 9th October 2008.

Present: Chairman Derek Leach, vice chairman Jeremy Cope, treasurer Captain Michael Weston, Sheila Cope, Jean Marsh, Georgette Rapley, Dr Hale, Mr Alan Lee, Jack Woolford, Mike McFarnell, and Terry Sutton who took the minutes.

Apologies: Alan Sencicle, Mrs Pat Sherratt, and the secretary Bill Naylor.

Minutes: These were correct save for a few minor amendments. One reference regarding Dover Harbour Board (item 10) should have read: The executive agreed to take no action at the moment on Dover Harbour Board's plans for the outsourcing of some staff. Reference in item 10, relating to missing trees, should have read that a letter had been sent to Dover District Council (DDC) and not the town council.

Matters arising: The chairman reported that the mayor of Dover had accepted an invitation to the AGM. The chairman reported on a reply from DDC relating to the perceived lack of litter signs in the town.

Chairman: The chairman reported an informal approach from Mike Webb about the possible publication of a book relating to Dover War Memorial Project. It was agreed, in principle, that the Dover Society would help, depending on discussions between the chairman and Mr Webb. The chairman also reported on the "Worthington weekend" when he assisted members of that family during their research in Dover.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Captain Weston submitted a monthly financial report the main details of which were: subs received £12 plus £10 for the year 2009/10 and a donation of £20; an anonymous £250 donation to the projects fund (previously reported); £45 revenue from newsletter advertising; postage costs; £50 paid relating to the website, £18 paid to the Royal British Legion for a Remembrance Day wreath; the Chapel Down Winery outing made a loss of £16 and the CaF quarterly account provided interest of £300.48p.

Membership: Mrs Sheila Cope reported one new member (Mrs Jean Cooper of Dolphin House) making membership strength 443. Last allocated number: 1024.

Projects: Jeremy Cope detailed progress on the River Dour clear-up focusing on the "B&Q" riverside site where Dover Town Council was proposing to provide two stainless steel vandal proof seats. A further idea was to invite local schools to design a sculpture for the site. The Dover Society agreed to provide aspects of history of the area for an information panel.

Social secretary: No report but Mr Woolford reported on a rejig of planned talks. For some reason there would be no talk about the Lord Warden Hotel so the next meeting would be talks about the Coastguard service and Fort Burgoyne.

Planning: Jack Woolford submitted a detailed report on various aspects of planning and Dover Town Council committee meetings. During discussions it was said demolition work had begun on the bus depot (part of the DTIZ project). Jeremy Cope agreed to give a talk to the Community Association. Mr Woolford was asked to write to DDC planners objecting to the design of the proposed English Heritage ticket admission office at Dover Castle. There was discussion about the

desirability of having the main bus terminus at the Priory Station to assist interchange and the planning committee was asked to consider the benefits after receiving any views from executive members.

Media secretary: Nothing to report.

Editor: Alan Lee reminded members of the newsletter deadline.

Publications: Nothing to report.

Bleriot: The chairman read the latest statement from DDC relating to the Bleriot anniversary celebrations next July. Terry Sutton volunteered to write something for the newsletter.

AOB: There were complaints about the tired looking information boards-DDC to be asked to renew them.

Jeremy Cope raised concerns about fire prevention at the former Youth Hostel Association hostel in London Road (this following a fire in neighbouring premises). Terry Sutton agreed to lay the Society's wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Georgette agreed to run the raffle at the next public meeting and she appealed for raffle prizes for the annual dinner. The Welcome to Dover sign in Folkestone Road needs attention-DDC to be asked to action.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

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