

The Dover Society

The minutes of the meeting of the E/C which took place on the 8th January 2009 in the Parish room of St Paul's Church Dover.

- 1) Present:- Mr & Mrs Cope; Dr Hale; Mrs Hooper-Sherratt; Mr Lee; Mr Leach, (Chmn); Mrs Marsh; Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mrs Rapley; Mr Sencicle; Mr Sutton Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.
- 2) Apologies:- There were no apologies.
- 3) Minutes:-The minutes of the meeting held on 4th December which had been circulated were amended to include an item covering the annual accounts which were proposed as correct by Mr Sencicle and seconded by Mr Cope.
- 4) Matters arising. Mr Leach said that letters had been sent to the appropriate councils covering the historic panels and the Bleriot memorial. Mrs Hooper-Sherrett said that a presentation had been made to 'Murial' the tea lady with thanks for her long service at the public meetings.
- 5) The Chairman. Mr Leach said that he had received notification that the Western Heights Society weekend would be held on 30/31 May.. After some discussion it was decided that the Society would not take part this year.
- 6) The Secretary. Mr Naylor pointed out that the date of our meeting in April would fall on Maundy Thursday it was decided to meet on the first Thursday (2nd April) and not the usual second.
- 7) The Treasurer. Capt. Weston distributed the monthly financial statement and drew attention to the following points:-
 - I) £695 paid top Adams the Printers for the production of the December Newsletter plus £25.23 postage for 'out of town members'.
 - ii) Auditors remuneration £26.02.
 - iii) Christmas Feast finalised producing a surplus of £86.68 .Thanks to Mrs Rapley for a raffle profit of £188.24.
 - Iv) Current paid up members for the Wine & Wisdom evening 10.
 - V) Quarterly Interest from the CaF account £246.56Capt. Weston finished his report by pointing out that the Annual Report to the Charity Commission had been circulated to the E/C and had been approved.
- 8) Membership Secretary Mrs Cope Reported that there was one new member this month which brought the total membership to 447. The new member is Miss P. Carr of Windsor House Dover.
- 9) Projects. Mr Cope reported that work in Cowgate had restarted after the inclement weather. He went on to say that he had attended the general council of the DTC which had discussed to development of the town Dover Heritage group
The minutes are to follow but the object of the meeting was how to make the most of Dover's assets.
- 10) Social Secretary Mrs Hooper-Sherratt said that due to family illness she would welcome some assistance with her duties. Mrs Rapley volunteered. It was suggested that Down House home of the late Charles Robert Darwin (1809 --82) would be a suitable venue for one of

*George Cope
Chairman*

our Outings. After some discussion it was agreed that we try for June 2009

11) Planning & Local Govt. Mr Woolford gave out the minutes of the 132nd of the planning sub- committee. He said that he had a letter from the DDC referring to the trees in the Precinct they had agreed to replace the existing damaged trees but because of the frequent vandalism .it was an exercise that would not be repeated .in future. Mr Sencicle said that council trees in Folkestone were secured in their containers by four guy ropes and seemed to have escaped vandals. It was agreed this the observation should be passed to the Council together with photographs.

A discussion then followed on renewable energy and the current inspector's inquiry concerning a wind farm at Langdon.

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said

It was agreed that Mr Sencicle should represent the Society and speak on our behalf at the inquiry.

Mr Woolford said that he had received a letter from Mr Dawson in reply to his inquiry about the 'Snoops' building in Castle St' which indicated that quiet talks are taking place along the lines suggested.

12) Bleriot Memorial. Mr Leach said that there had been no further rumours.

13) AOB Mr Cope said that Cowgate Rd had been adopted by the Council

There being no Further Business the meeting closed at 20.55hrs.

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