

# The Dover Society

## The minutes of the E/C meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

- 1) Present:- Mr & Mrs Cope; Mrs Hooper; Mr Lee; Mr Leach (Chmn); Mr McFarnell ; Mr Naylor; Mrs Rapley; Capt. Weston; Mr Woolford.
- 2) Apologies:- Apologies were received from Dr Hale; Mrs Marsh; Mr Sencicle; Mr Sutton.
- 3) Minutes:- The Minutes of the meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2009 which had been circulated were agreed as correct with an amendment to item 9 of the minutes of the last meeting which should read that the meeting attended by Mr Cope on the future of Dover was the GEORGE CROSS Society and not the General Committee of the DTC.
- 4) Matters Arising. The DTC have agreed to consider the refurbishment of the historic panels which are placed round the Town.  
The date of the April meeting has been re-booked for Thursday 2nd of April as agreed at the last meeting.
- 5) The Chairman:- Mr Leach said that he had visited the Dover BGS and spoken to the Head Teacher about the possibility of having the school listed. She had suggested that no action should be taken on those lines at present as it could involve the School in extra expense. After some discussion it was agreed leave the matter in abeyance for the time being.  
A letter had been received from Mr Wanstall pointing out that the gate behind the telephone exchange had been locked from time to time thus denying public access. After discussing the matter it appears that the path is owned by B.T. and it is closed occasionally to protect their rights of ownership. Mr Wanstall to be informed.  
Mr Leach continued by saying that a letter from the DTC said that they were thinking of redesigning the Memorial Gardens and suggested talks Agreed *Suggestion agreed.*  
A proposal has been made for a large screen be erected in the Market Square Dover primary to provide the public with television access to Olympic events. Details of the system was limited to word of mouth as the majority of the Committee had not seen any written proposals. After a long and somewhat disjointed discussion it was agreed that more details should be obtained and a letter sent to the DTC with this in mind.  
Contact has been made by Mr D Williams of the DDC asking questions about the plaque placed on the Bank wall in Castle St. It appears that maintenance is to be carried out on the Council offices which will involve the removal and replacement of the plaque. The main point of his inquiry was could the Contractors carry out the work or did the Society wish to do it. It was agreed to hand the job to the Contractors. Mr Williams to be informed
- 6) The Treasurer Capt. Weston gave out the monthly Financial Statement and drew attention to the following points:-
  - I) £12 received in subs. for 09/10
  - ii) Revenue from advertising £92
  - iii) £26.70 paid out for postage etc
  - iv) £54.65 paid for maintenance to Strimmers at Cowgate. £60 donation from the Fancy Box Co towards costs at Cowgate.
  - v) £34.63 paid out for gift to Muriel Goulding for past services.
  - vi) Currently there are sixty-six members paid in for the Wine & Wisdom Night but more are expected

It was agreed that a donation of £130 be paid to the Church for the annual use of the Committee Room. The Treasurer asked that claims for any outstanding expenses should be submitted as soon as possible.
- 7) Membership Secretary. Mrs Cope said that there was two new members this month. They are Dr Norman & Mrs Neria Woolhouse of Maison Dieu Rd. This brings the total membership up to 449.
- 8) Projects: Mr Cope said that the long grass had now been cut at Cowgate and they were most grateful for

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the donation from the Fancy Box Company.

The River Dour. The Historic Panel at Charlton Green is in need of attention

The next meeting of the DTC co-ordinating committee is on the 8<sup>th</sup> April where among subjects for discussion will be the 'Cope Strategy' for which further information is required and the promotion of the town.

9) Social Secretary: Mrs Hooper -Sherratt said that to date the number of members for the Wine & Wisdom stood at 84 but it was possible that numbers might rise before the event. There was a discussion on the possible dates for the summer outings. It was thought that September 09 might be suitable for a visit to Down House

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10) Planning & Local Govt. Mr Woolford gave out the minutes of the 132nd meeting of the Planning committee which took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb He pointed out that though a letter had been sent to the DTC about the Trees in Folkestone no reply had been received. It was decided that a reminder should be sent. The question of the 'Screen' was raised again and it was decided that Mr Cope would draft a suitable reply and Mr Woolford would incorporate it in the Society's comments for transmission to the appropriate committee  
An invitation from the Deal Society had been received and it was agreed that it should be accepted

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11) The Editor Mr Lee said that arrangements need to be made for the Editor's Report ? ACM

12) Bleriot. It appears that although plans for the event seem to be going ahead no mention has yet been made about car parking Mr Leach to make inquiries.

13) AOB. Mrs Rapley said that she had become involved in the arrangements for the 2009 Christmas Feast and that she had spoken to the staff at the College and found that it would be possible to have a hot meal if it was wanted at an increased price of course. The question of entertainment was also raised inquiries are being made.

Mr McFarnell said that there was an item in the records of the Film Society of two men sailing down the Dour in a canoe Did we think it might be repeated (with different performers) this coming summer. There were no objections.

He then said that a member of the hoteliers Association had pointed out that there should be a reserve operator of the Web Site in case of possible difficulties, and that the Hoteliers were willing to provide one there were no objections. Finally he asked would we agree to the History of Dover taken from the Dover Express covering the past 200 years appearing on the web site once again there were no objections. There followed a discussion about the Web Site.

There being on further business the meeting closed at 21.43hrs