

The Dover Society

Minutes of the meeting of the E/C which was held on 11th June 2009 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Church Dover.

- 1) Present: Mr s Cope; Dr Hale; Mr Lee; Mr Leach; (Chmn): Mr McFarnell; Mrs Morris; Mr Naylor; Mrs Rapley; Mr Sencicle; Mr Sutton; Mr Woolford.
- 2) Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr Cope; Mr & Mrs Hooper - Sherratt; Capt. Weston.
- 3) Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2009 which had been circulated were agreed.
- 4) Matters arising: Confirmation from the Council that all benches on the Sea Front will be re-furbished during the course of the Summer. The wall at St James may look tatty but is not considered to be unsafe. Mr Wanstall to be informed.
- 5) The Chairman. Mr Leach said that he had been told that the Council intended to invite three members of the committee and their partners to the Bleriot celebrations. He then suggested that if committee agreed he would seek to have the invitations amended to have six committee members and no partners. This was agreed. Council to be informed with the names of those members concerned. There was to be a presentation at Buckland Mill on 23/24 May setting out future plans for development. A letter has been received from KfAS suggesting a meeting to discuss what to do about the collapse of the Civic Trust. A discussion followed with a suggestion that we should donate £100 to a new organisation. A proposal of £50 was made by Mr Sutton and Seconded by Mrs Cope was carried. A letter from Mr Wanstall objecting to alterations to the Prince of Wales Pier being part of DHB's development plan and asking for new steps to the beach. Noted.
- 6) The Treasurer. In the absence of Capt. Weston Mr Leach distributed the monthly Financial Report and read out the Treasurer's note on some of the items-
 - 1) Subs paid this month £92.00 . A £6 refund was made to a member who had paid twice.
 - 2) £50 paid to the Friends of Dover War Memorial.
 - 3) £169 received from Advertising. £4 received from the sale of two badges
 - 4) £30 paid for wreath laid at the Zeebrugge Memorial 6)£12 dividend from our 25 shares
- 7) Membership Secretary: Mrs Cope said that there two new members this month: They are Mr John & Mrs Janet Bullen of the Gateway. .She went on to say that Mr Colin Smith had sent a letter of resignation. The total number of members is currently 442.
- 8) Projects; Mr Cope sent a note to say all was well at Cowgate and that a request had been made for a 'Dog Dropping Box'. The River Dour is being cleaned up and some of the plants are being removed.
- 9) Social Secretary: Mrs Rapley said that she had been in contact with Dover College ref; the Christmas Feast and had obtained prices for both Hot and Cold meals the hot meals would cost £24 all in, and the cold £22. Members to be asked which they would prefer.
- 10) Bleriot: Mr Leach said that he had been told that the site would not be completed in time for the celebration. And that he had heard a rumour that tickets would cost £250 for the weekend

At this point Mr Leach Dr Hale and Mrs Rapley left the meeting.

- 11) Planning and Local Govt. Mr Woolford Gave a report of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on 2nd June. And pointed out that a suggestion was made that as it was not possible for the Society's offer of a donation to be incorporated into the finances for the Bleriot Celebrations we might agree to pay£300 for one Historic Panel to be put up in he Town. To be raised at our next meeting.
- 12) A.O.B. Mr Mc Farnell raised the question of a subscription to be paid to the Chamber of Commerce. no decision but a cold reception. The meeting Closed at 2125