

The Dover Society

Minutes of the E/C meeting held on the 15 April 2011 in the Parish Room of St Paul's Dover.

Present:- Mr & Mrs Cope Dr Hale; Mr & Mrs Hooper - Sherratt; Mr Lee; Mr Leach (Chmn) Mrs Marsh; Mr McFarnell; Mr Naylor; Mr Sencicle; Mr Sutton; Capt. Weston;

1) Apologies: Mrs Morris; Mrs Rapley; Mr Woolford.

2) Matters Arising From The last Meeting:

Display Stand: It was agreed that we use the one available From Barbara Stapleton
The raffle. Agreed that the prizes will be cash vouchers at next winter's meetings.
£85 has been paid to Crabble Corn Mill from the "takings" at the W & W meeting.
Incorporation of Society - agreed that we maintain the status quo subject to
discussion with audit team..
Lidice plaque – to contact DTC after elections.

3 Chairman's Report.

The Dover Society referendum on future of the port - Mr Leach proposed that a letter be sent to the minister advising the result and copied to the CEO of the Harbour Board and the DPPT. A draft letter was agreed. Agreed that all postal charges! Incurred should be borne by the Society.

The Chairman and Terry Sutton had been invited by the CEO of the DHB to discuss on 7 June the future of the artefacts held by the DHB.

Agreed that that the question of leasing the ARP warden's post be deferred until after the local elections when we would approach DTC re being the leaseholder.

.Mr Leach said that he had been told by KFAS of a lecture in Canterbury to be called 'The Woolford Lecture'. Invitations available to all members

The Chairman attended the launch of the Dover Pride Cultural Framework Survey of Dover.

4) The Treasurer. Capt Weston gave out copies of the monthly financial Statement and drew attention to the following:

Subs received during the last month of the financial year amounted to £1,112.

£250 paid to Bluefin Insurance Services , for our annual insurance cover.

£85 donation to Crabble Corn Mill Trust.

£99.00 paid from the publication fund for leaflets for the Town hall.

£16.50 received from the sale of four Newsletter binders plus £.3.00 donation. Profit from the Wine & Wisdom evening came to £178.02 and from the March meeting £9.69 The interest our Caf account came to a miserable £12.88.

Mrs Cope raised the question of the current increase in Postal Charges and pointed out that consideration must be given to raising the annual subscription. Capt. Weston proposed that, after some consideration, a decision on changes to The Annual Sub should be delayed until the January 2012 meeting Agreed.

5) Membership Secretary. Mrs Cope reported that there were 12 new members this month. They are Mr P.M. Cairns of Cherry Tree Ave; Mr Terry Porter of St Margaret's; Mrs J M Bishop of Elham; Mr Paul & Mrs Pauline Beresford of Crabble Ave; Mr Colin & Mrs Susan Taylor-Whale of .Heritage Gdns; Mr Simon & Mrs Claire Crowley Re-Instated; Mrs Judith Bayley Re-In-Instated; Mr Keith Langsford of Folkestone Rd; Mrs Janet Cox of Hirst close; Mr John Lambert of Taswell St; Mr John & Mrs Denise Wiggell of Brookfield Place.

With 12 new members plus three re-Instated the total number of members is now 446. Mrs Cope went on to suggest that the issue of new membership cards not needed Agreed. And asked about who had the duty of cleaning the numerous plaques in the town. A letter to be sent to the DDC.

6) Projects Mr Cope said that the working tools of the Western Heights group had been stolen he suggested could borrow the Society's Agreed subject to no liability. He went on to report that Cowgate was satisfactory .The River Dour was the subject of further talks on improvements and working parties were ready to start. Mr Leach reported that the first Town Hall tours were poorly supported despite good publicity. Alan Lee offered to contact schools with free admission.

7) S/C for the Refurbishment of Dover.

The pond in Connaught Park was in need of repairs DDC to be informed.

The North side of the castle; The White Cliffs tourist assoc. Had plans to improve the whole site and that grants may be available but would require 'Match Funding'. The footpath rights of way would be discussed with Kent Highways. Castleton car park – to take up with John Goodwin/DDC/NETTO. Castle

Rise path - photos taken of continued use. Approval was given for payment of Land Registry search fees when necessary. Lindeman plaque – DDC to be approached about maintenance and need for interpretation panel. Deputy Constable to be approached re possible 150th anniversary celebration of Rifles Monument. Seafront toilets – to be taken up with DDC after elections.

8) Social Secretary Mrs Hooper- Sherratt said that inquiries had been made at both St Mary's' and Dover College concerning prices and buffets. After discussion it was agreed to pursue Dover College 17 December. Bookings for the Summer outings are coming in but it is still early days.

9) Planning; Mr Sherratt - Hooper went through the minutes of the last S/c meeting which had been circulated explaining the decisions made

10) **Press Secretary** Mr Sutton said that there had been reports on Society activities have appeared in the local press from time to time.

11) **Publications:** Capt Weston that £560 had been received from the sale of the book 'Dover's Hidden Fortress' together with a request for a further re-print. It was agreed that a further 500 copies should be ordered.

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12 AOB Mr Leach drew attention to the arrangements for the Zeebrugge Day commemorations which take place as usual on 23 April.

Date of the next meeting is Thursday 12 May.

There being no further business the meeting closed 21.45