

## **The Dover Society**

Minutes of the Executive Committee, held on Thursday 14 June 2012  
at Saint Paul's Parish room, Dover

### **Present**

Derek Leach (Chairman), Jeremy Cope (Vice Chairman), Sheila Cope, Diane French, Patricia Hooper-Sherratt, Susan Jones, Alan Lee, Bill Naylor (Secretary) Alan Sencicle, Pat Sherratt, Mike Weston (Treasurer) and Terry Sutton.

### **1. Apologies**

Jean Marsh and Mike MacFarnell.

The Chairman, on behalf of the committee, thanked Mike MacFarnell for his part in making the Dover Tattoo 2012 such a success.

### **2. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May were approved with one amendment, regarding the Western Heights community to be recognised as a village. The Chairman had agreed to suggest an interpretation board rather than a village sign (this had been done).

### **3. Matters Arising**

The Chairman requested the numbers accepting the invitation to Brigadier Maurice and Wendi Atherton's "At Home" on Sunday 24 June 2012 at noon. From the show of hands 16 will be attending.

A draft Society plaque in memory of Dr. Koettlitz was shown to the committee. The cost is £326 including VAT. Formal agreement of the owner of the building is still required and it is hoped they will put it up for free.

The draft amendment to the constitution has been delayed.

### **4. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman circulated a timetable on how the committee should deal with the outline planning application of China Gateway Investments for the development of Western Heights and Farthingloe. This was considered by the committee and agreed to a small working party of three, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Planning committee to consider the application, obtain views of members and draft recommendations. A special executive meeting will be held on Thursday 28 June to consider working party recommendations.

The draft content for our publicity banner has been delayed.

Member Mrs S Parsons has asked DDC if something can be done to improve DHB's Cambridge Terrace which is very neglected. Agreed that Jeremy should send a letter of support to Clive Alexander.

### **5. Secretary's report**

Nothing to report.

### **6. Treasurer's report**

Subscriptions received during the last month for this financial year 2012/13 amounted to £440 and £12 in advance for the next financial year. A donation of £9 was received.

Affiliation fee of £40 has been paid to The White Cliffs Country Tourism Association as our annual subscription.

The Town Hall fund received £31.90 from money received from Town Hall tours.

Advertising revenue received from advertisers in our Newsletter amounted to £118.00 last month. Received £32 from the sale of Society's badges thanks to a brilliant sales drive selling these badges by Alan Lee's daughter at our AGM. £9 was also brought in by the sale of two Newsletter Binders

Under miscellaneous £25 was paid out for a wreath for the Zeebrugge Memorial Service on St. Georges Day in April.

Our projects fund benefited from a generous donation from a visitor from Canada who visited Cowgate to find a grave of an ancestor. He was so impressed by the maintenance of Cowgate that he donated £100 to the projects fund.

Under awards and presentations a further £10 was collected for Jack Woolford's future presentation.

The Sissinghurst accounts are completed and show a surplus of £145. Note 3 at the bottom of the financial statement will explain this figure.

The bookings for the outing to Goldsmiths' Hall are also going well.

## **7. Membership Secretary's Report**

We have one new member this month. He is Keith Gawn of Park Avenue. This brings the actual number of members to 468 and the last located number is 1132.

## **8. Project**

**River Dour** – Nothing to report. There is no further information on the sewer leak.

**Cowgate** - It has been too wet to do any work but hope to be there on Saturday. Charlie Elphick MP would like to join working party at the end of June.

**WACTA** – a survey is to be done.

**Portas Group** – give support where possible.

**Zero Tolerance** – new DDC policy welcomed

**Connaught Park** – DDC has found money to repair the pond.

**Walk No. 1** – Colin Finch of KCC has put in a bid of £30K. The application is to be considered. The funding will not be advanced until money is paid up front to contractors. DCC might act as banker, waiting to hear.

**Town Hall** – DDC have not made any progress in appointing a consultant (Olympic Torch the priority).

**Guided Tours** – An experiment is to start to capture the cruise ship passengers. The greeters at the cruise ship will give out notices about the guided tours on offer on port of call days in addition to usual Wednesdays..

## **9. Social Secretary's Report**

Speakers have been booked up to February 2013.

The Christmas lunch will be at the Marina Hotel on Saturday 8 December 2012 at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm. It is three-course menu with a choice for each course. Members will be asked to state their choices on the booking form. The entertainers have requested that a fee of £150 be sent to their charity of choice. The Mayor will be invited as our guest. The cost is £22.50 each.

## **10. Planning and Local Government**

Minutes circulated. Sec 215 warning letters have been sent to 60 properties but only 15 are priorities at the moment.

109 Maison Dieu Road - objected information was incorrect.

Pencester Pizza Dominoes – concerns about possibility of scooters parked on pavements

## **11. Press Secretary's Report**

Nothing to report.

## **12. Editor's report**

July's newsletter completed.

## **13. Any Other Business**

There is an Art Exhibition in St Mary's Church and is well worth a visit.

An offer has been made by the Tattoo committee. They will not distribute surplus programmes. If the Society sell them for £5, £1 for each copy sold will go to the Society.

DDC Draft Heritage Strategy is out for consultation.

Noted that the Portas bid for Dover failed but local team will continue to seek improvements.  
Full meeting on 28 June 2012 to clarify CGI planning.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 28 June 2012 special Executive to consider CGI working party recommendations.  
Thursday 12 July 2012, at 7.30 pm at St Paul's Parish Room.