

The Dover Society
Minutes of the Executive Committee, held on Thursday 9 July 2015
at St Mary's Parish Centre, Dover

Present: Derek Leach (Chairman), John Cotton, Beverley Hall, Mike McFarnell, Jean Marsh, Alan Sencicle, Terry Sutton, Mike Weston.

1. Apologies Jeremy Cope, Sheila Cope, Glyn Hale, Patricia Hooper-Sherratt, Alan Lee, Merril Lilley, Patrick Sherratt.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Amendment to the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June, Para 16, AL should read AS.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Chairman's Report

Heritage Trail, the formal application has been sent to HLF. We have secured the £2K per year for maintenance for the first five years as required by the HLF from DDC and DTC for the trail, website etc. DHB declined to take on the **personnel** responsibility for **the part time** Community **Engagement** Officer but **agreed to** donate £5K towards the cost. DDC Personnel Management will look after the Community Officer role; also provide a graphic designer and **an** engineer to supervise the placement of the pavement markers. The **HLF** decision is expected within 8 weeks.

Town Centre Development meeting: Highway England and KCC are positively suggesting improvements to transport links. DDC Paul Watkins asking what we want in the town. **Three subgroups being set up** - Transport, Conservation and Public Realm. We are interested in all three groups, suggest JC for the Public realm, PS Conservation and Transport but AS is also interested in the Transport group **if we are allowed more than one rep**. We are waiting for the terms of reference. The existing transport strategy model of 2008 needs updating and **BH urged** big options rather than a lot of little ones, which will give a better impact.

New Parking Strategy meeting on the 22 July and BH will be attending.

DDC is seeking more capital money from the government **and needs** to set up a Coastal Community Team. A draft **application** has been prepared. **Aims would be very similar to those of the Port and Community Forum and the Town Centre Development meetings. We have been asked to support this initiative (and TS later offered to represent The Society).** A letter received from KCC was read out about KCC's decision to go with the **proposed** Trust Model **for** the Libraries and the Archives services.

Port of Dover, as part of the Western Docks development, is hoping **to use** sands **from** the Goodwins **and exploratory surveys will be undertaken** in July and August.

5. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report

The financial report for this month was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The monies received in June are:

- £142.00 for subscriptions for this financial year
- £8.70 was received against the £40.00 spent purchasing retirement gift for Maurice Atherton on his retirement as our President, which brings the donation up to £40.00 spent for this tree.
- £20.00 from the sale of Town Hall Books put into the publication fund.

We paid out

- £95.99 for printing this year's Heritage Open Day leaflets, taken out of the publication fund.
- £20.00 to St Mary's PCC for the hire of room for committee meetings. All agreed to continue with this location.

The Town Hall fund received £209.25 last month, £150 from Town Hall tours and £59.25 from the dividend on the Reckitt Bensckiser shares, held in this fund.

The outing to Eastbourne will be in profit.

We are still holding £0.52 on behalf of Dover Big Local funds.

Nothing was paid out from the River Dour Partnership. We are holding £148.69 in their account held by us.

The quarterly Caf account amounted to £18.08.

Membership Secretary's Report

There are no new members this month. Last allocated number 1235, total members are 490.

8. Projects

No meeting was held this month.

9. Refurbishment

No meeting was held this month

10. Town Hall Refurbishment/Guided Tours

The Heritage Open Day leaflets have been published and a copy given to each member of the committee. The open days in the Town Hall will be from Thursday 10th to **Saturday 12th** September because of the Magna Carta Exhibition. The Guides have agreed to give free tours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The following week the Exhibition is open but only the normal tour on the Wednesday. **We are also providing some custodians for the Exhibition.**

11. Social Secretary's Report

Christmas Feast, confirmed booking with Town Hall and with entertainers.

No bookings yet for the Oxford trip on 5th September.

12. Planning

PS **had** circulated the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July prior to the meeting. MW went through each item. New **(ugly)** streetlights are being put up in the High Street, which is in a conservation area. Has there been any consultation or planning **consent** given?

Action: Refurbishment to look into this.

13. Press Secretary's Report

Received information from Planning Committee Chairman about the **exclusion of the public from Prince of Wales** Pier and it was published in Dover Express. Tim Waggot is upset that he had not seen it before it was published. It was assumed that as the information had been given to him it was in the public domain. In future information to be marked if not for publication

14. Editor's Report

Nothing to report.

15. Publications

Newsletter should be out by the end of the month.

16. Any other business

DL – at Town Hall Development meeting DDC was congratulated on the new car park in Bench Street **and its high quality which PS had lobbied for.**

TS – Sea Sunday Service to be held this Sunday, 12th July at Cruise Terminal at 3 pm.

The tunnels at Fan Bay will be opened this Sunday, 12th July.

TS Next Plaque – are we going to consider one, we try and do one each year?

Action: September's meeting to review list.

AS - in email about advanced fares he forgot to mention that on Saturdays and Sundays there is no restriction on time to travel so these fares can be used at any time on these days.

McF – We now have one website and paid Chris Tutthill £50. We will have the **domain** name for 5 years. We are looking at tweaking the website to activate Facebook and Twitter to put in the latest news on what is going on. Agreed to explore the costs.

AS and TS were concerned that the new format for the DHB Annual Consultative Meeting did not provide for the public to put questions to the Board and had the impression that the Port and Community Forum was seen by DHB as the opportunity for the public to raise issues.
Action: DL would clarify with DHB.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 10 September**, at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Parish Centre.