

The Dover Society
Minutes of the Executive Committee, held on Thursday 3 December 2015
at St Mary's Parish Centre, Dover

Present: Derek Leach (Chairman), Jeremy Cope, Sheila Cope, Glyn Hale, Beverley Hall, Patricia Hooper-Sherratt, Alan Lee, Mike McFarnell, Alan Sencicle, Patrick Sherratt, Terry Sutton, Mike Weston.

1. Apologies: Jean Marsh

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2015 was accepted as correct.

3. Matters Arising

The Old St James Tidy Ruin, PS informed the committee that he met with the newly appointed the Conservation Officer. She was informed about the state of this site and stated she would be looking into it. Two other issues raised, Section 215, we would like to do more properties and DDC. **Re** appraisal reports on Conservation Areas. There are 8 in Dover and the Society could take the lead in the delivery of appraisals with the Conservation Officer and Assistant. Also to look at the Local Listing, one step below EH **listing**.

We need extra outlets for "Dover's Hidden Fortress" publications.

Action: MW to contact Paul Wells, TS to contact NT, and DL to speak to Museum.

4. Chairman's Report.

The Bluebird Heritage Trail has HLF approval **to start at last**. Nothing heard from Highways England. **Need** to take both **Kent and HE** around the sites. **Agreement** on the design of the pavement markers, and **a draft design of** the guide booklet **produced**. The launch is on 17 December at the Port and Community Forum meeting at Cruise Terminal 1. The recruitment of the PT Engagement Officer is not progressing and now looking at a fee based rather than an employed position.

5. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

6. Treasurer's Report

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

The monies received in November are:

- ☐ £20.00 for subscriptions for this financial year

We paid out

- ☐ £14.40 for repairs to our lapel microphone

The publication fund was credited £8.00 from the sale of Town Hall booklets.

The Town Hall fund received £42.00 from Town Hall Tours.

The November meeting made a loss of £25.14.

Nothing was paid out from the River Dour Partnership and £148.69 is still held in their account with us.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

There are six new members this month. They are:

Mr Chris and Mrs Helen Brown, Marlborough Road, Dover

Mr Graham and Mrs Davina Hutchinson, Friars Way

Mr Robert and Mrs Sue Bradford, Sue is member of WCC.

Last allocated number 1248, total members are 475.

8. Projects

- ☐ **Dover Town Centre Group and Coastal Community.**

- i. Dover Town Centre meeting on 8 December. No outline strategy yet seen.

- ii. Coastal Communities meeting on 8 December, focusing on tourism and heritage assets. DBL and CLLD funding bid with DBL pledging £8500.
- ☐ **DBL update**
 - i. Hub hopefully opened in December
 - ii. Tourism appointment should be agreed at December's meeting.
 - iii. Backing CLLD bid
- ☐ **Cowgate**
 - i. In advance with mowing.
 - ii. The trimmers are being serviced.
 - iii. Should we offer trimmer to Western Heights Preservation Society after the theft of their equipment? **Action:** DL to offer help.
- ☐ **River Dour**
 - i. We are meeting on 4 December.
 - ii. Put forward idea of large scale works on River Dour to Coastal Communities. To take forward at meeting subject to agreement with Coastal Communities.
 - iii. Funding bid being made to DTC, Up on the Downs and DBL for funding to repair Morrison fish pass, estimated cost £3000.
 - iv. Funding also sought for volunteer's equipment.
- ☐ **Pathways.** Nothing further to report.
- ☐ **Plaques**
 - i. To progress
 - ii. Have yet to write to Tim Waggot about Jarrett monument on the Prince of Wales pier.

9. Refurbishment

- ☐ No meeting to be held in December, next meeting on 16 January.
- ☐ Hope to arrange for speaker from DDC to attend February's meeting about litter.

10. Town Hall Refurbishment/Guided Tours

There is nothing further to report on the future of the Town Hall.

Guided Tours end of season meeting **held**. John Iveson gave a tour of the parts of Town Hall that are not normally seen.

11. Social Secretary's Report

There have been 69 confirmed bookings for the Christmas Feast, with a further 2 provisional bookings and maybe another 4. The Mayor and his wife will be attending. The feedback will be a card on each table with two questions to answer. A questionnaire to be inserted in the next Newsletter for feedback on the Christmas Feast. This will help us for next year. We have 17 bookings for the Wine and Wisdom meeting in February. An email will be sent out requesting support for this and a rota to be made up for times and specific tasks.

12. Planning

PS had circulated the minutes of the meeting held on 1 December prior to the meeting. PS briefly went through each item of the report.

13. Press Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

14. Editor's Report

Nothing to report.

15. Publications

Nothing to report.

16. Any other business

DL – **Re newspaper report on Port** Community Directors, asked if anyone **had** seen and what they thought. A short discussion followed.

TS – Request from Civic Voice if The Dover Society looked after the War Memorials in our catchment area. After a short discussion TS to reply that the society kept an informal watch on the condition of war memorials.

AL – Reminded that the raffle drum needed for Christmas Feast. BH to check.
All invited to DBL meeting next Wednesday 9 December at 7.00 pm at St Mary's Parish Hall.
PS – Very frustrated that the Roman Painted House was closed despite a specially pre-arranged visit to Roman Painted House by coach tour operators interested in Dover.
AS – HMS Kent to arrive in Dover next week.
MMcF – Dover Film Festival leaflet, the committee agreed to pay £30 for advert, as in previous years.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 14 January 2016**, at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Parish Centre.