

The Dover Society
Minutes of the Executive Committee, held on Thursday 11 October 2018
at St Mary's Parish Centre, Dover

Present: Derek Leach (Chairman), Deborah Gasking, Beverley Hall, Patricia Hooper-Sherratt, Alan Lee, Jean Marsh, Jenny Olpin, William Parker-Gorman, Alan Sencicle, Patrick Sherratt, Terry Sutton,

1. **Apologies:** Jeremy Cope, Sheila Cope, Glyn Hale, Mike Weston

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September were accepted as correct.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

5. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

6. Financial Report

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

The monies received in this period are:

- £16.00 subscriptions for this financial year 2018/2019
- £16.00 from sale of Town Hall booklets
- £5.25 for sale of Newsletter binder
- £151.20 from Town Hall Tours
- £52.87 Reckitt Benckiser dividend payout
- £3.74 the quarterly interest on our Caf account.

The monies paid out in this period are:

- £30.00 to The Dover Film Festival Association for advertising in the Film Festival Programme 2019

The Liverpool/Chester trip, was in profit of £230.00. Thanks again to PS and PHS for their hard work in making this trip financially viable and very enjoyable.

The River Dour Partnership outgoings from the fund in the last month is £500.00. The amount being held in their fund with us is now £16,308.35.

The Bluebird Trail Fund remains the same at £777.44.

A claim was lodged with HMRC on 16 August for "gift aid" reclaim of £603.00. To date they have not responded to this claim.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

There are 3 new members this month. They are:

Mr Tobias Goodnight and Miss Tui Sancha, High Street Dover. Their interests are social events, projects and graphic design.

Mr Edward Elliot, he helps at Cowgate.

Last allocated number is 1339, total number of members is 451.

Jim Francis has retired and we are now appealing for someone else to distribute the Newsletter.

8. Marketing Group Report

The minutes of the Marketing Group meeting held on Monday 10 September were circulated prior to this meeting. No comments made.

The draft Marketing Strategy was also circulated and JO went through it. A discussion followed and some points elaborated on. The strategy is at an early stage but it was agreed by the executive to continue with it.

The minutes of the Marketing Meeting, Social Media held on 4 October were also circulated to committee members. The members were urged by WGP to look at the new website, thedoversociety.co.uk It was also mentioned that Facebook would be used but this did come with a warning as to the content put out on behalf of The Dover Society as it could be misinterpreted. The committee thanked WGP for his effort regarding the website.

9. Projects

DL has obtained the artwork for the Heritage Open Days and will transfer it to WGP for safe keeping.

10. Refurbishment

The minutes of the Refurbishment committee meeting held on Wednesday 19 September were circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. JO went through the minutes and in particular the meeting with Councillor M J Holloway.

11. Town Hall Refurbishment and Guided Tours

Still waiting for the appointment of consultants for developing the detailed phase 1 plans. The Guided Tours season will finish next week.

12. Social Secretary's Report

BH - confirmed that Clive Taylor is available for the Quiz Night. Details will be in the next Newsletter.

Confirmed 37 for Christmas lunch with another 12 interested. BH would now like to obtain payment by cheque as soon as possible. To date collected 5 raffle prizes for this event and need another 5. Please give any donation of raffle prizes to AL.

At the next society meeting JM will be on coffee duty with BH helping. In November, Denise Smith and her greeters will be doing the refreshments.

PHS - no trip has been confirmed for next May but will have a stuffer ready for the next newsletter. The Liverpool trip was a great success and in particular the hotel they stayed at was praised for their service. PS has written to the hotel to thank them for the way they looked after him and our party.

13. Planning

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 3 October 2018 were circulated to members before this meeting. PS briefly commented on each item and in particular S215's, The Citadel and the plans for Officers' Mess site of Connaught Barracks.

DL and JC propose that Graham Margery be considered for co-option onto the executive committee. There is a vacancy and he has been spoken to and he is prepared to do it, to start in January 2019. After a short discussion it was agreed.

14. Press Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

15. Editor's Report

The next newsletter should be on time and is due at the printers next week.

Publications

Nothing to report

17. AOB

BH – **Chairman** to ask members at the next meeting to volunteer to help in other areas such as greeters. **Executive members will be available for members to contact, make suggestions, volunteer etc.**

JO - Has anyone noticed that a new flag has been put outside the Police Station. The previous one was dirty and falling to pieces.

DG - There is a for sale sign at the old GPO building. Has McCarthy and Stone put the building up for sale? PS replied, the sale is going through but will not be purchased until full planning permission is obtained. The "For Sale" sign is an old one.

AL - The Dover **Big Local project** for co-op supermarket site is progressing.

18. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 8 November 2018**, at **7.30 pm** at St Mary's Parish Centre.