

**The Dover Society**  
**Minutes of the Executive Committee, held on Thursday 6 December 2018**  
**at St Mary's Parish Centre, Dover**

**Present:** Derek Leach (Chairman), Jeremy Cope, Sheila Cope, Beverley Hall, Patricia Hooper-Sherratt, Alan Lee, Jean Marsh, Alan Sencicle, Patrick Sherratt, Terry Sutton, Mike Weston

**1. Apologies:** Glyn Hale, Deborah Gasking, William Parker-Gorman, Jenny Olpin,

**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 November require two amendments:

Item 4, line 3, first quarter on should read first quarter of 2019.

Item 4, line 10, Jarrett Clifford should read Clifford Jarrett.

**3. Matters Arising**

PS informed the committee no response has been received to the request for details on the "14 to 18 organisations" mentioned at the "open activity" meeting.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Plaques - Martin Webster is keen for the Society to put a plaque on Castle Hill House regarding the 3 members of the Knocker family who lived there. The present owners of the house would support this. However after a short discussion this house has a lot of history, including Astor MP who may have lived there. It was decided that in principle a plaque for the Knockers is desirable but further research is needed into the history of this house. **Martyn Webster would be invited by DL to research.**

Chalk up 21 programme is now finished and an evaluation with partners has been completed. See [www.chalkup21.com](http://www.chalkup21.com) for details.

**NB DL omitted to report back that Clifford Jarrett memorial is safe and will be reinstalled with other Prince of Wales Pier furniture.**

**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:

£6.00 subscriptions for this financial year 2018/2019

£106.00 from advertisers in the Newsletter

£250.00 donation for the projects fund from anonymous member. A letter of thanks sent by JC

The monies paid out in this period are:

£695.00 to Adam Printers for last months Newsletter

£61.10 for posting Newsletter to members out of the area

£6.00 to DDC for our half share in the Regatta Day stall

The November meeting made a loss of £32.52. The raffle made £103.00. The meals for the speakers cost £45.09.

The River Dour Partnership outgoings from the fund in the last month is £828.80. The amount being held in their fund with us is now £15,282.25.

The Bluebird Trail Fund remains the same at £777.44.

An email was sent out to the members of the committee regarding our Caf account requesting permission to give details of all the trustees of this account. It is a legal requirement to prevent money laundering. All members except one agreed. The one member stated he did not agree with it and would no longer be a trustee. Members of the committee are automatically a trustee. It was agreed MW will reply stating all but one agrees and see what happens.

**7. Membership Secretary's Report**

There are 6 new members this month. They are:

Mrs Ann Burke, councillor introduced by Graham Wanstall

Mrs V.I. Wratten, Leahurst Court, London Road, River.

Mr Lee Graeme now joint with Jo Graeme

Mr Andy Hoad now joint with Claire Bond

Mr Stephen and Mrs Lesley Hoad , Carlsden Close.

Last allocated number is 1345. Total number of members is 457.

It was noticed that the Deal Society Newsletter was sent using DDC postage. Enquires have been made and the Deal Society newsletter is printed by the DDC printing department. Deal Society submit a PDF copy which is printed, folded and posted at a discount rate. After a short discussion it was decided that Marketing consider this alternative means of printing and the costs involved.

## **8. Marketing Group Report**

The meeting due to be held on the 29 November was cancelled.

WPG has done more work on the website. In the New Year we will be moving to the new website.

## **9. Projects**

**Conservation Appraisal** – work continues on the draft report.

**Cowgate** - finalising the option to obtain a piece of land from DDC in order to store our equipment. There will be a need to erect a storage shed on it. The general maintenance is making good progress.

## **10. Refurbishment**

The minutes of the Refurbishment committee meeting held on Monday 26 November were circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. JC went through the minutes and pointed out the meeting with Chris Townend, the District Tourism Manager. It has been suggested by JO to have a sub group to meet CT on various occasions to discuss Tourism. The suggested group would be JO, Mike McFarnell to represent the Refurbishment committee, a planning committee member, a member of the Executive committee and the Dover Greeters. The meetings would be informal and give the opportunity to put forward their views on tourism in Dover. This was agreed and JO to contact Dover Greeters.

The meeting with Police has been deferred again.

It is hoped that Tourism be included in the Local Plan, which is a legal document and would need to be adhered to.

## **11. Town Hall Refurbishment and Guided Tours**

Refurbishment is now known as the Core Team comprising of DDC, DTC, The Dover Society, with the Consultants. A newly appointed architect and engineer are drawing up the plans for phase 1.

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

BH - the Christmas lunch was enjoyed by 85 people and with the raffle made a profit of £438. The entertainers do not require a fee but a donation to their nominated charity. After a short discussion it was agreed to make a donation of £275 and to give a £50 tip to the Town Hall staff.

BH was congratulated by the committee on an enjoyable and well organised event.

The Wine and Wisdom event, 16 have paid with another 8 not yet paid. The price of the etching of the first prize of 6 glasses is now subject to VAT, so increasing the cost. It is the intention to keep the cost to £10 per person, but the committee has been asked to consider an alternative first prize or to keep to the traditional first prize of 6 glasses.

PHS - Rodney Stone, a Dover Society member, has volunteered to organise the summer trips. He is keen to undertake this role and has a few ideas. He is in contact with PHS to assist in the handover. As he is not currently a member of the executive committee he could attend a meeting, as and when required, to report on any future trips and then leave.

## **13. Planning**

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 28 November 2018 were circulated to members before this meeting. PS briefly commented on each item.

Several committee members had attended the public consultation on the Lower Thames Crossing plans and had expressed concerns about lack of any investment on Kent A roads impacted particularly A2.

DTC had held a public consultation on a Dover Town Neighbourhood Plan to inform the new District Local plan. It was a useful meeting and well supported including 4 committee members.

St Mary's Residential Home change of use to Bed and Breakfast: objections to be heard on 20 December 2018 or 24 January 2019. As the Society has objected to this planning application, a member of the executive committee should apply to speak at the planning meeting. PS will not be able to attend on the 20th and requested a substitute to speak if possible.. DL to take on this task.

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

Still getting small pieces in the Dover Express and Mercury.

#### **15. Editor's Report**

The deadline for articles for the next Newsletter is 23 January 2019.

#### **16. Publications**

Nothing to report

#### **17. AOB**

JM - on a recent trip on the ferries there were tourist leaflets for various areas but none for Dover.

MW explained the likely reason.

AS – The Biggin Hall toilets are closed with a sign saying the nearest are at Stembrook. Only local people would know where this is but not anyone visiting the town. On a Sunday no toilets are open for 6 months of the year and this is unacceptable. AS to draft a letter to DTC for

Refurbishment committee approval.

As Also mentioned the arial photograph of the town on the hoarding around the DWDR area.

DL - The old Co-op building may provide a 10 pin bowling alley, although not confirmed, it could be a possibility.

#### **18. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 10 January 2019, at 7.30 pm** at St Mary's Parish Centre.