

The Dover Society
Minutes of the Executive Committee, held on Thursday 11 April 2019
at St Mary's Parish Centre, Dover

Present: Derek Leach (Chairman), Jeremy Cope, Sheila Cope, Deborah Gasking, Beverley Hall, Patricia Hooper-Sherratt, Graham Margery, Jean Marsh, William Parker-Gorman, Patrick Sherratt, Terry Sutton, Mike Weston

1. Apologies: Glyn Hale, Alan Lee, Jenny Olpin, Alan Sencicle

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2019 were accepted as correct.

3. Matters Arising

In the AOB of the last meeting the Market Square development was mentioned. The funding has not been granted for this project, **but is** on the reserve list so there is a possibility the project may receive the funding

4. Chairman's Report

The unveiling of the Crypt Restaurant was well attended and was featured on the television news for the South East.

The committee was asked if there were any foreseeable problems for the AGM. There were apologies from TS and AL. No comments received about the agenda. No further nominations have been received for the Executive Committee. WPG and MG have been nominated.

5. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

6. Financial Report

The financial figures for the financial year 2018/2019 have been distributed to the executive committee which will be presented at the AGM on Monday 15 April 2019. A request was made to bring along their copy to save printing extra copies.

The financial report for the last month was circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. The monies received in this period are:

- £294.00 subscriptions for financial year 2019/2020
- £8.00 in donations
- £102.00 for advertisements in the Newsletter
- £10.50 for the sale of 2 Newsletter binders

The monies paid out in this period are:

- £695.00 to Adams Printers for the printing of the March Newsletter
- £61.10 for posting the out of area Newsletters
- £275.78 for yearly insurance
- £167.38 for printing, stationery and other postage costs
- £58.76 for website costs from June to the end of this financial year.
- £80.00 donation to The Friends of Crabble Mill as agreed at the last committee meeting. It has been acknowledged thanking the DS.
- £25.00 from the Town Hall fund paying for the advertisement in the Kent History Federation newsletter

The March meeting ran at a loss of £38.85. The raffle grossed £125.00, with a net figure of £95.00 after paying for the cost of the M&S tokens as prizes. The Speakers meals cost £68.25.

The River Dour Partnership had no outgoings from the fund in the last month. The amount being held in their fund with us is still £14,629.45.

The Bluebird Trail Fund remains the same at £777.44.

The Environment Agency paid £60,903.88 into our account, money we are holding behalf of DDC for their Kearsney Abbey and the River Dour projects, which will be shortly be paid out to DDC when the invoices are raised.

The quarterly interest paid on our Caf account was £11.07.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

There are 3 new members this month. They are:

Mr David and Judith Smith from River (3's company) also social events and projects

Mr Jeff Howe from Canterbury, a local historian

Last allocated number is 1357. Total number of members is 468.

8. Webmaster

Paul Skelton has offered to digitize **Society newsletters** and load to the website. He will be allocated a folder to put the material in so there is no risk for any damage to be done. They will be digitised with pictures and with **sensitive** names and addresses blocked out. The archive material will be sorted out rather than just copied, such as removing advertisements. Preference is to put the most recent newsletter into the archive. A discussion followed and it was agreed to put in the most recent material and to monitor it for a year to see if it affects the membership. The copyright of articles to be made clear.

9. Marketing Group Report

JO to update the committee at the next meeting.

10. Back Office

Nothing to report

11. Projects

Cowgate - now working two sessions per month and the campers have returned to the site. DTC has handed over the shed at cost of £125. They have supplied locks with two sets of keys but there is a need to obtain more robust locks. MW confirmed our insurance is happy to insure it up to an amount of £5000.

Barton Path - the railings may be **refurbished** next month or sooner, just waiting on permission from Environment agency.

12. Refurbishment

The minutes of the Refurbishment committee meeting held on Monday 25 March 2019 were circulated to the committee prior to the meeting.

JO who attended the Community Network Inaugural meeting is still waiting for the minutes.

JO circulated report of the Dover District Community Impact group to committee prior to this meeting.

13. Town Hall Refurbishment and Guided Tours

The guided tours have recommenced this week.

DL **had raised WPG's concerns about performers' facilities** in the Town Hall Refurbishment project.

14. Social Secretary's Report

BH - the next Christmas lunch entertainment has not yet been organised because of the cost.

Agreed for 3's Company to be contacted.

The outing to the Bluebell Railway is fully booked as there were only 34 places available on the train. However there are still places left on the coach at a cost of £19.

15. Planning

There was no Planning Committee meeting held this month with nothing major to report.

There are two planning applications to note.

1. North Military Road for 20 apartments. The building will be higher than the existing buildings in the area but it is higher up on the hill. It appears to be a quality development. To make a formal response there is a need to obtain the closing date. PS and GM to action.
 2. HMO in Castle Street described as Serviced Accommodation. The documents are not yet available because those submitted were incorrect
- There have been objections to proposed artworks at Kearsney Abbey.

16. Press Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

17. Editor's Report

The deadline for articles for the next Newsletter is 15 May 2019.

16. Publications

Nothing to report

17. AOB

MW - Received email from DTC regarding Walkers are Welcome renewal due for payment at £15 per year. Agreed to be paid.

JM - Has leaflet for an event involving the British Legion the White Cliffs Country and wanted to know if the DS would consider having a stall there. Details of the event are not clear. Action: JM to send leaflet to BH and DG.

DG - does anyone know what is happening **to the former telephone exchange** as it looks derelict. Suggestion made for FOI letter to BT for information. Action: BH to draft letter for Chairman.

DL - An invite has been received to the making of DTC Mayor on 16 May. Will not know who it is until after the local elections.

18. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 9 May 2019**, at **7.30 pm** at St Mary's Parish Centre.