

The Dover Society
Minutes of the Executive Committee, held on Thursday 9 January
2020
at St Mary's Parish Centre, Dover

Present: Derek Leach (Chairman), Jeremy Cope, Sheila Cope, Deborah Gasking, Alan Lee, Graham Margery, Jenny Olpin, Terry Sutton, Mike Weston.

1. Apologies: Glyn Hale, Beverley Hall, Jean Marsh, William Parker-Gorman, Alan Sencicle, Pat Sherratt

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 December were accepted as correct.

3. Matters Arising

The listing application for Dover Grammar School for boys has been refused.

4. Chairman's Report

Details of the Dover Society Archive material was sent out in two emails to the executive committee before the meeting. The main questions to answer was what is its purpose and what to do with it.

Following a discussion it was suggested the minutes to be scanned and put on line.

The accounts are kept by MW for 7 years and then destroyed.

The donated items to be kept for the time being with the prospect of going to the museum.

The photographs to be scanned and put on CDs. AL volunteered to do this. To decide later whether or not to keep the originals and put onto the website.

5. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

6. Financial Report

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

£20.00 subscriptions for the next financial year 2020/21

£35.00 for advertising in the Newsletter

£30.00 donation paid into Town Hall Fund

The monies paid out in this period are:

£30.00 to St Mary's PCC for hire of hall for committee meetings

The Society's Christmas lunch have been finalised and the event was £18.00 in deficit.

The River Dour Partnership had no outgoings from the fund this month so the amount being held in their fund is still £11,454.40.

The Bluebird Trail Fund remains the same at £777.44.

The quarterly interest from the Caf account was £11.27.

7. Membership Secretary's Report

There are no new members this month and there was one returner.

Last allocated number is 1387. Total number of members is 462.

8. Webmaster

Nothing to report.

9. Marketing Group Report

There was no meeting this month. A meeting will be arranged soon to discuss promotional and website issues.

10. Back Office

Nothing to report

11. Projects

Cowgate - work is being continued with work party on 16th and 25 January.

Plaques - Castle Hill House, not yet completed due to time restraints. Application to be made to DDC to put plaque on a listed building.

12. Refurbishment

No meeting held this month.

13. Town Hall Refurbishment and Guided Tours

The next steering group meeting is on Monday 13 January.

14. Social Secretary's Report

BH circulated an email to the executive committee about the Wine and Wisdom evening on 17 February. There has been 4 confirmed bookings and after a short discussion it was agreed to go ahead with the event. It was agreed to give out details at the next meeting on 20 January and for JC to send out prepared email to all members with an application form attached.

DL asked for suggestions for next winter's speakers.

JC met Rodney Stone regarding the outings organised for this year. The details of the Exmoor trip and the two one day outings are being finalised. The information will be on a print out for the meetings and the website.

15. Planning

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 2 January were circulated to members of the executive prior to this meeting. GM went through the various items and brought up to date any planning issues.

16. Press Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

17. Editor's Report

Deadline for next Newsletter is 4 February 2020.

16. Publications

Nothing to report

17. AOB

MW – Has heard that DHB are reducing their workforce on the whole of the complex.

18. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 13 February 2020, at 7.30 pm** at St Mary's Parish Centre.