

Held at 53 Park Avenue, Dover on Thursday 7 April 1988 with an attendance of ten persons.

12. The Chairman welcomed new members and stated that in future the prefix "The" should be added to our title. "The Dover Society".
13. The membership fee was re-raised when it was suggested that it had been cast too low. After discussion it was agreed to keep it the same but to offer five years membership for £10.
14. It was acknowledged that the Society needed a patron and president(s). It was suggested that the Queen Mother be approached concerning the first and the Chairman offered to communicate. Peter Johnson declined the position of president and other names suggested were the Earl and/or Lady Guilford, Lord Northbourne or jointly, Peter Rees and David Ennals. Then decided to delay further action pending the inaugural meeting.
15. A planning sub-committee was considered essential to the scheme of operations in order that local plans could be watched and scrutinised. Peter Riddelsdell and David Sturt were names mentioned but no definite decision was reached.
16. It was proposed that the steering committee be composed of ten members plus Mike McFarnell in an advisory capacity.
17. Agreed meetings would be held on the second Thursday of each Calendar month. Jeremy Cope said he would extend the hospitality of his premises whilst the Society was finding its feet. Mr. Gerrard (?), volunteered to make enquiries concerning accommodation at DHB property in Cambridge Terrace.
18. The secretary confirmed that letters concerning registration had gone to the Civic Trust and the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies. He also reported that a letter drafted by Philomena Kennedy had been circulated to fifty three local societies and groups.
19. The Treasurer reported that subscriptions from sixteen members were now to hand and £40 had been deposited with Barclays Bank.
20. The licence for the inaugural meeting was discussed but that was later cancelled out by minute number .27.
21. Philomena Kennedy showed some excellent posters she had designed and members took some of those away to display.

22. The members application form was discussed and Ken Wraight and John Gerrard (?) agreed to produce 300 at reasonable cost as well as more posters. The layout was discussed and amendments suggested. Agreed the names of the Committee should be displayed.
23. Further to minute number ¹⁶, Michael Foad would be asked to stay on the Committee in an advisory capacity.
24. Advertising in the Dover Express was discussed and the Chairman offered to further that matter. Mr. Gerrard offered to contact Radio Kent and the secretary was asked to approach Radio Invicta.
25. The slide projector for the public meeting was discussed and it was agreed the Chairman would operate.
26. The local police would not be informed of the meeting but it was expected that one of their patrols might look in.
27. Refreshments at the meeting were ruled out.
28. The Chairman agreed to write to Mr. J.K. In^d, headmaster of Dover College inviting him to the meeting.
29. Regarding seating arrangements it was thought best if some members of the Committee occupied a platform and some occupied the front row.
30. Peter Johnson offered to give an introductory talk at the meeting suggesting that he emphasise the constructive aspect of the organisation as opposed to the destructive. The programme was expected to deal with the adoption of the Constitution, election of officers, slides, followed by questions and answers, discussion etc. Nominations for the Committee would be sought from the floor.
31. It was proposed that representatives from other groups should be encouraged to speak.
32. The next meeting was programmed for 12 May at 53 Park Avenue.
33. An advertising venture, using a tent, at the Pageant on 2 May, was discussed but apart from the display of posters in the grounds no further action was considered desirable.
34. No more public meetings were anticipated this side of Autumn.
35. The Dover Society would be registered as a charity at a future date.
36. It was suggested that we approach Dover District Council to offer our services, community wise, with the prospect of receiving remuneration to swell our funds.
37. Jeremy and Sheila Cope were thanked once more for their hospitality.