

THE DOVER SOCIETY

Meeting No. 4 of the Executive Committee, held on 11 August 1988 at
7 Cambridge Terrace

Present:- J. Woolford, P. Kennedy, L. Clackett, S. Standing, J. Liggett,
T. Khambatta, L. Wright, J. Gerrard, J. Cope, M. MacFarnell, K. Berry,
P. Johnson, P. Dobbins, A. Galley, K. Wraight, B. Smith.

Apologies.

1. Chairmans' opening remarks and his welcome and introduction to the committee of Adrian Galley and Leo Wright. Mrs Horsfield had accepted a position of vice president and P. Kennedy suggested that Mrs. S. Corral should also be approached.
2. Vice Chairman confirmed that a limited size party - 60 was suggested - could be given a tour of the Eastern Docks. Social Secretary promised to list names of those wishing to attend and they were advised to meet at the Eastern Docks Booking Hall, on Saturday 17 September 1988, at 3 p.m.
3. Secretary stated that he had not been able to book a hall for the dates proposed and T. Khambatta offered to help in the matter, as well as agreeing to distribute some posters.
4. The Editor sought the advice of Colleagues on the layout of the proposed Membership Card.
5. A phone call from Roger Marples of 12 Elms Vale Road, to the Chairman, hinted that the old tram shelter at the Folkestone Road junction was destined for removal to Russell Gardens. The Committee discussed other sites but the general opinion seemed to suggest that it would be cared for expertly and be more sheltered from vandalism if housed in the Dover Transport Museum.
5. The anti-litter campaign was being progressed by the secretary and boys of the "Astor Grime Squad" and M. MacFarnell took the opportunity to compliment them on their efforts to date. It was hoped that contributions to the National Children's Home would result from appreciative firms and businesses.
6. The inclusion in the local press of a membership coupon was suggested and agreed. It was thought that the public should be made more aware of our President and Vice Presidents. It was also hoped and enquiries would be initiated to see if the Dover Society could be included in the next Dover Guide.
7. The reported advent of the Trade and Export Centre was considered by all to be a worthwhile asset to the town and Secretary was asked to convey the good wishes of the Society to Peter Sherrd.
8. We were notified by M. MacFarnell of a forthcoming meeting at the Town Hall on 7 November 1988. It was being organised by Dover Volunteer Bureau and it was hoped to attract other various factions of similar interests
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to exchange views.

Roger Madge was considered a possible speaker at one of our future functions.

The White Cliffs Country Bus was discussed and the general opinion suggested it was not well run. Its departure point came in for severe criticism.

10. The Planning Secretary assured us that whatever rumour said to the contrary the acquisition of the Charlton site by B. and Q. was still paramount.
11. The opening of the Old Town Gaol was attended by our Chairman, who expressed his total admiration for the scheme and his gratitude for being able to meet some of the local dignitaries. It was hoped that Christine Waterman would be able to speak at one of our future functions. M. MacFarnell gave notice that he visualized a large mural concerning that on the site of the previous gaol. (Concerning the prison that is). Pardon the English.
12. A Photographic Exhibition was discussed, the Dover Collection to be augmented possibly, with photos and historic material borrowed from other towns. Canterbury, Norwich and Exeter were all mentioned. A. Galley agreed to progress that idea.
13. Regarding the channel tunnel, L. Wright agreed to prepare a report for the newsletter. The Chairman possesses slides from 1802. (1902 ?). Also concerning that matter, TML proposed transporting aggregate from Cliffe, in North Kent, via Jubilee Way and the town to an access point at Church Road. The Kent Federation would be making strong complaints to KCC about that and would send copy to TML. Our Society agreed the letter was completely justified.
14. Editor pointed out that closing date for material for next news letter would be 18 August.
15. It was agreed that Planning Officer K. Wraight should attend the annual conference of the Local Amenity Societies and Local Government at Wye College, on 24/25 September with financial assistance from funds if possible.
16. The Planning Committee had met on 6 August and discussed the proposed new entrance to Wiggins Teape Paper Mill.
The proposal to build houses in place of a warehouse at Priory Hill.
The proposed block of flats at Folkestone Road.
The reintroduction of plans for Forge Road, Temple Ewell. Sewage problems and complications with the height of the new buildings were considered liabilities.
Outline planning permission for the heritage centre had been sought but at this early stage merely drew attention to the intended site. Correspondence from B. Philp was read by the Chairman and his own plan circulated. It was thought that a meeting with John Clayton should be arranged.

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The Planning Secretary also desired that a list be compiled, of potential buildings for listing so that decisions concerning the future actions of his committee could be formulated. He also suggested a list of assets would be welcomed and hoped it could be arranged by April.

The Chairman agreed to write to DDC about the swift demolition of Brook House. Some members regarded it as sharp practice. Although the DDC had agreed to meet us halfway nobody could remember the application by Marklew being mentioned.

17. John Gerrard was thanked for allowing use of the accommodation.
18. Will Committee please note, next meeting, 15 September 88 and NOT 8 September, at 7 Cambridge Terrace.

Chairman

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United Reform Church Hall, Corner of High Street and Priory Hill,
booked for next public meeting on Tuesday 4 October 1988, 6 pm - 10 pm
Refreshments available.

*L. Givensford - Present awards
County Archt. - Count House
Buckland Mill - Cleaning Outside*