

THE DOVER SOCIETY

18th Executive Committee Thursday Nov 9 at 19.30 at Cambridge Terrace

Apologies: KW, PK

Present: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Social
Secretary, P. Dobbins, J. Cope, A. Galley, M. McFarnell, P. Johnson, S.
Standing, N. Willis, C. Taylor, J. Owen.

Opening the meeting, the Chairman on behalf of the Committee congratulated
Adrian Galley on his marriage.

1. Minutes of Executive Committee No 17 of Thurs Oct 12th passed and signed.
2. Matters Arising: from April 13:
 Headed notepaper: PK still acting
 : from Aug 10
 - d. 21 Nov PJ will speak to "Active Retirement Group" in Methodist Church hall and Shepherdswell Ladies Group in January.
He will convey society's welcome to Mrs Pauline Gould of the Cleary Foundation. Our Constitution excludes possibility of block membership.
 : from Oct 12
 - 3a. New KCC archaeologist Dr J Williams will speak on May 5.
 - b. Crabble Mill guarantee: certificate to be prepared: details later.
 - c. No Freud reply. Newsletter 5 sent with reminder.
 - d. DDC Guided Walk. Chairman will lead Old Dover p. oned to Sunday April 8 1990: free but donations to Society: July repeat?
 - e. B&Q refusal of unasked grant and no Dour participation Oct 1: no response to reminder.
 4. b. Circulation of publications proceeding only very slowly.
 6. a. Dour project report: certificates & prints distributed: Park Inn turnout on Nov 5 photographed.: poor coverage in Dover Express. Congratulations to Budge Adams on 80th birthday to be sent and on clearing and opening of his stretch of river. Rubbish still not cleared from "Cricketers": MM noted: congratulations to Alan Cawsey for Buckland Mill: for consideration in next year's awards.
 7. a. Town Hall redesign: Chairman, Sec, SS, NW attended presentation by Nigel Rembridge, Chief Architect DDC. Mayor v. Chairman controversy explained. Proposals approved on behalf of Society in writing: improved access (especially for disabled): sep'n of two halls and prison: but involves 5-10 yr musical chairs by users. Export Centre premises available:
 - c. Riverside Walk: AG to write to DDC congratulating on extension of Walk and drawing attention to real and imagined security threats to Goodfellow Way.
 9. a. Hugh Bax talk on Dickens with readings 8.0p.m. Thurs Nov 30 CoC Hall Waterloo Crescent.
3. Chairman's Report
 - a. Chairman reiterated Society policy as outlined in letter to D Express

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answering Violet Jones.

- b. Channel Tunnel & CTRL financial crises outlined: Cttee assented to completion of Kent Joint Cttee for Rail Action questionnaire but doubts expressed on validity and relevance.
- c. Chairman and KW will attend Dec 6 ET Env Forum, Cheriton 09.30.
- d. CoC Lunch Webbs Thurs Nov 16 @ 12.00: BR Project Manager on CTRL: Chairman and PD will attend at Society's expense.

4. Secretary's Report

- a. Proposed that D. Turner be seconded to Exec Cttee. Agreed. That she be also invited to a Projects Subcttee.
- b. DT wishes reassemble Dour Subcttee to consider past, present and future of project. Soc Sec to fix date.
- c. Society to write to DDC and to riverain councillors suggesting Council adoption as at Canterbury. (LW will draft)
- d. LW suggested possible clean-up projects of paths to East Cliff and West Cliff: stepped path from St James' needs bricklayers work and more: sponsorship?.
- e. Attention drawn to National Tree Week 27 Nov - 3 Dec.

5. Treasurer & Membership Secretary

- a. Paper membership 253 but firm or possible deletions make 234 more realistic.
- b. Income to date £1721: expenditure £1338: cash in hand £383.
- c. Treasurer authorised to examine advantages /disadvantages of investing 5-year subs (£588) in building society. Cttee expressed appreciation and thanks for Treasurer's work.

6. Planning Committee

- a. KW's resignation: thanks and regrets to be communicated: AG to succeed: new members - Dick Richards and Walter Robertson: CT and PJ to approach.
- b. AG, despite absence on honeymoon, reported and commented on current plans where action needed:
 - 1. Town Hall Organ: Chairman to send encouraging letter to DDC
 - 2. Worthington St Amusement Arcade and Bail Hostel in Park Avenue: Chairman, AG, CT to write to DDC.
 - 3. Secretary drew attention to anxieties re Charlton Green: (a) Alleged intention of PCC to transform churchyard into car park. (b) Trees in front of Red Lion still under threat. For replanting? (c) Ground cover planting around B&Q died in drought. Trees promised to screen river front wall not yet planted. Agreed to examine and AG to correspond as necessary to DDC, PCC and B&Q.

7. Social Secretary

- a. Report of successful Oct 16 meeting: good coverage in local press.
- b. Papermill Visit fully subscribed and in hand.
- c. Members Meeting Nov 20: Chairman's presentation of slides on "Good and Bad in Dover": PJ to introduce W. Hts: AG to introduce several: LW on Projects: JC to organise raffle.
- d. Primavera Concert 21 April 1990: LW reported progress. Sponsorship desirable, essential and urgent because funds become exhausted: eg refusal from SE Arts. Soc Sec recommends aim of 50% sponsorship =

£1000 plus. Subcttee to deal: PJ, CT, KB, JC & JG: personal approaches to possible donors: Soc Sec will resume control asap.
e. AGM speaker quest continues: Joanna Lumley? Kit Smith? John Peverley?

8. Editor: not present: contributions for Newsletter 6 requested: Aim - weekly mention in D Express.

9. D. O. N. M: Thursday Dec 14

10. A. O. B. Chairman to draft letter to Home Office on damage to W. Hts skyline recalling previous succesful reference to Ombudsman by New Dover Group.

AGENDA: Dec 14

1. Minutes of 18th Cttee of Thursday Nov 9.
2. Matters Arising
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report
6. Planning Committee's Report
7. Social Secretary's Report
8. Editor's Report
9. Date of Next Meeting
10. Any Other Business