

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 50th Executive Committee : 8 Oct 1992 at 19h.30
Cambridge Terrace

Apologies : Chairman ML BA

Present : Vice-Chairman Secretary Treasurer
SC JL SS KW JO JC MR MMcF JeO

Welcome to new member : Jenny Olpin

Get well wishes to Chairman and Philomena

1. Minutes of Executive Committee No. 49 passed as correct and signed.

2. Matters Arising : From 14 May

3(a) Peverley-Welby publication

Progress report JW JG (CW)

Nothing to report on the writing at present. Chairman had reported an anticipated large donation from Ryelands. (£100 received 10 Oct.J.W.)

Architecture Grant Scheme ? AG not present to report.

5(d) Metropole Developer. No further information. (KW.)

From 11 June

3(d) Civic Trust developments (LW) Deteriorating financial situation.

No free magazine for all members as hoped. Societies will receive one copy of the quarterly : Urban Focus.

From 10 Sep

Neither Chairman nor Vice-Chairman had been able to discuss with Peter Johnson possibilities for President.

(Peter Johnson has suggested Brigadier Atherton, 10 Oct)

3(a) Letter of appreciation and thanks sent to Phyllis Dobbins (LW)
Parts of her letter to Chairman from Leeds merit inclusion in Newsletter.

4(c) Eurotunnel Development Ltd. Sponsorship for Western Heights publication ? (LW)
JG will discuss with Ladkin

9(a) Lorraine Sensicle explanation. JG will seek an opportunity.

3. From the Chairman

(a) Chairman and/or representative invited to St. Margaret's Bay Society's inaugural meeting : 7.30 2 Nov The Old School Kingsdown Road S.M.B. (PK?)

(b) Report on Wye Conference

See 11(a) below (KW.)

(c) Thanks to BA for deputising for Chairman at River this evening.

4. Secretary's Report

(a) Crabble Mill financial difficulties. We can offer no immediate financial help. Long-term suggestions :

To be linked to another tourist attraction

Chairman to approach SMB Trust informally ?

Impact Julian Owen / LW - " Not a strong candidate for Impact help "

(b) Saving the Earth Conference

10.00 - 16.00h 31 Oct Invicta Grammar School, Maidstone

Representative ? KW ?

(c) Pamela Blaxland for Committee ? PK LW.

Very interested but must postpone decision for perhaps a year.

5. Treasurer's Report

Current balance: 1082.08 (includes 570 expenses awaited)
Publications Fund : 1264 .68 (includes amounts promised)
Project Fund : 638.06
Saint-Omer : Credit balance : 119.98
Donation to Charities 23 Nov : Amounts will come from the yield
on the night and from the general fund.

6. Membership Secretary

Highest number : 438 Actual Membership : 358
Lapsed : 80 New Members 5

Membership fee for next year to remain at £4.

Longer-term : Joint membership for couples to be investigated.

Introduction of payment by standing order (not direct debit) to be investigated. No problem expected.

SG and MMcF to rationalise distribution of Newsletter to DDC.

7. Projects

Historic mast for Western Docks : Financial estimate for transport still awaited.

Tidy Britain : September meeting reported. (MMcF)

Lydden Pond holding water ; soakaway no longer holding water.
November work on the pond ; December work on Lousyberry Wood.

8. Press Secretary and Archivist

Material regularly given to local Press and Radio Kent - with little result. Publicity for Impact meeting particularly disappointing. We cannot finance paid advertisements.

Aim at inclusion in Dover Express "What's on?" and "Clubs and Societies." Also the Adscene Diary.

9. Social Secretary

(a) Sat 19 Sep. Saint-Omer Report Successful in every way.

5 members had written or phoned to express their satisfaction.

(b) Mon. 12 Oct IMPACT : Public Meeting

Unable to offer an additional slot to C.J.Smithen to show video and speak on the Dover/Split charity. No raffle but retiring collection at the door for the charity.

Invitation from the Ramsgate Society to 20 - 25 Committee-members and members. Sat 17 Oct 2.30 Meet at Impact Office Harbour Street.

Conducted tour (seven guides) of Impact achievements in Ramsgate. Tea. Departure about 5.00 p.m.

Transport: KW } +2 Je. 0 + 4
MRJ }

(c) Mon. 23 Nov. Dickens Evening Progress report : JL (B)
(d) Sat. 12 Dec. Christmas Feast. Booking Form in hand.

? Guests : Headmaster (2) MP (2) John
The Town Mayor ? (BA)
To be invited by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman

10. Editor

- (a) Repeat : DEADLINE for Newsletter No. 15 : 24 Oct.
- (b) Keith Parfitt article postponed from No. 14 so as to form part of a feature in No. 15. A note on the Bronze Age boat has been requested.
- (c) Article on IMPACT requested from Julian Owen for No. 15.

11. Planning sub-committee Report. (KW.)

- (a) Wye Conference. In the absence of Tony Guterbock the most interesting matter was concerning KCC roads in 1993. Full report in Newsletter 15.
- (b) Proposed petrol-service station. Contrary to some Press reports, we have probably not heard the last of it.
- (c) 24 Sep. Meeting at DDC, Planners, Eurotunnel, Environmentalists and Southern Water re location of new sewage-treatment plant. Southern Water named three options : Great Hougham Farthingloe Village The Shakespeare Platform All three have objections. The third is most preferred. Full report in Newsletter 15 (LW.)
- (d) Development of the Co-op site. We commented on the design. The plan has been accepted.
- (e) Reply from the M.P. to our letter re condition of roads and current A 20 works. Some assurances given. (JG.)
- (f) Whitfield - Eastry by-pass. As reported in the Press, DDC would prefer to improve the Sandwich road, rather than the Deal road.
- (g) Rolls memorial. Impasse between DDC and DHB. " Dover Society to finance the move if finance is the difficulty? " (BA) No. Estimated cost £1000. JG will discuss with DHB.
- (h) Progress on proposed list of possible targets for IMPACT : The proposals for the Riverside Walk revised by J.O. to be given to Julian Owen.
- (i) Congratulations to Causey on completion of re-cladding of Mannerings' Mill. (LW)

11. A O B

Vice Chairman reported DHB progress in Western Docks. Developers. Wellington Dock to be home-base for large sailing ship. Quayside hand-rails in place. Calls by some liners expected. Also improvements in Eastern Docks.

13. Date of next meeting : Thursday 12 Nov. USUAL AGENDA mutatis mutandis