

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 53rd Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday 14 Jan. 1993 at 19h.30 at Cambridge Terrace

Apologies : ML PK

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

This meeting was addressed by John Moir, Chief Executive of DDC, briefly on the location preferred by Southern Water for the Dover and Folkestone sewage processing plant and, very informatively, on the impending (for Kent, 1996) changes in Local Government organisation. The talk was distinguished for clarity, conciseness and balance. It will be fully reported by AJW in Newsletter No. 16.

1. The Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 52 of 10 Dec. 1992
were agreed as correct and signed.

2. Matters Arising :

From 14 May 1992

3(a) Peverley-Welby publication. N.P.Ladkin of Eurotunnel Devts. Ltd has confirmed that they will sponsor the publication with £1000, in two tranches of £500, in May and December 1993.

From 10 Sep 1992

9(a) Mrs Sencicle. Legal advice taken. No action.

From 10 Dec 1992

6(b) and 6(c) P. and O. and Civic Trust Awards.

MMcF not present to report but it was judged that the Society was unlikely to qualify for either award.

3. Chairman's Report

- (a) The Committee welcomed the Chairman's decision to stand for re-election at the AGM.
- (b) Dahlia Harris would be happy to recite her poems on a suitable occasion.
- (c) DDC repeat request for Guided Walks KW LW PK ?
- (d) Evening Talks at Eurotunnel Exhibition Centre 7 - 9 : £2; AJW and KW.

4. Secretary's Report.

(a) Publications received :

- (i) Civic Trust : Urban Focus Especially good on multi-story car parks.
- (ii) Kent Countryside Strategy Review
Comments by 1 March '93 Planning sub-committee
- (iii) KCC East Thames Corridor Update Copies available from AJW
- (iv) Kent Transport Plan
Comments by 30 Jan '93 Planning sub-committee
- (v) The Dover District Plan
Comments by 12 Feb '93 Individual comments already requested in writing and passed to KW.

(b) Folkestone and Dover Water Co.

Ref. very unclear public notice : 8 Jan '93 announcing unspecified works in 'certain water supply zones '. Spokesman Mr. Cross explained that the works concerned the purity of water : tracing lead, iron, turbidity and bacterial pollution and also the repair of the Wootton reservoir.

(c) Southern Water : the preferred location of the proposed sewage processing plant would be near Great Hougham Farm (Broomfield Bank).

5. Planning sub-committee

(a) Successor to the Chairman.

ELW proposed that Lawrence Gage be co-opted to the Executive Committee as Chairman of the Planning sub-committee and in due course to be our representative on the Impact Forum. Unanimous vote of welcome.

(b) Impact

Update by ELW : The initial stages in Dover : search for premises continues. A realistic date for the inauguration of the Forum would be March. Deputy representatives may be needed from time to time.

(c) The proposed sale by DDC of a Kearsney Abbey/ Bushey Rough plot : Register our protest with Lesley Cumberland before 27 Jan. KW LW

(d) Crabble Mill Appeal.

We will donate a supportive £100 and authorise the use of our logo.

(e) Our protest re the advertising hoarding on Castle Hill House.

DDC are pursuing.

(f) Reported :

* Maybrook House careers and guidance centre

* Pelican crossing to Priory Station

* One way traffic : London Road, Buckland Ave.

* "Dovercall" tourist information service

(g) The A2 proposed improvements will need close watch. Plans so far suggested are confused and conflicting.

6. Treasurer's Report

Current Credit Balance : 414.61 Projects Fund (unchanged) 593.10

Christmas Feast DR bal. 37.09

Peverley Publication :

Donations received : 350

Donations promised : 1000 Eurotunnel Devts Ltd

364 Building Society interest **

650 DHB **

** The need to earmark these two for this purpose is less pressing so that we can, for example, support the Crabble Mill Appeal and the Shepherdswell Railway.

The Treasurer announced and explained his wish to resign at the AGM. An immediate search for a successor must begin. JC generously said that he would temporarily hold the fort if necessary.

7. Social Secretary

(a) The Christmas Feast.

Generally enjoyed . Some adverse comments : " unChristmassy" (Mrs Bond)
" boring " (AFA) The Waits were unsuitable. No second - helpings.
As a precaution, consideration should be given to possible alternative venues.

(b) 18 Jan '93 The Archaeology of the A20 : Keith Parfitt

All arrangements in hand.

Proposal of Brig. Atherton as President : JG.

(c) Later Meetings:

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(i) The AGM 26 April

N.B. Notice of the amendments to the Constitution must be given 28 days in advance i.e. before 29 Mar.

Presidential address by Brigadier Atherton to be requested

It is the Society's 5th anniversary : founded 25 April 1988

Carried : that we plan a pre-meeting dinner with guests chez Berrys if possible, otherwise at the Castle Street Wine Bar.

(ii) Dover College 19 Jun. Boulogne 18 Sep

A meeting of the Events Planning sub-committee (JL PK ML LW) to discuss the above, et al. ?

8. Membership Secretary

Highest number : 452

New members : 1

Lapsed : 94

Actual total:359

9. Projects

(a) The River Dour : correspondence/consultation. Replies awaited.
Julian Owen verbally endorses proposed management plan.

(b) Re-gilding leopard bollards deferred.

(c) 13 Dec working party at Lydden Pond reported; next party : 31 Jan, Lydden School grateful for donated rain-gauge.

(d) 14 Mar : clean-up party.

(e) 16 - 25 April : Tidy Britain Group : National Spring Clean :
" Litter Matters "

10. Publicity and Archivist

(a) SS continues as Archivist and Secretary to the Planning sub-committee.

(b) JeO agrees to assume the rôle of Press and Publicity Secretary.
(Report of J. Moir's talk to the local Press ?)

(c) AFA has persuaded a candidate to act as Publicity Adviser, his secondment to the committee to await conversation with JG.

11. Editor

(a) Reminder : deadline for Newsletter, No. 16 : 26 Feb.

(b) Include request for volunteer as Treasurer .

(c) Include report of John Moir's address, together with Ivan Green on Local Government.

12. A.O.B.

(a) The Vice-Chairman reported progress on W.Docks development.
Decisions imminent.

(b) MR wondered whether the David Copperfield House could not be developed as a Dickensian museum.

12. Date of next meeting : Thursday 11 Feb. (at Cambridge Terrace, but we must be exploring alternative venues.)