

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 54th Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday 11 Feb. 1993, at Cambridge Terrace.

Apologies : AG PK

Present : Chairman Vice-Chairman Secretary Treasurer
SC JL SS LG JO ML BA JC JeO MR MMcF

The Chairman welcomed Lawrence Gage to the Committee and as Chairman of the Planning sub-committee.

1. The Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 53 of 14 Jan. 1993, with one correction, were passed and signed as correct.

2. Matters arising :

From 14 Jan.

5(c) Land adjoining Bushy Ruff Cottages : The Director of Law, Property and Administration, DDC, intends to impose a covenant that the land proposed for sale be used for garden purposes only.

This would remove our objection. Reply to DDC by 17 Mar.

LG

3. Chairman's Report

(a) Changes in Local Government.

Decided to host a public meeting, with DDC and KCC speakers : 25 Oct.

(b) KW to address KFAS at Wye, 19 Sep. Subject : IMPACT.

(c) Crabble Corn Mill :

While remaining very concerned about the future of the Mill we will not intervene in the current controversy.

Clive Taylor or another Trustee to speak for 15 mins. at the March Committee Meeting.

LW

(d) KW to report for Newsletter the current series of discussions at Eurotunnel.

KW ML

(e) Dover Film Festival 8 -11 Mar. at the Town Hall.
A Dover Society publicity stand.

JeO et al

(f) Dover Patrol Memorial Appeal.

DHB already give considerable support.

JG will discuss with M. Sayers and report back

JG

(g) Sir Alistair Morton noted as a possible speaker in the future

JL

4. Secretary's report

(a) The offer of an illustrated talk by Clive Alexander : Subject : "The conservation of the built environment and the work of a Local Authority Conservation Officer"
Noted as a future possibility.

JL

(b) Dr. Jim Davis' negotiations may open the way to further planting in Lousyberry Wood. JO

(c) The provision of Dover Society headed notepaper and compliments slips. BA

5. Treasurer's Report : As at 11 Feb. 1993

Income : £5474 Expenditure : £5188. 21 Cr. Balance : £ 285.85

The 18 Jan. Meeting made a profit of £11.17

The Project Fund and the Peverley Publication Fund remain unchanged.

6. Social Secretary

The Social Secretary provided full minutes of the Social sub-committee meeting of 1 Feb. '93.

22 Feb Wine and Wisdom
Members slow to respond

22 Mar.
Members' Meeting : Local Issues

BA to present slide show, preferably first.

Julian Owen or deputy to lead Members' discussions. LW

26 Apr. A.G.M.

Agenda : Constitution/subscription changes Chairman's Report
Formal Proceedings Brig. Atherton will give Presidential Address PJ LW
Bill Fawcett will speak on the agreed plans and contracts for the
redevelopment of the Western Docks.

29 May

1066 and all that.

The Society's contribution to the Festival of Dover
Publicity by DDC PK

19 Jun.

Conducted Tour and strawberry tea: Dover College
Open to the Public. Publicity ? Je O

Last time 6 guides were needed ! Historical notes available. LW et al

18 July.

Grove Ferry half day excursion.

Lin Clackett and Julian to be invited AJW LW

18 Sep.

Boulogne

The following to be explored :

French coach from Calais

Mayoral reception (Boulogne Accueil)

Jointly with Friends of Dover Museum ? LW

7. Planning sub-committee

(a) LG reported discussions with Julian Owen of IMPACT. Located in the TSB block in Castle Street, IMPACT will be active in Dover from May onwards. They do not plan minor events before then but welcome all suggestions.

Negotiations for EC funding going well. (Approx. £400,000 to be shared with Calais for " Cross-Channel projects ".)

A Dover Forum will be set up, to meet monthly. LG would need at least one other representative.

(b) Kent Countryside Strategy Review : Comments by 1 March
A series of open discussion meetings arranged.

Kent Transport Plan : Comments sent by 30 Jan.
Acknowledged by KCC.

The Dover District Plan : Comments by 12 Feb.
Economic Strategy report comments despatched

K W
JC JG

(c) The proposed siting of Southern Water sewage processing plant at the present Eurotunnel car park, Farthingloe. Uncertain whether it will be subject to standard planning procedures but if so we will comment appropriately.

(d) The revived idea of a Coombe Valley - M/A20 (Husk) sadly a non-starter

(e) The scaled-down RAF memorial at Capel approved.

(f) The Cherry Tree Avenue Car Breaker's Yard.

Very undesirable siting but another site would have to be found.

It is KCC property. KCC to be again invited to consider re-siting. LG

8. Membership Secretary

New Members : 1 Lapsed membership : 94 Actual Total : 359 Highest No. 453

A letter will be sent to 5-year members, now to pay annually, preferably by standing order. (Standing Order payment will be encouraged for all members.)

Joint membership will be introduced : £6 for 2, to receive one copy of the Newsletter. The Constitution will be correspondingly amended at the AGM.

9. Projects

(a) The River Dour and Riverside Walk : DDC are in favour of IMPACT taking the lead in this project for the next 3 years.

(b) Successful working party at Lydden Pond : 31 Jan. : Planting.

(c) 7 Mar. 10 - 12 : Work party at Lydden Pond
14 Mar Clean-up project, with cadets

Heraldic leopards' heads : no progress. Defer perhaps to Civic Trust Environment Week ?

10 Press and Publicity Secretary :

(a) Satisfactory meeting and planned co-operation with Paul Youden. He will write reports on all monthly events and submit to Je O. He would like to sit on the Committee from time to time.

(b) Je O congratulated on recent Press coverage

(c) Forms for Donna Sowerby's " What's On ? " supplied.

11. Editor

(a) Deadline for Newsletter No. 16 : 26 Feb. Third reminder.

(b) General request for articles on all meetings and events.

(c) 21 Feb DHB Press release re Western Docks project.

For Newsletter 16: Account and illustrations

JG

12. A O B

Peter Booth (DODS) is arranging a meeting with DDC re publicity boards in Dover. We have already made our thoughts on this subject known to DDC.

LG., like Martin Luther King, has a vision ! What better situation than Dover for the dreamt of (Mr. Major's dream) monument to mark the link with Europe at the end of the century and the millenium ! A good note to end on.

Date of next meeting :

Thursday 11 March, at 7.30 at Cambridge Terrace.