

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 56th Executive Committee Meeting : Thursday 8 April 1993  
at 7.30 p.m. at No. 53 Park Avenue, by kind invitation of  
Jeremy and Sheila Cope.

Apologies : BA JO Treasurer

News of Budge was asked for and given and a card signed for despatch.

Present : Chairman Vice-Chairman Secretary

SC SS LG ML JC PK JeO MR MMcF KW

1. The Minutes of Executive Committee No 55 of 11 Mar. 1993  
were approved and signed as correct.

2. Matters arising :

From 11 Feb.

3(f) Dover Patrol Memorial Appeal

JG reported amicable arrangement DHB/M.Sayers.

The Society will donate £25.

KB

7(f) Cherry Tree Avenue carbreakers' yard.

LG had taken up with KCC who have renewed the lease.

DDC support our views. We will attempt to identify

suitable alternative site and meanwhile press KCC

for screening and clean-up.

LG

From 11 Mar

3(b) Briefing Meeting with the President : 31 Mar. reported.

Enjoyable and useful occasion, hosted by P.J.

3(f) (iii) DHB plan for the Western Docks Development.

Our full comments despatched punctually. Fawcus' approving

response but the project impossible without the supermarket (JG).

Our views to be given further publicity : DDC , Press.

3(f) (vi) Southern Water sewage treatment plant.

Preliminary consultative presentation : 2 April.

(A full account will appear in Newsletter No 17.)

JG will discuss his and the Committee's reservations with

Graham Setterfield who is to be invited to address the Committee

13 May.

LW

8(b) Buckland Paper Mill : heat and power plant.

Now three not two chimney stacks proposed. ( Revised planning  
application. Probably oil back-up for gas-fired turbines . )

DDC share our concern and must pronounce within two weeks.

JG will investigate further

3. Chairman's Report

(a) Dour Scour : thanks from DDC

(b) KFAS/ KRAG CTRL activities.

Sat 12 Jun. Ashford Meeting. Important for revised route.

KRAG will employ R.Bate as consultant.

(c) 25 Oct. Public Meeting : Subject : Local Government.

Chairman assembling an impressive line-up of speakers : KCC. DDC.

Association of CPC's. J.Butler ?

Perhaps preceded by a light buffet meal at the Yacht Club ( see  
under AOB ) or the Castle Street Wine Bar.

(d) Visit to Eurotunnel, French end. LG KW ? LW ?

From the Dover Express

12 Mar.

- \* Philp Dig in Bench Street
- \* A 20 : No opening date
- \* Tesco for Ripple ?
- \* KCC backing for Assisted Area status

19 Mar.

- \* White Cliffs Experience Award
  - \* Deal attributes deterioration of Victorian pictures to Dover Museum
  - \* IMPACT : Owen seeks Dover/Delaware links. Future premises uncertain.
  - \* New A 20 sign to Dunkirk Evacuation HQ ?
  - \* Dour Scour picture : Cope / Owen.
- Museum exhibitions include PK
- \* Arts development consultant appointed to boost tourism and support  
Donna Sowerby
  - \* Waldershare Belvedere restoration : EH : £ 300,000
  - \* Buckland Paper Mill accused of coal soot pollution.
  - \* Sensicle saves Western Heights ? Inspector also against, but not mandatory. ( N.B. 9 April : DDC planners accept Inspector's recommendation and reject all development there.)

26 Mar

- \*Tour de France start 6 July 1994 Dover Castle
- \*Athol Terrace parking restrictions.  
N.B. Mrs Philpot offer to speak on : 'Owning a listed building.' JL
- \* Opening of A 20 : 3 Oct or end of Nov.
- \* DDC now backs HSRL, to speed up Dover - London travel ( ! ??? )
- \* Free or subsidised water meters : FDWC
- \* Dover Centre Traders' Association welcomes Thurs. Cannon St. Market.
- \* Swingate masts vacated by defence but use continues

1 April

- \* Victoriana clear-up by C. Waterman.
- \* Our IMPACT meeting reported.
- \* Kent Trust for Nature Conservation Reserve at Lydden - Temple Ewell enlarged.

4. Secretary's Report

(a) Invitation to renew visits to Buckland Paper Mill.  
Parties up to 20, maximum. Contact : Keith Barr

JL

(b) Grateful letter from Crabble Corn Mill.

(c) Successor to the Treasurer : Jennifer Gerrard

Successor to the Advertising Manager : Bruce Lilley

This filling of two vital vacancies was very warmly welcomed.

5. Treasurer's Report ( in writing )

(a) End of financial year, the bottom line :  
1.4. 92 - 31. 3. 93

Gross Income : £6102.69

Gross Expenditure : £5709.33

Credit balance : £393.36



(b) Members' Meeting; 22 Mar 93

Outgoings : £79.22          Revenue    £ 56.04

Debit balance : £23.18

Projects Fund £570.37      Peverley Publication Fund : £350.00 (in hand)

6. Projects sub-committee report. ( in writing.)

(a) "Operation Order" re Leopards' heads bollards published  
17 Mar. for 22-31 May. ( C.T. Environment Week )

(b) Work Party at Lydden Pond :  
Sunday 18 April 10 - 12

7. Editor

Congratulations on Newsletter No. 16

Considerations re the future printing of the Newsletter

8. Membership Secretary

Current Total	New Members	Resigned	Highest No.
378	16	95	473

from 12.3.92	The year :	to	8.4.93
328			378

9. Press Secretary made several useful and well-informed interventions, in particular about Local Government.

Satisfaction expressed about Dover Express coverage of Members' IMPACT meeting.

Good relations with Graham Tuthill.

Re " EXTRA " : Useful to write to Kent Messenger about areas where distribution has been discontinued.

10 Social Secretary

(a) 22 March : Members' Meeting re IMPACT  
All Praise to ML, for the idea, the planning and organisation.  
Also to JL, SC and JC. An exceptionally successful evening.

(b) AGM , all in hand.

(c) Later meetings :

19 June Guided Tours of Dover College :

Guides : LW ( will provide plans and handouts )    MW    AJW    PK    ML

18 Sep Boulogne Visit

Our trip included in the Friends of Dover Museum programme , inviting their members. Their Secretary, Mrs. Pamela Summers , has done useful research on pricing and alternative excursions. We must work together. JL

25 Oct Public Meeting

Subject : The Future of Local Government : see para 3(a) above.

(d) Possible future speakers, for file :

Mrs Philpot ( see para 3, above )

Also Martin Newcombe and, on many subjects :Lt. Col R. Bolton

JL

## 11 Planning sub-committee

- (a) KCC go-ahead for Whitfield by-pass. Now irrevocable. Only scope for comment : landscaping, replanting, archaeology.  
Our chief concern now : the joining of the A2 and the by-pass.  
Plans seem confused. LG drafting a letter to M.P.
- (b) DHB has demanded delay of proposed summer repairs to Whitfield roundabout.
- (c) LG will investigate whether there are any decisions about Old Park Barracks.
- (d) Western Docks area :

The only listed buildings are : Southern House. Admiralty Pier.  
Marine Stn. , interior and exterior .  
DHB value the Old Customs House and the Elizabeth St. Town / Harbour Stn.  
The latter rumoured under threat but DDC planners have no knowledge.

Decision : Action : The rumoured threat will be investigated.  
The whole area will be visited and consideration given to proceeding  
to " listing" procedures, in concert with DDC

LG JG KW

## 12. A.O.B.

- (a) Possible future venue :

While greatly appreciating the civilised surroundings of 53 Park Avenue,  
essential to find independent premises.

St. Mary's small hall, various commercial possibilities and the RCPYC  
were considered. All these would entail payment.

JG announced that, out of good will, the DHB would donate £200 towards  
costs in a first year and that , if chosen, the RCPYC would benefit from  
sorely needed financial support. It also offered bar and catering facilities.

JG to investigate and report

- (b) A letter of thanks to DHB for Cambridge Terrace LW
- (c) KW reported on the series of Eurotunnel talks which he had  
attended and which will be repeated April - May.  
Verdict : The less you know the more informative they seem to be.

- (c) JG and KW reported on the Tunnel's progress and hold-ups.  
DHB will be asking the government about the subsidy to Union Rail.

Date of next meeting :

Thursday 13 May, at 7.30

The Venue will be revealed in the AGENDA.