

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 60th Meeting of the Executive Committee of Thurs. 9 Sep. '93  
at 7.30 p.m. at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

Apologies : Vice-Chairman JC SC KW

Present : Chairman Secretary Treasurer  
JL ML LG JO JeO SS BA MR MMcF

1. The Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 59 of 8 July 1993  
with an addition to the Treasurer's Report, were carried and signed  
as correct.

2. Matters Arising :

From 10 Sep. '92

Re-siting of the Rolls Memorial

BA recapitulated the Committee's recommendations on this matter and reported recent correspondence which had re-opened it.

JeG reported the Vice-Chairman's information that neither the DoT nor the DHB would fund resiting.

Decision : LG would write to DDC as appropriate after having raised the matter with IMPACT at the Town Forum meeting : 15 Sep.

From 11 Feb. '93

7(f) Cherry Tree Avenue car-breakers' yard.

JC had reported as follows: Correspondence DDC/KCC had been forwarded, with our comments to DDC. John Moir replied that KCC had acted correctly. While accepting this literally, JC, on completion of his enquiries hopes to show that environmental factors were not adequately considered and to press for better guide-lines in future.

LG drew attention to the current Civic Trust report on authorities' sales of land in which our example will be included.

From 10 June '93

3(f) Buckland Hospital. The Chairman summarised the considerable coverage which this issue has had and is still having in the Press and elsewhere. No further action by the Society was called for at present.

3(g) Mayor - making

Chairman reported exchange of letters with Charter Trustees. His positive suggestions were received reservedly.

3. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman explained that, for personal reasons, he must leave committee meetings at 9.30. This made the nomination of a second Vice-Chairman (decided at the July meeting) urgent.

For the present the chairmanship after 9.30 could circulate. This should not, however, preclude the continued search for a vice-chairman/chairman-elect from outside the committee.

(a) The A20 Town Hall Exhibition AJW JG attended

KW's suspicion of deliberate synchronisation with Tunnel delays denied. Excuses of action elsewhere, unforeseen problems etc.

Why not complete the urban section first? Answer : No contractor can please himself.

Decision : Not too late to send our already-drafted letter to the M.P. AJW JG ML

N.B. Contractors' P.R. with affected residents much improved recently.

(b) Eurotunnel invitation to Fancy Dress Celebration sent to the Society per AJW LW KW. No takers. Not invited to 6 May Royal opening, but may we join the first train through the Tunnel ??

(c) IMPACT

Our letter re: apparent exclusion from decision-making process : Impact reply, with agenda for 28 July meeting : DDC /KCC :  
River Dour Corridor Grand Shaft A20 Townwall Street Car Park  
Leisure Centre frontage

Invitation to attend, as witness only. LG not available.

KW attended but not impressed. Discussion mostly about EC financial support.

N.B. We are invited to present displays in IMPACT windows/premises JO

(d) Town Mayor to be invited to D.S. Christmas Feast - when the arrangements are firm.

(e) Wye Conference 18/19 Sep.

Vacancy : 30 mins. on IMPACT. ( KW not available )

LG will attend on Sunday, and speak .

For Saturday : JC or SC ? AJW to invite.

(f) Representation on IMPACT TOWN FORUM : LG LW :KW?

#### 4. Secretary.

(a) Publications received. Handout.

(b) Invitation to Kent Coast Conference : 22 Sep. All day. Margate £20.  
No taker.

(c) DDC Guided Walk : 5 Sep. : 4 takers : £7 for funds.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Subscriptions coming in well.

Current Credit Balance : + £1,314.91

Newsletter virtually covering its costs.

Functions :

x Grove Ferry may incur a small loss

x 1066 and all that : Credit Balance £9.20

x Dover College Tour and Tea : Debit Balance : £16.63

Our position is satisfactory but care always needed.

#### 6. Membership Secretary

( reported in absence by JeG )

Situation as at 4 Sep.

<u>Current Total</u>	<u>New members</u>	<u>Resigned</u>	<u>Highest number</u>
409	13	99	508

#### 7. Press Secretary

Current Press relations good but some hesitations expressed.

Agreed that letters can be sent to the Press only with the writers' approval.

Press Secretary will seek prior clearance with Secretary/ Chairman in doubtful cases.

#### 8. Editor

\* Deadline for Newsletter No. 18 : end of October.

Contributions invited : rather few so far.

\* PK ML KW attended the closing meeting of the Dover Festival Committee  
Very pleased with the reception of our comments and suggestions.

## 9. Social Secretary

(a) 18 July : Sarre Mill and Grove Ferry

Successful and enjoyed ( but not perhaps to be repeated until the craft has been re-furbished. )

29 takers ( including Lin Clackett and partner as most welcome guests. )

(b) 18 Sep. Boulogne

Cancelled. Only 8 takers.

(c) 25 Oct The Future of Local Government.

N.B. The government's shifting attitude to the reform.

Butler not available. There are three speakers.

The meeting to be given the widest publicity, as a matter of public interest.

Press. ( Article ) AJW

Radio Circulars/ Handbills Distribution JeO BA LW

As John Moir is a main speaker MMcF suggests approach DDC ( Chris Lean ? )  
for publicity.

Menu available for our diners.

(d) 24 Nov. Conundrums and Conviviality

Well in hand.

PK BA

(e) Christmas Feast

Dover College term ends 16 Dec.

It should now be possible to negotiate venue.

Alternative venue ? St. Mary's Hall ? Dickens Corner ?

## 10 Planning sub-committee.

(a) LG read in full John Clayton's reply to his letter of 9 July arising from our meeting with John Clayton 30 June , and our concerns and hopes in general.

(i) Our views regarding the retention of the Eurotunnel road from the A20 most regrettably did not go before the Planning Committee.

Recommendation : to try to ensure that in future our views are passed on : Write : " Copy to... M.P. etc... "

(ii) John Clayton's comments on our suggestion of the need for a master-plan for the area Townwall Street to the Market Square look lamentably like a continuation of the piecemeal hand-to-mouth development of the past.

MMcF drew attention to the concept of a 'town-centre manager'.

LG will propose this for discussion at the Impact Town Forum.

(b) LG commented where relevant on all recent planning applications and the Committee agreed and supported his opinions/comments and proposed action.

(c) The planning applications relating to the Southern Water Sewage Treatment for Dover and Folkestone:

In the light of planning applications and the supporting environmental analysis document there would seem to be no planning, architectural or environmental objections to S.W's plans.

There remain JG's criticisms on engineering and economic grounds.

Agreed : to present these in writing ( to KCC through DDC ) JG LG

(d) DDC will be pleased to work with the Society on the listing of buildings in the Western Docks area.

(e) First meeting of IMPACT Town Forum : 7.00p.m. Wed. 15 Sep. LG will attend.

11. Projects

(a) Wed. 8 Sep. 18h00

FrontLine Britain '94. Sound Retreat. Dover Castle.

JO represented D.S.. Preparatory to major Royal celebration 1994.

Article for Newsletter, please.

ML JO

(b) Fri. 17 Sep. Sea Cadets Inspection. JO will be there.

(c) Lydden Pond :: Full, alive and well.

Ready for handover to Lydden.

Presentation bench - with help from Civic Trust ? DDC ?

A wood-carver needed for inscription : via Je G/JG ??

(d) 25Nov - 5 Dec National Tree Week will see the final management

turn-out at Lousyberry Wood

(e) J.O. invited to be interested in the wood above Chilton Avenue.

Meeting with DDC tree-man.

12. A.O.B.

JO drew attention to the success of the Dickens Corner Candy Shoppe and Victorian Tea Rooms. ( Colin Shaw )

Suggestion for an Award - if we return to the custom of awards.

Suitable for our parties ? Receptions ?

See paras. 9(c) 9 (e) above.

Date of next meeting :

Thursday 14 October

at 7.30 p.m.

at the RCPYC