

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 62nd meeting of the Executive Committee
Thursday 11 Nov. 1993 at 7.30 at the R.C.P.Y.C.

Apologies : ML JeO

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

1. The Minutes of Executive Committee No. 61 of 14 Oct '93
with one correction were passed and signed as correct.

2. Matters arising :

From 10 Sep '92

Siting of the Rolls Memorial

After thorough discussion, the Committee resolved :

The Gateway-lawn site preferred. DDC and Press to be informed.

BA AJW

Contractor to be asked whether they would move the statue to the lawn.

JG

At this point the similar matter of the possible resiting of the War Memorial in Marine Station was raised. (LW)

Decision : Developments will be watched. The preferred solution would be that it should remain in a refurbished Marine Station.

From 11 Feb and 8 July '93

* Cherry Tree Avenue car breakers' yard.

Written replies from KCC and DDC officials proving unsatisfactory and inconclusive, JC has referred the matter to DDC Cllr Cope and KCC Cllr Barnes, requesting their support and action to improve environmental concern in the future.

* Garden History Society " Parks at Risk" survey

Our submission completed and despatched. JC

3. Chairman's Report

(a) The Mayor has been invited to our Christmas Feast.

(b) Terry Sutton will join this committee on retirement.

He will receive agendas and minutes forthwith.

LW BA

(c) Local government as subject for discussion meeting : 17 Jan.
Consensus desirable. Sub-committee to arrange :

AJW LW JC BA MMcF (Je O cannot attend.)

Mon. 6 Dec at 1066

(d) Charities : change of rules : D.S. not affected.

(e) KCC Country Parks PR 29 Sep. 1.5m visitors p.a.

No sell-offs but management agreements: e.g. with voluntary bodies.
Friends of Kent Country Parks scheme ?

(f) "Friends of the Civic Trust" : for every Friend recruited the
Trust will pay £4 to the recruiting Society : speakers/leaflets
offered : Decision : Announce in Newsletter

SC ML

(g) Sir Richard Knowles as speaker :

Oct. 1994 Members' Meeting ? John Peverley will contact.

AJW

(h) European Heritage Day 1994

Free admission to interesting buildings, exhibitions, guided tours
Friends of Dover Castle Society committee to be informed.

MMcF

Chairman's Report contd.

- (i) A20 letters to M.P. for Key. Still no reply.
N.B. Shaw got the A20 to Court Wood opened early, against ministerial policy.
- (j) Dover Express invitation to comment on DHB road plans.
LG comments not printed.
- (k) AJW reply to Gibbs' Letter (distributed) printed 11 Nov.
- (l) Environmental Directory : Useful for reference.
- (m) KCC accepts CTRL , with extra tunnelling. No govt. money. 2005 ?

4. Secretary's Report

- (a) Ruck/ Jones (D.O.D.S. members) protests re our bill-posting
(D.O.D.S. manager in the USA) Doubly confirmed that only
D.S. had DDC reservation.
- (b) Publications received.
- (c) D. Express invites all clubs and societies to support their fund
for an East Kent Hospice, via their Daily Mail Eurotunnel Le Walk
sponsorship.

Agreed : To devote the Christmas Feast raffle

To acquire a collecting-tin for appropriate use.

Contact : John Mitchell : 0303 850999

LW

- (d) PK warmly invites the Committee to the Private View of her
exhibition in the Dover Museum : Mon. 15 Nov. 6.30 - 9.00
Wine and soft drinks.

5. Treasurer's Report

Current Credit Balance : £ 1225.41 (includes £500 Peverley Fund)

Project Fund : Cr. £518.45

Consideration will begin re 1994 subscription.

Agreed : Newsletters/Newsflash etc to outlying addresses to be posted
at BA's discretion.

To budget the Social events separately, as from 1994 financial year.

6. Membership Secretary

No new members. Current total : 363.

Agreed: Subscription to be acknowledged only on request.

Noted : A change of the subscription would make difficulties with
standing orders.

A celebratory thank-you party for the Berrys will be arranged:

Sunday 5 Dec. Lunch. chez Copes Details later

SC

7. Projects

(a) Lydden Pond: Presentation of public amenity seat to Lydden CPC
11.45 Sun. 21 Nov. '93

(b) IMPACT display in place. Best seen from inside.

(c) Crabble Mill-pond clean-up:

Volunteers' work party : 10.00 a.m. → 12 Dec

(d) Lousyberry Wood. KCC will be inspecting.

Volunteers' work party 4-5 Dec

(e) JO and BA attended Shepherdswell Rly 7 Nov. Enjoyable.

Letter of thanks.

JO AJW

(f) Invalid access beside the Dour / bowling-green.

S.E.Kent College are undertaking ongoing river clean-up.

Suggested liaison for labour/funding of the steps-ramp replacement :

S.E.K.C. JO LG AJW.

8. Social Secretary

- (a) Proposed programme welcomed and agreed.
- (b) Christmas Feast. Decision and solution praised.
Tape-recorder : BA
Carol song-sheets : Je G Carol leader ??
- (c) The costing/ budgeting of social and other functions was examined.

9. Editor (in absentia)

Reported that four people have said that they do not like ex cathedra pronouncements being described as " Dover Society" opinion.

Agreed : They must act constitutionally : Write to officers ,speak at meetings, vote at AGM.

10. Planning.

- (a) LG proposed to co-opt LW to the Planning sub-committee. Agreed.
- (b) The meeting with the National Trust. Full report by LW circulated. We are satisfied.
- (c) Next meeting of the Dover Forum of IMPACT:
Tues. 30 Nov. at 7.00 p.m. at 69 Castle Street LG LW KW
- (d) The following were discussed :
 - * The W. Docks devt. General planning permission has now been applied for.
 - * The reported loss of a direct rail link London - Dover (after the meeting re Marine Station and despite Union Rail brochure promising 1 h.10 min. to London.)
Agreed : Letter to the M.P. JG JC
- (e) Stembrook car park area.
LG attended meeting. EC money available for improving.
- (f) Agreed : Letter to DHB urging them to avoid any " down-grading "
e.g. Marine Court Site.
- (g) Broomfield Bank on-site meeting :
Southern Water KCC Dover public. Some 80 in all. LG attended.
Strong public support for the Shakespeare platform site.
Agreed : DS opinions on the S.W. plan should be made public : Press etc.

L.G. Je O

A.O.B. JG reported :

- * IMPACT/ DHB will spend £600,000 upgrading the sea-front.
- * Ocean-going lock likely to be postponed sine die.
- * Tidal Harbour to be dredged ? Granville Dock to be in-filled ?

Date of next meeting :

Thursday 9 Dec. '93 at 7.30 at the R.C.P.Y.C.