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THE DOVER SOCIETY

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MINUTES of the 70th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.  
at the R.C.P.Y.C. 14 July 1994.

Apologies : The Chairman, Vice-Chairman JG and MMcF.

Present : Vice-Chairman JC, Secretary, Treasurer

SC JL ML JO IG SS BA AG MR TS KW

1. The MINUTES of Executive Committee meeting of 9 June 1994 were  
passed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING :

From 10 Sep. '92

Re-location of the Rolls Memorial.

Replies from IMPACT and John Clayton and researched information from BA.

DHB will estimate the cost of removal and, if acceptable, will proceed.  
Ownership to be legally established in collaboration with Rolls Royce,  
who should in due course be invited to a re-unveiling ceremony. BA JC JG

From 11 Feb. '93.

Millennium Project. Update.

Steady contact had been maintained with Peter Brook, Chairman of the  
Millennium Commission. In a shifting situation the following seem  
to be landmarks :

The publication of guide-lines will be postponed to November.

For a total of £1.6 billion a compromise has been reached :

$\frac{1}{2}$  (800m) for Major Projects  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  (800m) to be spread nationally

Dover should aim at 66 - 100m.

The outlines of guide-lines are emerging :

" landmark, specifically celebrating the millennium, imagination,  
innovation, learning, enlightenment, unique "

? Pharos/ lazer Dover Western Heights as a landmark ? Plus another project.

Bids : Easter 1995.

First step in Dover :

Steering Group : M.P. Moir Sloggett Ian Gill IG will meet 20 July.  
Notes of the meeting will be circulated to the Committee.

The next step will be for the Steering Group to choose/set up a working  
group, with decisions on how it should be administered and financed.

The community ( especially the young) to be involved.

From 11 Nov. '93

D.S. badges and brooches.

Desirable that this should go ahead.

Call for a show of hands at the October meeting : " Will you buy if we stock?

From 13 Jan 1994.

Local Government Options for Kent :

Agreed that the Chairman be asked to write to the Commission, strongly confirming our first preference ( the Commission's 4th option ) which is the status quo.

From 5 May '94

Council provision of poster boards.

IMPACT to be informed that it is inappropriate and impossible for the D.S. to police notice-boards.

TS

DDC / John Moir to be approached again, stressing the overall desirability for the town to have attractive publicity boards for all events.

LW

Pressure to be continued via Councillors.

JC

A Youth Branch for the Society.

n.f.a. at present. In the Autumn ML and KW will visit Sixth Forms.

Sound equipment for S. Mary's Centre Hall

The Chairman's very generous <sup>offer</sup> was appreciated but domestic amplification falls short of the requirements for a full hall. The Pageant equipment ( MMcF ) is available for meetings. It will be tested before and used at the October meeting. Initially it would be necessary to employ Len Sorrel to instruct. ( Gratuity. )

BA MMcF

IMPACT had requested re-consideration of our decision not to help with shops' survey. TS conveyed the thinking of the Town Centre Management Group on this and the Committee agreed that the decision should be reversed.

JG would be asked to contact Miss Kay about the possibility of recruiting a group of members to conduct the survey. They would be briefed by Linda Wade at IMPACT.

JeG

From 9 June '94

From the Chairman :

KCC etc PORTS SURVEY

This is circulating. No comments are asked for.

3. CHAIRMAN.

1. TIME and TIDE : Review Copy. Circulating : now to AG.
2. Letter of thanks for 31 May Mayor - making sent to Mayor and Smithen.
3. Le Tour Breakfast Reception 6 July reported.
4. KFAS Conference 17/18 Sep. Bookings by 3 Sep. BA . KW. Society will pay for one.

4. SECRETARY

1. Invitation for the Society to become associate member of CPRE.  
£15 p.a. Agreed.

JeG

2. Kent Museums Week 1-7 Aug.

2 Tickets for " Folkestone Warren Evening ".

KW



## 5. TREASURER

Current Financial Statement distributed, beautifully printed.

C.I.H. includes Peverley Paper sponsorship.

No chance of the publication for this tourist season. Christine Waterman to be approached again - with a deadline, ? 31 Dec ?

LW

It could become necessary to return sponsorships.

## 6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

4 new members, named and introduced.

Current total : 395. Highest membership number : 562.

Suggestion of Life Membership discussed.

Standing Orders preferred but Life Membership will be aired in the next Newsletter and, if appropriate, referred to the AGM.

## 7. SOCIAL SECRETARY

### 1. 22 May : DOVER QUIZ

JL and PK had received thanks from DDC for the D.S. contribution to Dover Festival 1994. DDC will be crediting the ticket moneys.

DDC ( Donna Sowerby and Sarah Pascoe ) suggested as a D.S. contribution to Dover Festival 1995 :

? Imitate Faversham Open House Day

? A guided walk round Dover, visiting V.E. sites.

The Committee judged both these to be non-starters.

### 2. 22 June : The trip to the Goodwin Sands.

Judged to have been a complete success.

### 3. 16 July : Visit to Faversham : " Open House ". 12 takers, small coach.

### 4. ? Sep. : Trip to Montreuil.

It was decided to cancel this.

### 5. 24 Oct : Autumn meeting.

Hadge on Dover's Economic Future.

BA on Dover's ( economic ) Past.

BA JC

The Society would finance one guest to pre-meeting dinner.

### 6. November meeting.

### 7. Christmas Feast.

## 8. EDITOR

1. The Editor drew attention to the deadline date for the Newsletter and the difficulty caused by the absence of the next six months of the Social programme. ( The Social sub-committee had not met )

As and after the meeting closed, last-minute attempts were being made to rescue it.

8 EDITOR continued :

2. Interviewed for the Newsletter re Cruise Liner Terminal : Turgoose requested that the D.S. write to the M.P. re future of Marine Station.

Matter referred to the Planning Committee and JG would help draft the letter.

IG JG

9. PROJECTS

A marketing survey questionnaire on the Pageant was completed.

10 PLANNING

DHB poster-boards.

Request from Fawcus to withdraw our objection to the DHB revised planning application : now 2 boards for 1 year.

Our positive suggestion is for something better than hoardings.

Agreed : Letter to DoT ( Copy to Fawcus ) urging a positive approach to the project.

IG

: to offer support to DDC re illegal P and O poster-boards in York Street.

IG

11 A.O.B.

The meeting closed at 11.15 and the acting chairman suggested that time could be saved and discussion could be more productive if sub-committees reported their decisions, usually not needing discussion or revision.

Date of next meeting :

Thursday 8 Sep. at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.

Apologies from JO

STOP PRESS

Even as I was typing this, JL, ML and PK were hard at work rescuing the Social Programme. Watch that space ( the back page ) in the Newsletter.

E.L.W.