

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 73rd meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 10 Nov. 1994 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : Chairman MR JL BA

PRESENT : Vice-Chairman JC, Secretary, Treasurer SC IG JG
JO ML TS MMcf KW SS

1. The MINUTES of the 72nd meeting of the Executive Committee of 13 Oct.'94,
with one correction, were passed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

From 10 Sep. 1992 : Re-location of the Rolls Memorial.

In the absence of BA, JG announced considerable progress.

DHB estimate for the work : £2400

Funds promised : IMPACT: £1000 +

DHB : £500

Known to BA : £550

Possible additional support from Rolls Appn. Society. (Meeting 23 Nov.)

Letters re : land/ ownership/ custody will be exchanged DHB/DDC and
every effort will be made to make possible the re-unveiling ceremony, as
part of the Dover Festival 1995, with Rolls fly-past and motorcade.

The Committee thanked BA, JG (and JeG)

From 11 Feb 1993

Millenium Project

Update. The majority of councillors consulted had expressed themselves
in favour of the single Millenium Project for Dover.

After considerable discussion about future tactics it was agreed :

that IG work to arrange a meeting of the Steering Committee
with the three Council leaders.

The aim of the meeting : to invite DDC to agree that there
should be one joint Millenium project for Dover and to vote
a grant for its preparation and presentation.

The special Public Meeting to hear Mark Watts M.E.P. on
"Dover and Europe in the next Millenium " : Date 20 Feb. 1995
Final confirmation of date still awaited.

S.M. Centre Hall should be provisionally booked.

JeG JL

Guests to dine with the speaker and Mrs Watts to be decided.

Gwyn Prosser as possible guest and second speaker ?

The Director of the Working Group, if by then appointed.

From 13 Oct 1994

Laureston Place : historic paving.

The Secretary reported the reply from Dover Highway Management Unit.

The pothole reported : will be repaired within two weeks.

"Due to lack of money" no other work can be undertaken on the carriageway
channel. "

The Committee was not content to let the matter rest there. LW in
consultation with IG to pursue the matter. Reverse the parking ?
Seek listed status ? Advice from Civic Trust ?

LW IG

3. CHAIRMAN

1. Local Government 'VICTORY'.

Agreed : Letter to Minister, copy to M.P., urging endorsement of the Commission's recommendation.

Article for the next Newsletter. No 'congrats' to DDC.

The Dover Express has already given cover.

2. DHB dropping the W. Docks superstore.

3. Constitution : amendment re duration of office-holding. For discussion at a later date. At this point it was agreed that TS should be unofficial/official Press Secretary to the Society. He was congratulated on this week's cover in the Dover Express.

4. Time and Tide Review copy, now with MR

5. No reason not to send a duplicate / reminder letter to Mayor and Smithen.

6. Eurotunnel trips : invitations cut by Shareholder demand. Three D.S. cars will have made the experimental crossing.

7. Eurotunnel leaks : at the meeting of 17 Oct. Lord Berkeley gave the PR answer to KW 's question. JG explained the nature of the problem.

8. A representative of the Kent Buildings Preservation Trust had visited the Chairman, seeking suitable sites in Dover for restoration. The Victorian warehouse ? Kearsney Abbey tea-room ? Others ?

4. SECRETARY

1. Letter from Monsieur R. DELANGHE, President of the Association France Grande Bretagne, Calais. The Calais Section is one of 37 in France, with the aim of developing friendly relations between French and British.

Initial proposal : mutual/exchange excursion visits.

Agreed we should pursue this, perhaps for Summer 1995 trip.

N.B. Not in July.

Confer : LW

2. Water Again.

The NRA initial meeting for the Kentish Stour / Dour Catchment Management Plan. Canterbury 7 Nov. '94.

Full Consultation Report circulated.

Urgent need recognised to establish an Environmentally Acceptable Flow Regime for the Dour. Almost all of our past demands and recommendations included in the document. Future consultation continues.

JG drew attention to loss of water via the drainage ducts under the Folkestone-Dover line. Will be reported to NRA.

3. Kent Training and Enterprise Council : Draft Corporate Plan : "contributing to a Vision for Kent . "

Comments invited. JG may comment.

JG

5. TREASURER

Accounts presented, ever more clearly, in writing. Congratulations and thanks to JeG, JC and JG.

No change in banking arrangements.

\$700 to be transferred to Building Society.

Agreed : Subscription to Transport 2000 + \$5 donation.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Figures unchanged.

Contact maintained with Mrs Brightwell who continues her researches. Recommended that she should contact DDC.

Society badges : Agreed to go ahead.

BA

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY in absentia

24 Oct '94 The Economic Past and Future of Dover.

Warmest congratulations from the Committee to Budge on his excellent talk.

JG suggested that guest speakers should not be heavily outnumbered at the dinner-table. There was some dissent.

Payment for dinners should be simplified.

25 Nov. '94

Museum Mind Stretcher : 17 takers so far.

17 Dec. '94

Christmas Feast : 17 takers so far.

8. PLANNING

X Next meeting of the Planning sub-committee :

3 Dec. 10.a.m. 9 Castle Street.

X Members of the sub-committee please note.

Chief item for discussion : The future of Old Park Barracks.

Draft plans in circulation.

Kearsney Abbey tea-room : No action at present, as the Council's proposal is not going ahead.

9. PROJECTS

23 Oct. '94. East Kent Light Railway : Work session : 4 went.

30 Nov. '94. Further Sport and Recreation Strategy Meeting.

3/4 Dec. '94 National Tree Week : Lousyberry Wood 10.00 - 12.00 a.m.

Charlton Green Island (CRS)

Sponsorship requested for replacement willow :

Agreed : Donation of \$25.

Je G MMcF

10 EDITOR

The Newsletter should duly appear on 1 Dec.

11. A.O.B.

JG gave encouraging and welcome update on :

The Sustrans Cycle Route from Dover Docks (to Inverness).

The Cruise Terminal

The Tidal Marina extension.

The re-furbishment of the Churchill Hotel

Look out for the arrival in the Harbour of the world's largest dredger.

12. Date of next meeting :

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