

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 75th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday, 19 Jan. 1995, at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : BA MMcF

PRESENT : Chairman Vice-Chairmen : JC and JG Hon. Secretary Hon. Treasurer
Social Secretary Editor Chairman Planning Chairman Projects
Archivist MR TS KW

1. The MINUTES of the 74th meeting of the Executive Committee of 8 Dec. 1994
were approved and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING :

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

JG reported that arrangements for the move were still not quite tied up but they continue satisfactorily and he is confident that the re-location will be completed in time for the re-un-veiling as part of the Dover Festival 1995.

From 11 Feb 1993 : Millenium update :

LG was able to expand on the enclosed papers and presented an overall optimistic and promising picture. The Committee expressed particular satisfaction that LG had been elected acting Chairman of the enlarged Steering Committee.

From 13 Oct 1994

JC had drafted a further letter re the proposed closure of Dover's County Court. This approach strongly approved and the letter to be sent.

3. CHAIRMAN

(a) Local Govt. : exploratory letter to KCC /DDC. Public meeting later ?

N.B. A second review may still be required for Kent.

(b) Mark Watts : special public meeting.

Postponed to 20 or 27 Mar. (27 preferred.)

Social Secretary to check Hall booking.

A Newsflash will be needed.

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(c) Letter to Highways Authority on dualling of the A2; cc to DDC and D. Shaw.

Chairman of the Planning sub-committee of the opinion that the dualling is not needed.

(d) Vardon Recital, 4 Jan. reported.

Organ recital for Dover Society in 1996 ? St. Mary's Church or Dover College organ - the latter preferred. For Dover Festival ? Approach D. Sowerby. AJW

Also Kim Burwell (infant prodigy) Sat. in May 1995 ?

(e) A. Goodburn recovered from prostate operation.

Ford and then Vauxhall failure.

TS reported that Dover F.C. lost heavily with a fundraising car raffle.

(f) Peverley Paper. JG reported a satisfactory sub-committee meeting :
(JG ML PK BA) and work will proceed.

(g) Tourist Information Centre party 16 Dec.

Non-event. JW KW TS. Cynthia Terry award nevertheless.

- (h) David Ryeland query re Western Docks : referred to IG. Views had been exchanged. Has donated £2000 to KCC Archives Fund. Suggested for V-P of the Society .
Not desirable to further extend the Millenium Steering Committee but, at the appropriate stage, he could be invited to join an advisory panel.
- (j) Wed. 2 Aug. 7.30 St. Andrew's Church Buckland : 700th anniversary of the death of the Blessed Thomas de la Hale. No volunteers to attend.
- (k) E.K. Initiative wants contact for Wolverhampton University student on the history of Dover. DDC and DHB already contacted. Precise questions required and precise answers promised.
- (l) Talk to River Conservation Society 12 Jan. Questions on Millenium, Marine Station. Kearsney Abbey tea-room : satisfaction.
- (m) Merger of Pollution Inspectorate and NRA. CPRE/KTNC say dn worry. Does this reduce the inspectorate ? LW
- (n) Bob Ratcliffe's thanks and congrats for Newsletter re Marine Station.
- (o) Award for restoration of Royal Victoria Hospital ?
- (p) Castle Street frontage of the old B and Q building. Castle Street Society already active in the matter. D.S. letter to Quicksave, owner or IMPACT ?
- (q) Advance notice :
1995 KFFAS AGM 13 May, hosted by the City of Rochester Society

4. SECRETARY

Reported letter from Monsieur R. DELANGHE ,Chairman of Association France/G.B. They plan a Spring trip to Hever Castle. Volunteers to meet and join them ? Date awaited.

5. TREASURER

Accounts presented in writing.

The Christmas Feast incurred a loss of £106 which is offset by the profit on the Museum Quiz.

The Treasurer proposed a donation of £500 (to be paid by 30 April) to the KCC project of Cataloguing and Calendaring the Dover Borough Manuscripts. This was carried with only three against. D.Express to be informed. TS

Badges and brooches will be stocked as soon as practicable. 47 ordered so far.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Six new members, making a current total of 388. (Highest number allotted 575) Prosser has joined. New member Barnes is expert in picture restoring. (Talk?) Member Derek Leach was included in the New Year's Honours List.

Chairman and Editor need to be informed of deaths.

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY

1. The Christmas Feast. No earlier criticisms or complaints were repeated. Satisfaction and enjoyment of the fare and the entertainment were general.
2. Future meetings : as listed in the Newsletter. The social sub-committee will meet shortly to consider the venue for the French trip 1995, in collaboration with France -G.B.

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY contd.

The (later withdrawn) suggestion by Phil. Wyborn-Brown that our lecturers might be paid led to the decision that, on occasion, a suitable small gift - a bottle of wine, a plant - might be made to speakers. Agreed by Treasurer.

8. PLANNING

In addition to the full notes enclosed with the Agenda, LG reported :

Restoration of Laureston Place : J. Moir is in favour and would support. LG will approach.

Old Park Barracks : Support for development as a regional Sports Centre by Kent Sports Devt. Unit, the Sports Council, DDC Planners and the MoD consultants.

LG will draft a letter to DDC for Chairman to sign.

N.B. The definitive plan for the sea-front can be seen only at DDC (and not at IMPACT.)

N.B. Exhibition at IMPACT 25 Jan. - 6 Feb. Public Art competition : the three finalists.

JG informed the meeting that the draft plan for the first phase of the W. Docks development will not proceed.

9. PROJECTS

13 Feb. 3.30 White Cliffs Experience : Meeting : Exchange of Ideas.

12 Mar. Dour Litter Drive, 1995 (Cadets) Starting at Cherry Tree.

April : Tidy Britain Campaign

May : B T Environment Week

Bench Street shop window display : Possibility. (Co-operation DDC and IMPACT.)

Missing bollards have been replaced.

Discussions continue with South Kent College re River Dour : path, access, and river cleaning.

1995 Repeat session with East Kent Light Rly.

10. EDITOR

* The Editor appreciated the congratulations which had been conveyed on the Newsletter

* The subject of Dover Festival 1995 : Memories of 1945 Dover

* Loose-leaf agenda of the AGM needed for next Newsletter.

11. AOB

BA to draft a letter, for Chairman to sign, re long liaison Dover and Norwegian Veterans.

12 : DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

Thursday 9 Feb 1995 at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.

P.S. NOTICE :

THE WATTS SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE ON 27 MARCH .
A NEWSFLASH WILL BE NEEDED

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