

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 77th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 9 March 1995, at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : JO MMCF

PRESENT : Chairman Vice-Chairman JG Vice-Chairman JC Secretary
Treasurer Membership Secretary Editor JL SS BA MR TS KW

1. THE MINUTES of the 76th meeting of the Committee of 9 Feb. '95 were passed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

From 9 May 1991 The Feverley Publication

JG outlined the present situation. There was discussion and the Chairman requested to see all draft copy. He would also consult with JP. Options for future progress could then be considered. No decision was made about who would undertake future work.

*** Postscript : 11 March. A most helpful letter from John Feverley, one could say a deus ex machina, clears the way.

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

Publicity : Dover Express Adscene Daily Telegraph : photo and article Meridian Radio and Dover Express again (Chairman's letter) making sure that BA is given full credit.

JG reported that the move had been approved by the Technical Committee but it would come before the Planning Committee only in mid - April. He will try to short-circuit this, via John Clayton, but it would still be difficult to complete the move in time for the Dover Festival.

Decision : * Re-unveiling ceremony to be postponed to 2 June (the anniversary of the Rolls flight.)
* BA to liaise with Madge re the ceremony
* Ultimately a codicil is desirable concerning ownership : DHB > DDC > Dover Parish Council, if and when there is one.

From 11 Feb 1993 : Millenium Report.

LG outlined the parturition of the Steering Committee's proposal submission and we await the Ides of March with bated breath.

From 13 Oct. 1994 Laureston Place

JC had not lobbied KCCouncillors and it was decided not to do so for the present. LG is awaiting any result from John Noir's promised démarche to KCC. He might invoke the regulations quoted by MR.

From 10 Nov. 1994 : Communications with FDWS and NRA

JG had not yet had opportunity to contact FDWS.

JC and JO had written to the NRA, within the terms of the Stour/Dour Catchment Management Plan, concerning their responsibilities for the Dour riverside walk, the water discharging into the sea through adits under the rail track at Shakespeare Cliff and reported water extraction by H.M. Borstal. No full reply has yet been received.

JG had approached the Principal of South Kent College about the Dour riverside walk. Little progress except for a possibility of help with the proposed ramp.

MATTERS ARISING contd.

LW had written to the NRA supporting the opposition to planned merger of the NRA with the Pollution Inspectorate. The letter had been forwarded to the NRA Director dealing with the Environment Bill.

Comments on DDC Economic Plan

JC had commented on the DDC Economic Plan (he gave it only β -)

Comments included the following : too many business parks

the need to improve the A2 : Lydden to the Docks
and also the rail links with Dover.

need for poster boards

Attention was also drawn to the Millenium Fund project.

From 19 Jan. 1995.

The admirable commemorative certificates for Norwegian Veterans will be delivered (probably in person by BA) about the date of the 50th anniversary of the Norwegians' departure from Dover.

From 9 Feb 1995

JO and KW had attended the poorly attended DDC meeting " for the exchange of ideas for improving the environment." JO reported " a constant theme throughout was the lack of a civic competition, annually, for environmental improvements by voluntary groups." Decision : No action.

3. CHAIRMAN

- a. KFAS visit Sept 9/1995: KW/JG LG??/Webbs!
- b. Local Govt: Banham resignation: reconsideration including NW Kent: otherwise status quo but cost implications: letter to Gummer stressing consultation alr. complete: STOP PRESS for NEWSLETTER? AGREED.
- c. Mark Watts MEP: Mar 27: JW/MR/LK/MA/WA/PR/AG/VG/BB/GP/MW/KW: GS?

JP?

Publicity :

No newsflash : TS will try for cover in the Dover Express

- d. Vardon Recital Jan 4: organ recital for D Soc/Festival Jun Sat 1996: "Music for the Iron Voice" - illustrated recital: "popular" inclusions: prog. depends on organ: April 20/21 Dover Coll
- e. David Ryeland member?
- f. Jun 10 Kim Burwell recital at 1066 for Hospice prog agreed: LW/MW/JW/LGs?/KW....
- g. Merger of Pollution Inspectorate & NRA: ACTION? See para 2, above.
- h. Rolls: No DEXP mention of Budge or DSOC: LW/JW letter : Air Commodore J.C. Atkinson, Air League, 4, Hamilton Place, W1V 0BQ 071 4910470: newsletter: clipping sent; photograph(s) : further Air League phone and letter : DEXP letter of thanks to Budge
- j. Nationwide/Anglia dispute reconciliation: Newsletters

From the Dover Express

- 9.3: Thanks to Budge: LW/JW: NOT PEN WINNER!
- : Cruise terminal needs big shops IN THE TOWN
- : List more buildings: Maxton brewery destruction
- : Bill Newman v. Brian Cope to replace Paul Verrill on KCC
- : MEP pro F'stome-Boulogne ferry & anti hidden subsidies to ET
- : Summer opening of Dover Castle hospital
- : W. Docks cruise terminal at Marine Station & Admiralty Pier: from 4 to 25 in 5 yrs + Costa & Olsen: listed bldg consent; Trevor Gibbons: spring 1996: War Memorial remains
- : Green Apple award to DDC for env. protection & improvement
- : Cascade in Abbot's Cliff tunnel panic: no rail closure

4. SECRETARY

1. A Eurotunnel publication, looking back, was circulated.
2. The KCC Arts and Libraries survey request to nominate the best buildings of the last 50 years. For Dover : we nominate the White Cliffs Experience.
3. Civic Trust reply re our responsibilities for meetings/insurance. No overall guidance. Each and every query should be put to the insurers.

5. TREASURER

The accounts were presented in writing and commented.

Request : Submit claims for expenses up to date : audit time approaching.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Membership : no change.

Subscription : If the AGM passes the increase of membership subscription, the increase would not take effect until AGM 1996. It was therefore proposed and carried that the subscription should, from April 1996 be increased to £6 (individual) £10 joint. This to be put to the AGM 1995.

The proof for the revised application form for membership was approved.

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY

13 Feb. '95 Wine and Wisdom.

Very well attended and much enjoyed.

13 March '95

Keith Parfitt: Update on the Bronze Age boat and Dover's Anglo-Saxon Cemetery. Followed by members' group discussions. All in hand.

27 March '95 Public Meeting

Watts, M.E.P. on Dover and Europe in the new Millennium.
All in hand. TS will try to secure notice in the Express.

Programme planning sub-committee meeting Friday 10 March 11 a.m. 19 Castle Ave. to complete the year's programme.

8. PLANNING

Notes and comments on recent Planning issues were distributed with the Agenda.

Further, on Old Park Barracks, from JO in absentia :

JO is taking up the matter.

No reply yet from S.E. Sports Council to LG letter of 9 Dec.
Contact and discussions with DDC : Sports Officer, Chair of Econ.Devt. Committee and Technical Services Committee. All now informed of DS position and state of play.

DDC Committee Meeting re Sports Strategy Report attended.

9. PROJECTS

Sunday 12 March '95 : Dour Litter Drive : Operation Order circulated.
Lilian Kay V-P will award the prizes.

10 EDITOR

There is need for a volunteer with car to take responsibility for distributing items for delivery (Newsletter, Newsflash etc) to distributors.
AJW will ask Arthur Goodburn.

11. A.O.B. * Badges still promised A S A P.

* JG reported that NRA requiremenns had led to the closure of the toilets on the PoW and Admiralty Piers.

Date of next Meeting: Thursday 13 April at 7.30 pm. at the RCPYC

AGM Monday 24 April