

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 78th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 13 April 1995 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : Vice-Chairman J.G. who in the event was only a little late.

PRESENT : Chairman Vice-Chairmen : JG and JC Secretary Treasurer SC
JL JL ML LG JO TS SS BA MR KW MMcF

1. MINUTES of the 77th Meeting of the Executive Committee of Thursday 9 March '85
were passed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

From 9 May 1991 : The Peverley Publication

John Peverley had responded very positively on the modified draft and the amended draft. The White Cliffs section is expected to be ready by the end of April. The Museum staff will co-operate fully with illustrations in tempore opportuno.

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

Full planning permission has been granted.

The deadline for the completion of the move is mid-May.

The re-unveiling ceremony will be co-ordinated by Val Crimmin of DHB PR dept.

Julian Owen of IMPACT has advised that about £6000 of restoration work may be needed on the statue.

From 11 Feb. 1993 : Millenium Project

The public meeting of 27 Mar. was voted successful, with certain reservations.

The Society is content, for the present, to fund some publicity.

The meeting held at IMPACT : Tues. 4 April, was reported.

Progress report : Problems relating to DDC and, to a lesser extent to the consultant MOSS, were reported.

Strength lies in the all-round support which we enjoy. The Committee expressed the fullest confidence in LG's leadership in the Project.

From 13 Oct 1994 Laureston Place

The gutter is currently being properly repaired where damaged and further repairs will continue as they become necessary. Full restoration is not possible under current financial restraints.

3. CHAIRMAN

- a. KFAS visit 9 Sep '95 : KW/Webbs/Wye rep : AGM Spring Conf 13 May : progs
This is the same day as our excursion to Rochester.
- b. Local Govt: letter to Gummer : KCC protest : Legal query : Gravesham
and Dartford.
- c. Welby and Harman : History of Dover Coop : REVIEW? +Blackburn Trams H. ML
- d. Vardon organ recital for D Soc/Festival Jun Sat 1996
" Music for the Iron Voice" : 21 April Dover Coll. tryout.
- e. David Ryeland member ?
- f. 10 Jun Kim Burwell : LW/MW/JW/LGs/KW/HB
- g. AGM JW/KW/MA/WA/GP/RK/AK/BB/LK/MR/??
- h. 7 Feb D.Shaw re A2 consultation w. Highways Agency apology from Chief
Executive, Highways Authority : and LG to Curry, Minister of State
- j. Ian Gill, E.K. Initiative for Oct mtg. Agreed JL

DEXPRESS

13.4: DHB live animal ban illegal

: Pro-Sherrad letter re NSRL to Dover

: Bronze Age Boat in White Cliffs experience, not National Boat Centre

: Tpt Museum opening at Old Park: Geo Blackburn 's Tramway Routes of Dover £9.95: REVIEW

4. SECRETARY

- a. Two letters from Donna Sowerby :
 - (i) Festival of Dover 1996 : Recital by Terence Vardon warmly welcomed.
 - (ii) Thanks for the Society's comments on poster boards and publicity columns. Our opinion will be consulted when the stage of choosing street furniture is reached.
- b. KCC Arts and Libraries project : Unlocking the Past. Sep. 1995

Our reply to invitation : It may be possible to offer a small historical exhibition for the Dover Library, perhaps based on advance proofs of the Peverley book.

- c. Congratulations on our Newsletter from the Marlow (Bucks) Society, with special reference to the number and variety of contributors, as well as the format and presentation.
- d. PK suggests Paul Bennett, Director of C.A.T. as a future speaker. JL

5. TREASURER

- a. Millenium meeting publicity and other costs agreed, for the present, as the Society's contribution.
 - b. Agreed to donate the photograph of the Rolls memorial to Air Commodore J.C. Atkinson. (£3.62)
 - c. Agreed to donate £50 (from the " Concert Fund ") to the S. Mary's proposed Tuesdays and Saturdays concerts but TS will liaise and report.
 - d. Civic Trust : Subscription (€35). No voluntary additional donation.
- * It was agreed to donate £25 to Crabble Mill, particularly in appreciation of Clive Taylor's services at the Wine and Wisdom.
- * With the annual audited accounts due shortly the Treasurer limited her report to recent profit and loss.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Membership (again) at 401 (Highest number allotted 590) 8 new members
Mr Kevin Smith Mr Jack and Mrs Hazel Briggs Lt. Commdr.J. and Mrs P. Waterman
Mr T. Glyn Thomas and Mrs C.E. Thomas Mrs Andrew Kirk

Agreed : that the Newsletter should carry an item explaining the services of Care and Repair and of the C.A.B. ML

7. EDITOR

- a. Reports are invited on all and any events of the Dover Festival; the opening of the Dover Transport Museum in its new premises.
 - b. AJW will report on the KFAS Spring Conference .
- As always there were the warmest congratulations on Newsletter No.22.

8. PROJECTS

- a. Congratulations on 12 March River Clean which got favourable publicity in D.Express, Adscene and Extra. (Photos for next Newsletter ?)
Also on daffodils at Lydden Pond, which is holding water, and on the completion of painting of remaining bollards, including those at East Cliff.
- b. Future date : Environment Week, in May. Task : to re-furbish maritime heritage signs.
Some of our projects are eligible in competition.

9. PLANNING

a. KWIKSAVE STORE .

No progress. A further letter will be sent (also to IMPACT) . Last resort letter to D. Express. (Castle Street Society also involved.)

b. Hoardings : York Street Roundabout.

Following the DDC refusal of planning permission (Planning application 94/0927) the advertisers have appealed to the Ministry. Written representations (incl.ours) will be heard in May.

c. Other planning applications :

Churchill Hotel : new entrance canopies

Sea-front (revised) now approved

Langdon Cliffs : Visitors Centre deferred : lack of funds. Conversion of the skidding sheds to two wardens' houses, in progress.

Information that work to transform the old Officers Mess into a hotel may begin this summer. Problems of access.

d. Old Park Barracks

Development is rather advanced on temporary year by year lease : small businesses, Dover Transport Museum. JO reported that his pursuit of a Regional National Sports Centre was progressing. DDC/KCC would welcome a prestigious project.

JO favours a Regional Ice Sports Centre and will propose this to DDC.

10. SOCIAL SECRETARY

The hour was advancing and attention was only paid to 20 May: Dover Festival: Heritage Open Day.

Need to co-ordinate guiding arrangements etc.

JL Hugh Bax Jo Harman (to be confirmed) LW MW PK

11. A.O.B.

BA showed the immaculately printed certificates for Norwegian veterans which he plans to deliver personally in June.

Date of next meeting : 7.30 p.m. Thursday 11 May 1995 at the R.C.P.Y.C.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.30 p.m. Monday 24 April 1995 St. Mary's Parish Centre.

[Handwritten signature]
DONNA SOWLEY
Vice & Events Manager