

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 79th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 11 May at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : LG KW

PRESENT : Chairman Vice-Chairmen JG and JC Secretary Treasurer
Membership and Social Secretaries Editor Chairman : Projects
Press Secretary Archivist BA MR MMcF

1. MINUTES of the 78th Meeting of the Executive Committee of 13 April 1995
were passed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

From 9 May 1991 : The Peverley publication.

The final script (except for Kirk Alexander's contribution) now with
PK for BA. (Liaison re illustrations.) Peverley happy with this final
state. Congratulations to all concerned.

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

Work complete. Warmest congratulations and thanks to JG and DHB.
JG to convey the Committee's thanks to DHB maintenance staff.
The statue admired through the RCPYC windows and Philomena's drawing
admired by all.

Grand Opening Ceremony : 11.00 a.m. 2 June

Motorcade. 30-40 V.I.Ps.

Invitations, publicity and admin. to be co-ordinated by
DHB PR Officer.

To be the subject
of a Newsflash :
JG BA

From 11 Feb. 1993 : The Millenium Project

In the absence of LG, JG reported that the official application had been
sent in, (including an especially imaginative development for the Wellington
Dock) the product of much work by midnight oil by JG and J. Sloggett.
The application has the backing of DDC and includes their projects for the
Town. Some account of this stage will appear in the next Newsletter.
DHB has a draft modified plan, if the Millenium Project should fail.
Relevant to both is the progress with the Cruise Liner Terminal with 59 calls
(with possible additional 25) in 1996. Work on the extended Yacht Basin
is well advanced.

The public meeting called by DDC, Tues. 25 April 1995 on National Lottery
funding was commented on. Chairman's letter to the Dover Express welcoming
the meeting but criticising the presentation had not so far been published.

3. CHAIRMAN

(a) 14 May DDC Dover Peace Town Dedication invitation:

JW and JC will attend, mainly as an acte de présence with the new Council.

(b) £500 cheque to Centre for Kentish Studies : acknowl incl newsletter.

(c) Dover Bronze Age boat Trust Appeal (£700,000) Reception at the New Baltic
Exchange 38 St. Mary Axe, London EC. 18h.30 Wed. 7 Jun. No takers.

RSVP : Dover Museum

(d) REVIEW ? + Blackburn Trams' History

JW

(e) Vardon Organ Recital : Dover Festival 1996 : date to be confirmed.

Programme with 'popular' items. Dover College organ. No charge unless required
by Festival Committee. In wh. case : collection for charity ? Hospice ?

(f) Invitation to David Ryeland to join D.S. not yet sent.

3. CHAIRMAN contd.

(g) Marjorie Wiggins/Mrs A.Kirk. AGM protests and responses.

AGM : An article by John Peverley in the current KFAS Newsletter does what Sir Richard was asked to do.

Agreed : Barry Shaw to be invited for next year AGM (Director of NK and Medway Towns Architectural Centre, on " Better Towns ".)

There was further discussion inviting later reflection on the nature and content of AGM and other meetings :

Dover subjects : with pictures and questions. At a suitable time Julian Owen to be invited to talk on IMPACT'S achievements.

(h) Agreed : Ian Gill : East Kent Initiative for our October Meeting.

(i) Chairman (as KFAS Chairman) invited to attend Select Committee meeting : Thurs. 18 May. Subject : The Hybrid Bill.

DOVER EXPRESS :

11.5: Two letters v. Factory shops incl. Cllr Bannister, Chairman of planning: "most of the Labour group voted against": LOBBY? - full council
: Bp of Dover v. animal exports: boycott appeal: No DDB appeal: CLAF office: MP supports Bp but wants port open
: Overall Labour control of DDC: no Lib Lab pact: new job priority

4. SECRETARY

* A grateful reply had been received from Pete Ryan of KCC Arts and Libraries. If our small exhibition for " Unlocking the Past " in September is not ready they have a replacement in reserve.

BA expressed willingness to contribute an illustrated talk to this series, depending on suitable briefing and agreement with Pete Ryan.

* The Civic Trust had sent a second circular pressing societies to organise Heritage Open Days on the week-end 16 - 17 Sep.

5. TREASURER

* The Accounts were presented in writing and explained.

* The £500 had been paid to the KCC Dover Archive rescue.

* Brooch badges sell slowly and steadily and lapel badges are expected.

* At the AGM the raffle and the drinks donations contributed well.

* £50.06, the remaining balance in the Concert Fund, had been donated to sponsor a concert at St. Mary's.

JC urged members to support this series of concerts as much as possible.

* A donation had been received from Mr. G.H. Blackburn of £50, for the Rolls Memorial. This could be the beginning of a holding-fund, the interest on which could ultimately finance on-going cleaning and maintenance. Treasurer will send a letter of thanks.

* It had been necessary to transfer funds from the Building Society to cover current expenditure. Funds are transferred to the Society as soon as they become available.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

No. 591 : Mrs M.Cox (Kingsdown) : last number allocated.

Left : Rev. and Mrs D. Crowther - moved to Winchester.
Mr and Mrs Sunderland.

Re-instated :

Mr and Mrs Bill Newman

Mr J.A. Payne

Dr. and Mrs Valerie Mason

Current Membership Total : 403

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY contd.

Recent new member : Mrs Audrey (not Andrew as noted in last Minutes.)

Agreed : To send a Newsletter with Aims Leaflet and joining form to all new Councillors.

BA MMcF

7. EDITOR

The Editor (who had earned a mention on Radio Kent) asked the Committee to keep in mind the next, August, Newsletter.

BA offered an historical article.

A reminder of the request for reports and reviews of Festival events.

8. PROJECTS

May Environment Week : The cleaning of signs virtually completed.

Further session (with media presence) at Broadleas. 27 May.

9. PLANNING

(a) The proposed "factory" shop at Whitfield Estate.

LG had formulated our objections to this in a letter to DDC 18 Feb. last. The Committee strongly endorsed these objections and advanced additional grounds for objections.

DDC planning committee had approved the proposal. TS undertook to ascertain whether the application had gone to the Minister.

The Chairman asked for briefing (LG TS MR MMcF et al) and he would write. It was carried that we must oppose this project by all available means.

TS

NOTICE (12 May.)

LG calls a meeting of the Planning sub-committee for 10.30 a.m. on Sat 20 May at 9 Castle Street.

To discuss (a) above and (d) below and A.O.B.

This is the only notice :

JG JC
LW KW
AG MR
SS

(b) Consultation meeting re Local Plan : 26 May. Two representatives : LG KW

(c) Other current applications :

Proposed disposal of land held as public open space (Bushy Ruff)

Not strictly a planning application. LW had written to Lesley Cumberland, as requested by LG. Prompt and entirely acceptable reply : " The use of the land would be restricted to that of garden purposes only, with control of the type and style of fencing to be erected on the new boundary. "

(d) Old Park Barracks.

JO was warmly congratulated and thanked for his very considerable and thorough work on his draft Outline Plan for a Regional Sports Centre. (As requested by LG.) Discussion and comment began but it was decided that the proper forum for this is the Planning sub-committee, which JO would be willing, exceptionally, to attend. 10.30 a.m. Sat 20 May at 9 Castle Street.

10 SOCIAL SECRETARY

Reported as follows :

- * Sat 20 May. Only 9 had so far booked for the guided walk, 20 May. If numbers remain low attempts will be made to persuade them to join as one party.
- * Sat 13 May 22 members have booked for Rochester
- * Sat 15 July 11 takers so far for Greenwich.

11 A.O.B.

- * The Treasurer drew attention to the very attractive activities announced by the C.P.R.E. in East Kent.
- * JG announced that a viable plan had been completed for the national cycle path. starting at East Cliff.

Date of next meeting :

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

Apologies : BA and Je G and JG.