
THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 81st meeting of the Executive Committee
held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 13 July at the R.C.P.V.C.

APOLOGIES : MCF KW MR JO

PRESENT : Chairman Vice-Chairmen JG and JC Secretary Treasurer
SC JL LG SS BA TS MI.

The Chairman reported the death of Sir Clifford Jarrett. JG paid tribute to his distinguished character and career. The Committee stood in silence. The Chairman had written to Lady Mary and the Society will be represented at the Memorial Service.

1. The MINUTES of the 80th Meeting of the Executive Committee of 8 June '95 were passed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

From 9 May 1991 : The Feverley Publication

The final stage of the preparation is the selection and placing of the illustrations : some 40 out of the 500 or so available.

It will be necessary also to re-assess the costing, in relation to the £1354 held in reserve for the publication.

From 10 Sep. 1992 : The Rolls Memorial.

BA wishes to institute a trust fund for maintenance. (A token £50 has already been donated.) IMPACT estimate the initial cleaning at £6000-7000.

JG will liaise with DDC concerning ownership (the statue is now on DDC land) and maintenance.

From 11 Feb 1993 The Millenium Project

LG has received no detailed explanation for the rejection of the Dover project. (12 out of 550 applications have passed the first stage.)

A re-constituted steering committee will decide whether and how to apply again - which LG favours. DHR would continue to fund the preparation of an application and are particularly interested in the Maritime Museum.

3. CHAIRMAN

(a) Proposed privatisation of DHR.

The Harbour Board, who must report to the Government by September, are undertaking an extensive consultation of all users and interested bodies.

The Board will seek to persuade the Government against privatisation.

Agreed : JC will draft a strong letter to the MP opposing privatisation and re-inforcing our earlier intervention. Avoiding the political aspects and within our brief as an environmental pressure- group defending the well-being of Dover.

(b) Vardon organ-recital : 18 May 1996 at Dover College.

Pre-Festival : our publicity.

N.B. also : Vardon recital at Temple Ewell Church : Sat. 9 Mar. 1996.

Publicity requested.

(CHAIRMAN contd.)

(c) David Ryeland : Treasurer of Emmaus. No reply re Society membership.
TS gave a full account of Emmaus. (The Society had supported the original
planning application.) The Committee wished to support but significant
financial support not possible.

Agreed : Members to be asked, in due course, to collect and hand in at meetings
suitable materials/artifacts. Explanatory note in December Newsletter.

(d) Awards : Royal Victoria Hospital and Paper Mill Power Station.
Both proved to be controversial within the Committee.
Both will be examined by the Planning sub-committee who will report.
(JL to be consulted re R.V.H.)

DEXPRESS

- 15.6: Factory shops pro
: " " denunciation of GP/Lab "betrayal"
: Ban live exports
: Bring back the stocks(!)
: Hellfire Corner hospital
: Paper Mill heat & power plant opened: no more coal or ash lorries, ledd greenhouse
gases: AWARD?
: £1m appeal for special Bronze Age Boat Museum in the W>C Experience bistro
: Factory Shops likely to be blocked: SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL JUN 26
: Burlington Ho conversion into 76 flats: exterior re-design & re-cladding: LG says
"Horrendous": demolition preferable but unlikely
: Crabble Mill arts & crafts courses:<+ cottages into tea-room
: Dover Commercial & Industrial Review
: Jun 10 "1066" Hospice recital £270
: MMF On The Sppt Questions
- 22.6: Port Sale proposals demanded from DHB: Lab opp'n: £100m assets: investment lack: Shaw
wants management buyout + ferries: Sealink pro sale: 4,340 staff: P&O reserved: 3
months for proposals
: Factory Shops con and retrospective to Tesco
: " " pro: otherwise it goes to F'stone, Ashford or Thanet
: Burlington Ho flats plann appalling: noise: no play space: 6% property unoccupied:
tower block demolitions elsewhere
: Dover fails millenium test: re-jig next year
: EKLR Sh'well-Eythorne trains
- 29.6: Shopping complex scrapped: appeal and 2 yr public inquiry?
: DHB privatisation bad: shareholders v. port and town: WRITE TO DAVID SHAW
: Ditto
: Ditto
: DHB lobby for law change on animal exports
: Children's Ward?
- 6.7: Shaw criticised re 5000 jobs
: Factory shops: landowner protests: councillor supports refusal
: 2 Lab. cllrs resign: Fairclough appeal: Thanet threat
- 13.7: Demolish Burlington House "as Dover Society wishes"
: Oppose DHB privatisation: write to MP
: Labour Campaign:
: DHB meeting yesterday
: Factory Shopping: 350 jobs "lost": public inquiry(?)
: death-knell

4. SECRETARY

(a) The Civic Trust is urging societies to consider making a submission to the Government's Urban Design Campaign. The Trust has published guidance for participants.

IG will examine and advise on whether the Campaign could be helpful, for example re Russell Street or Old Park ?

(b) Congratulations to D. Express cartoonist re Burlington House. Cartoon for Newsletter ?

5. TREASURER

Accounts were presented in writing, explained, and understood, by some.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

(a) New members : 6 Current total : 405 Highest No. allotted : 603

7 have not so far paid subscriptions.

Mr. Brown of Brookside : deceased.

New members are :

Capt. and Mrs R. Levy D.F.C. The Gateway. Aviation. French.

Mr Simon Bannister : Kearsney Court

DDC councillor : chairman planning.

Mr Michael and Mrs Patricia Jukes. Milestone Ho. London Rd.

Mrs J.E. Pain. Old Park Hill, now joining with husband.

(b) The caveat re the data protection act :

Agreed that this should be removed from the application for membership form. The August Newsletter will carry a notice.

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY

14 Jun. Goodwins. 32 took part and it was again an enjoyable success; advisable not to repeat a third time.

15 July. Greenwich. 32 booked.

16 Sep. Arras. Needs reminder : Newsletter ? Newsflash later ?

Mon. 22 April 1996 : AGM ; Hall booked.

8. PLANNING

(a) The Secretary of State has upheld the Planning decision to remove the York Street poster hoardings. This could increase motivation to develop the site.

(b) The Castle Street Quicksave planter has been planted, at a cost of £600, by Quicksave.

(c) Old Park Barracks : IG and KW are preparing our submission.

(d) We have opposed the Burlington House and Factory Shop planning applications. If the developer appeals re the Factory Shop and it is ' called in ' we would take part in formal representations.

(e) The Townwall Street Filling Station. Opposed, because the proposed plan would leave part of the site still open to blight.

The above three items could be motivated by hedging against possible compulsory purchase, within the DDC plans for the area.

(f) St. James' Hotel : DDC " investigating". Difficult to enforce restoration.

(g) The Local Plan is being studied and will be commented upon.

10. EDITOR

- (a) The August Newsletter will be in a new format : double column and smaller font and therefore able to accommodate more matter.
- (b) Proposal to hold an August Social Gathering : Committee and Partners:
Warmly welcomed : Note for diaries :
chez Merrill : Lunch : 12.30 : Sunday 13 Aug.

11. A.O.B.

BA gave a brief account of his Norwegian visit and of the reciprocal visit by the Norwegians. (Sadly the survivors are now only 6, not 8 .)
A fuller account will appear in the Newsletter.

JG reported :

- 1. Mrs Sencicle has given tongue again. JG is taking legal advice.
- 2. Cruise Terminal : up to some 78 calls in 1996
- 3. The Eastern Docks have been given some landscaping.
- 4. The tidal Yacht Basin has attracted a 32 % increased take-up of moorings.
- 5. The DHB, IMPACT , European refurbishment of the western end of the sea-front is proceeding apace.
- 6. Jubilee Way is scheduled for major repairs in 1996.
It will be reduced to one lane, which will consistently be the uphill lane.

Date of next meeting :

Thursday 14 SEPTEMBER, 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.