THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 82nd meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 14 Sep. 1995 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES: Vice-Chairman JG Treasurer BA ML LG MMcF MR

PRESENT : Chairman Vice-Chairman JC Secretary SC JL JQ TS SS KW

1. The MINUTES of the 81st meeting of the Executive Committee of 13 July 1995 were passed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

From 9 May 1991: The Peverley Publication

BA was absent giving an illustrated talk in the KCC "Unlocking the Past" series. He had reported that most outstanding problems had been resolved and publication could proceed.

From 10 May 1992: The Rolls Memorial

- (a) Confirmation of ownership awaits the return of JG
- (b) Initial cleaning. It was considered that the Society could offer to undertake this, subject to(a) above and to expert advice on suitable methods.

 JO

From 13 July 1995

(a) Proposed privatisation of Dover Harbour Board.

High praise for excellent letter (JC) to the Minister cc D.Exp., Prosser. Also for TS' article in Lloyds List.

There was some discussion of radio, TV and Press publicity and TS requested that he be kept informed of all Society approaches to the media.

Capt. M. Westen (member) had made a forceful personal submission and received only a routine Civil Service reply.

- (b) Our submission re Old Park Barracks.
- No information in the absence

JG

(c) Our comments on the D. D. Local Plan.

3. CHAIRMAN

- (a) Vardon organ recitals:
- 9 Mar. 1996 at Temple Ewell Church
- 18 May 1996 at Dover College: Interval refreshments in the "Library": Tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits, on sale for charity. (Hospice)
 Usual arrangements by JL
- (b) Bill Breeze 90th birthday: 25/8/95 Blakes' Wine Bar: thanks to LK/SC/JG/JeG/ML/KW/LW- esp. print (Leo) and card (PK): letter of thanks.
- (c) AGM 1996: 22 Apral speaker: Farewell to IMPACT/Local Plan: LETTER
- (d) Meeting 23 Oct. 1995:

Diners: Speakers Ian Gill (Wife unable to attend) Col. Bolton and Wife JW MA WA LK MR?

LW will chck with both speakers about projection equipment and with Jo Harman about public address equipment.

- (d) NEWSFLASH: date correction: excellent recruitment leaflet and three more takers for ARRAS trip recruited.
- (e) Wye Conference : KW : NB DOVER : PR article

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- (f) Awards: Agreed to leave on the agenda the possibility of Awards, on grounds of architecture and conservation:
 Royal Victoria Hospital (facade only?) and Buckland Mill Power Station. LG
 N.B. A repeat visit to the Paper Mill (by invitation) is planned for May 1996. Date?

 JL LW
- (g) Knowles' friendly reply to Newsletter criticism: "..." the criticism is justified ! You cannot make a leopard change his spots. Anne said I was woefully political... Sorry about the Millenium bid..."
- (h) Dealt with in 2 (iii) above.
- (j) KAPC offer of help: copy of offer to Lesley Cumberland asking stage reached: OP Dan Bloomfield, KAG Sec.
- (k) 26 Sep. Centre for Kentish Studies County Hall: computerising Dover cataloguing demonstration: 10.00-14.00: coffee, tea and biscuits: place reserved for morning session. KW will go.

 Telephone: Sarah Terry: Heritage Services Group 01622 694358 name of our representative.

LW

(1) Dover Museum: " An Eye for the Past " Peter Conolly Clashes with our 12 Oct meeting.

DECISION: our committee meeting POSTPONED TO THURS. 19 OCTOBER

Apologies for absence JW and LW to be reversed.

LW

- (m) NCCT Nomination Paper: WR proposed by KFAS and seconded by Dover Society: Signed by Chairman and Vice-Chairman JC.
- (n) Meetings at IMPACT: llAug. and 8 Sep. Subject: How the calls of cruise liners could most benefit Dover.
- KW MMcF and TS attended and KW and TS reported. Particularly promising : information about Dover to be disseminated among passengers.
- KW also reported the Dover Business Support Group. (IMPACT.)
- (o) River Conservation Society request support for their request to be kept informed of tree work by DDC. Recommeded that they should seek the same distribution of planning applications, including TPOs which we receive.

DOVER EXPRESS

14.9: Brian Cope lashing letter v. GP et al

: Local parties and privatisation of port: Calais buy-in?: no ferries joint bid: DS v.

GP: 2000 jobs gone 1991-3: 2000 1994-6

: Closure of Buckland NatWest Bank

: DDC opposes NT Langdon gates

: 150 Chargecard jobs at Biggin Telephone exchange

4. SECRETARY

Publications circulated.

5. TREASURER (absent)

- (a) The current statement of accounts was explained by JC
- (b) Donation of £10 to the local branch of the CPRE approved.
- (c) The annual return to the Charity Commissioners had been despatched.
- (d) It was suggested that the Treasurer should examine the terms of Society insurance with the Zurich. (See KFAS Newsletter

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Current membership total 404 (Highest number allotted : 611)

Six new members :

604 Mrs D.E.Lock Camden Crescent

605 Ms C.J. Simison The Gateway

606 Mr Dick Whittamore 37 Tower Hamlets Road was asst manager of the Dover Hippodrome during the war.

607/8 Mr and Mrs Wheeler, Kingsdown

609 Mr G.N. Harby Castle Avenue

610 Miss H. Drummond The Gateway

611 Mrs Margaret Smith Sunningdale Green Lane T.E.

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY

- (a) 16 Sep ARRAS TRIP 30 Takers. May break even.
- (b) 23 Oct Members Meeting

Speakers: Ian Gill and Col. Bolton (member)

Col. Bolton's subject : Kent: Brick by brick.

- (c)17 Nov Museum Quiz
- (d) 16 Dec Christmas Feast at Dover College.

Music by courtesy of Michael Foad (member).

8. PLANNING

(a) Proposed extension to River Parish Church:

Agreed: No action called for. Letter to Miss Simmonds

LW

(b) National Trust parking plans for Langdon Cliffs: Agreed comment sent to DDC.

LW JC

(c) Suggestions for Connaught Park, as requested in the Newsletter.

Paper by ARG was discussed and various suggestions were made. Several committee members may write suggestions. The importance of prompt applications for Lottery money was stressed by JO.

ARG to be thanked and given the gist of our comments

The subject to remain on the Planning sub-committee agenda.

LG

9. PROJECTS

Rubbish behind Pencester Road/ SK College reported by ML had been cleared - for the present ! NOT a suitable task for PROJECTS.

The October Agenda should include consideration of the litter problems in particular behind Pencester, beside the Library behind the shops and Military Hill.

Future projects will include National Tree Week and Cadets in the Spring and continue to keep a high profile for the Society in this respect.

10. EDITOR (Absent)

- (a) A letter from ML thanked participants at the lunch of 13 Aug. and hoped that a similar social gathering in August would be repeated. Welcomed.
- (b) The Committee did not recommend the publication of Barry Grayson's poem in the Newsletter.

11. AOB

There was none.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

N.B. CHANGE OF DATE

See para. 3 (1) above:

THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.

JG