

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 85th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
at the R.C.P.Y.C. on Thursday 14 Dec. 1995.

APOLOGIES : Chairman, both Vice-Chairmen and Membership Secretary.

PRESENT : Secretary Treasurer JL ML LG JO TS SS BA MR KW

1. The MINUTES of the 84th meeting of the Executive Committee of 9 Nov. 1995,
with one correction, were passed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING :

From 9 May 1991 : The Peverley Publication.

It will be possible to send the proof, complete with illustrations in proof,
to the author, shortly after, rather than before, Christmas.

From 13 July 1995: Proposed privatisation of Dover Harbour Board.

The last word, for the moment, (reported by the Treasurer from JG) :
In accordance with the Ports Act the status of DHB can only be re-considered
after a lapse of 5 years after the notification.

From 9 Nov. 1995 : The memorial plaque to the Unknown Warrior.

All concerned had been helpful and welcoming in this matter. (British Legion,
DHB) Financing should be no problem : Regimental associations ?

If DHB agree, the Dover Society will co-ordinate.

BA JG

3. CHAIRMAN

(a) Vardon organ recital : Dover College 18 May 1996 : Rehearsal 2 Jan. '96.

(b) Museum Quiz : It was not considered necessary to specify an alternative
as there are always several possibilities waiting.

(c) AGM 22 April 1996 speaker : Farewell to IMPACT/ Local plan. LETTER

(d) Awards : Decided : Buckland Mill and Royal Victoria. The first will
be awarded at the Christmas Feast and the second announced.

To be presented at the AGM : Snargate Street/IMPACT.

For consideration : St. Edmund's School and Sunny Corner.

(e) New purpose for White Cliffs Experience ?

After useful wide-ranging discussion :

Agreed : Letter to DDC : ML suggestion of multi-purpose theatre
LG communications/accessibility.

LG ML

(f) B and Q : Return, without much hope, to our earlier plea for a
more sympathetic building.

LG

(g) KM/ INSURANCE MR KW TS would be willing, as convenient, to attend
KHF meetings. Agreed to pay the joining fee. Details of insurance cover
awaited for examination.

JW Be G JC

(h) Local Govt. response : KCC request for corresp. to Gummer: covering
letter. No acknowledgment.

(j) Letter on NDG + Borstal chimney published in D.E.

(k) 15 Jun. recital :

JW KW LW MW LG JG SC RC + MR

(m) Michael Foad request for concert write-up in D.E. : published

(n) Buckland Protest March : 12 Dec. FORGOT. A PITY.

DOVER EXPRESS

14:12 : Buckland March

District Directory of groups

Collect one : LW

: Book In to help OXFAM

: Water Meters

4. SECRETARY

1. Civic Trust : Urban Focus circulated.

Simplified system for Charity accounting : to Treasurer.

2. DDC (Lesley Cumberland) request suggestions for redesign access to Deal Pier.

Reply : Essentially in the sphere of the Deal Society.

LW

3. Attention drawn to the Tale of Two Christmases and the Dover Arts and Crafts show at the Museum. (Includes some PK's.)

4. DDC letter to the Chairman re Sports Academy and Ice Centre at Old Park. Read out in full and considered at length. (Copy enclosed)

Decision : No immediate action. LG will pursue. Ian Gill could be a useful ally.

LG

5. TREASURER

1. The current statement was distributed: ever more clearly presented.

2. The CPRE Conference in London in April was noted.

3. (From V-C JG) The continuation of the Town Centre Management for Dover and appointment of a manager, after the departure of IMPACT, was announced and discussed.

Agreed : A token subscription could be made at the appropriate time.

4. Also agreed : a donation to the Bronze Age Boat museum, if a further appeal is made.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (Written report, in absentia)

Membership stands at 406 (highest number allotted 621)

3 new members : 619 Mrs Mary E. Dixon (Kingston, Canterbury.)
620 Mrs Jean Groves (Stanhope Road, Dover.)
621 Dr. J.C.G. Binfield (Sheffield : nephew of Miss K. Goodfellow.)

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY

1. All in hand for the Christmas Feast, not without hard labour.

Seating by sixes. Unlikely to break even. Superior raffle prizes requested.

2. Later meetings, up to March, organised.

8. EDITOR

Next Newsletter deadline : end of February.

Accuracy of contributions on disc must be the responsibility of the author.

Emmaus boxes to be at the Jan. meeting.

9. PROJECTS

JO reported on a rather inconclusive meeting, with wide representation, re the future of Connaught Park.

Agreed, after considerable discussion : No immediate action but re-consideration at the next meeting after completion of the analysis of the Society's sounding. Then, in consultation with MMcF, letter to Chief Executive DDC and Lottery Funding Committee.

(9. PROJECTS contd.)

Projects were reported :

10 Nov. Cowgate : supporting White Cliffs Countryside Project

22 Nov. Broadlees : Tree Planting. D. of Y. boys and girls.
D.D. preentation.

2 Dec. Lousyberry Wood re-visited.

10. PLANNING

(a) York Street roundabout hoardings. Helpless reply from DDC Planning Dept.
Planning sub-committee will consider future action.

Meanwhile BA will write as a private citizen to the Dover Express.

BA

(b) Attention drawn to the following :

(i) Eye-hospital site :

Planning permission given for housing development.

(ii) Burlington House conversion rejected.

(iii) The old Rag Mill, Crabble, again for sale. For housing development ?

(c) The Western Heights : Dover Society Lottery Fund submission:

Our proposal accepted in principle. Detailed submission required by 12 Feb.

The work of LG JG JC welcomed and praised.

Cost of the detailed submission to be borne by the Society. (Estimate by
Jan. meeting.) Suggestion of a fund-raising meeting, if necessary.

11. A.O.B.

JG (reported by JeG) request that we avoid outnumbering our guests
at pre-meeting dinners. Presumably the aim is conversation, which calls
for a 50/50 balance.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 11 Jan. 1996 at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.