

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 88th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 14 March 1996 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : LG JL

PRESENT : Chairman Both Vice-Chairmen Secretary Treasurer
Membership Secretary Editor JO TS SS BA MR KW MMcF

1. The MINUTES of the 87th meeting of the Executive Committee of 8 Feb. 1996
were passed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING :

From 9 May 1991 : The Peverley Paper

(This item was in the event called later, when JG was present.)

An entirely satisfactory situation was reported. The cost estimate for
1000 copies was £1880. A sponsorship of £700 was promised by DHB so that
the project is within budget. Marketing will be by D. Welby.

From 14 Dec 1995 and 8 Feb 1996

Subjects for discussion at the meeting with DDC Officers and Councillors :
Monday 18 March at 5.00 p.m. at Dover Town Hall.

Old Park Barracks Millenium projects D.S. Lottery submission

Re-location of miner's statue from Richborough The proposed aerial ropeway

Initial cleaning and long-term maintenance of the Rolls Memorial.

It was anticipated that DDC would be in the Chair.

We would stress our non-party status. We would request explanation of the
financial and other limitations within which the Council works.

We would request information concerning the " Capital Programme Appraisal
Working Group " (Chairman : Cllr. T.J. Birkett.)

3. CHAIRMAN

(a) Vardon Recital

Agreed : Programme : 300 to print. £1.50 (some to be sold in advance) and
retiring collection.

(b) No ARJO membership yet.

(c) AGM 22 April 1996 :

Speaker : Farewell to IMPACT/ Local Plan.

Award presentations to RVH, Sea Front, Snargate, by the President.

LG to draft the citations. LG

KW will make a nomination for the Committee. (KW may resign, at least
temporarily.) The vacancy will be in accord with item 3(d) of the
Minutes of 8 Feb. 1996.

(d) Local Govt. : Heat off re-election dates : probably Unitary.

WE STOPPED IT FROM BEING WORSE. N.B. ELECTION INTERVENING.

(e) 15 June Recital :

JW/KW/LW/MW/LG/JG/SC/RC/MR/FL/MB/JB

(f) Castle Lift/Aerial Ropeway

Basically we welcome the idea but are concerned about the environmental
impact. (English Heritage reported to be opposed.) To be discussed at
the DDC meeting 18 March.

(g) SITA (French owned) has replaced SERCO.

3. CHAIRMAN concluded.

(h) KFAS AGM Spring Conference. Outstandingly good brochures. (Will be distributed with the Newsletter.)

(j) Chairman has accepted invitation to the Camera Club : 18 Mar.

4. SECRETARY

(a) Water. Very full information supplied by the M.P. and the N.R.A.
But, cold comfort for the drought.

(b) Town Centre Management Partnership : Easter Fun invitation.
Volunteers apply direct.

(c) Civic Trust : Fact Files - briefing leaflets.

Also, possible missed opportunity. First winners of Gummer/Heritage awards announced, for joint civic society/local council projects.

(d) Meetings with representatives of Cross-Channel organisations :

(i) Association France--Grande Bretagne :

Thursday 21 March. 13.30h. Churchill Hotel

(ii) Calais Accueil

Thursday 23 May. 24 members. Mayoral reception

5. TREASURER

(a) The current financial statement presented in writing. Attention was drawn to the very creditable final balances for the Christmas Feast and the Wine and Wisdom.

In view of the latter :

Agreed : to donate £50 to Crabble Mill.

(b) Insurance : Premium reduced to £100 from £105. (Cover now up to aet. 84.)

Agreed : to defer a donation until after July when we shall not be holding a fund-raising meeting.

(c) Subscription increased to £40 from £30.

(d) Agreed to give a present to the speaker (J. Turgoose) 25 Mar.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

4 new members and one re-instated. Mr and Mrs Phil Wyborne-Brown
(Dover Castle and Photographer)
Mr and Mrs P.Cook
Courtland Avenue, Whitfield

Current total membership : 419 (Last number allotted : 633.)

7. PLANNING

Chairman absent : LW reported request from Mrs. Wendy Crush to watch for Tag Maclaren / Lydden Circuit detailed planning application. (Outline Planning Permission expires in October.)

In her opinion, endorsed by members of this committee, the " planning benefit" (i.e. employment) which strongly influenced the approval, is no longer valid.

8. SOCIAL SECRETARY

In the absence of JL, ML reported the meeting of the social sub-committee of 13 Mar. Suggestions for events were approved and procedure for small group events agreed.

25 March:

The second half of the evening will consist of members' discussion groups : Subject : The social calendar
IMPACT ongoing "shopping list" to be continued by TCMC.

N.B. The cross-Channel trip will now be in July and the London trip will be in September.

9. PROJECTS

16 Feb. Melbourne School project : deemed to have been of value.

4 Mar. → Film Festival. Thanks to helpers.

17 Mar. Green Stix : survey of town centre trees.

MMcF reported hopefully on the possibility of a shop becoming available for a D.S. display, in the ex-Indoor Market.

10 EDITOR

Newsletter : Every hope that printing and distribution will be punctual :
27 Mar. - 1 April.

11. A.O.B.

(i) BA invited the Committee to think of the long-term desirability of permanent D S premises. (c.f. Winchester, Faversham.)

Agreed : most desirable and advantageous.

(ii) JG reported : DHB now await 96 cruise ships this year
The Maritime museum is now scheduled to go to Falmouth

(iii) JC has written comments on the DDC Economic Strategy report.
Available on request.

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

AGM 22 April at 7.30 p.m. at the St. Mary's Parish Centre.

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