

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 89th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 11 April 1996 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : JL BA

PRESENT : Chairman Both Vice-Chairmen Secretary Treasurer
Membership Secretary JO LG TS MR ML KW SS

1. The MINUTES of the 88th meeting of the Executive Committee of 14 March 1996 with amendments in Section 5 (Treasurer) were passed and signed as correct.
2. MATTERS ARISING

From 14 Dec.1995 and 8 Feb. 1996

The meeting with DDC Officers : Monday 18 Mar. 1996

For the Council, all Directors were present and , for the D.S. :

Chairman, Both Vice-Chairmen, Secretary JO LG ML SS

The Chairman read a warm letter from John Moir expressing his satisfaction with the meeting and looking towards further meetings in the future. Dover Society representatives had found the meeting valuable and instructive, in particular in exposing the limitations, above all financial, within which the Council works. LG expressed a divergent opinion.

Some conclusions :

Vision must bear in mind restrictions. Projects must have a scale of feasibility. Where necessary the D.S. must work via elected councillors. DDC should plan politically to be able to match available grants.

We shall continue to face issues one by one as they arise.

The Editor was warmly praised for her reporting in the Newsletter of the meeting and of our present thinking.

The Chairman will write thanks to John Moir.

AJW

From 14 March 1996

- (a) Meeting with Association France-Grande Bretagne 21 March 1996
A pleasant occasion, and some of their members will join us for lunch when we visit Pas de Calais 27 July.
- (b) Considered opinion on the desirability of permanent D.S. premises.
Vote : unanimous : Not feasible at our present stage.

3. CHAIRMAN

- (a) Vardon organ recital :
Posters to hand. Publicity beginning. Programmes awaited. BA
- (b) AGM 22 April
With three presentations, the Chairman's report must be shortened.
(Items for inclusion requested.)
Minutes / AGENDA : NOMINATIONS
(A. Goodburn has suggested Dr. Mason - when he retires.)
KW resigns and proposes M. Sartin
- (c) Local Agenda 21 : Local plans for sustainable devt.
- (d) 29 May Appeal v Factory Shop refusal. DDC will notify. LG will attend. LG
- (e) A2 widening deferred sine die.
- (f) Agreed Chairman should write formally to Dover Express deploring no Choral Society report, as virtually promised.

AJW

4. SECRETARY

- (a) Proposed South East Kent Radio : Dover/Folkestone areas.
Formal reply to Eddie Austin :
Our members' meeting showed no enthusiasm but the Committee could see some advantages. LW
- (b) Letter from David Atwood (member) re illegal parking Marine Parade.
Supportive letter to DDC inviting them to do what they can : Copy to DA. LW
- (c) Letter from John Fagg (not a member) to IMPACT, Copy to us ::
Another Statue for Dover ? No action by us.
- (d) Letter to DDC (all concerned) Copy to us, from L.E.Taylor. (non-member)
re litter on Western Heights.
We add : Cliff Path Riverside Walk Blériot Memorial etc.
The problems are beyond our projects. MMcF ?
- (e) Conference and Workshops : Canterbury Christ Church College :
Kent Environment and Community Awareness, Sat. 4 May £5. No takers.
- (f) Judging Dover shop-window displays. 4 April : LW and ML
Agreed : Letter to Dover Express regretting only 14 entries. LW
- (g) Publicity :
Agreed : Suggest to DDC one board or column in Market Square which we would police. LW
- (h) French contacts :
27 April : SCA Louvier (near Rouen) Party of 50. Guided visit. TS LW
- (i) 23 May : Calais Accueil : Mayoral reception : Four or five D.S. to meet and greet. LW

5. TREASURER

Crabble Mill had expressed their thanks for our donation.

The March meeting incurred a very small loss. There was general praise for JL budgetting.

The draft end-of-year accounts were presented and approved for the AGM and will appear in the Newsletter.

The firm quotation for 1000 run of the Peverley Paper : £1888.

DHB has donated £700 for this. Letter of thanks. AJW

The cost of the Newsletter will go up, but we have increased subscriptions.

We should give thought to increasing our donations, while always bearing in mind the need for a reserve for emergencies.

This could be discussed at a Members Meeting :

e.g. Prizes for shop window design
St. Mary's Concerts

Agreed : We donate £250 to the Cruise Welcome Group for the Cruise Liner brochure. JeG.TS

The Treasurer was warmly congratulated.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Current membership total : 425 Highest number allotted 639

6 new members : Major (Rtd) J.T. Cheeseman and Mrs Cheeseman (Deal)
Mr R.D.W Levingstone (Whitstable) now joint with Wife. Mrs M. W. Jones (Gateway)
Mr and Mrs J. Gilbey (Kingston nr. Canterbury)
Also, reinstated : Mrs M.F. Jones (Gateway) Mrs Brenda Blackman.
Susan Carline.

6 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY CONTD.

Agreed : We will insert a $\frac{1}{4}$ - page advertisement in the Dover Carnival programme brochure : £28.

Cheque payable to Jet Services. TS will draft.

SC TS
JeG

7. PLANNING

Currently, the last four weeks, nothing to report.

The latest version of the Local Plan is imminent. This will require comment.

The Army Careers Centre is coming up for sale. To be watched.

The demolition site in the Folkestone Road is now graced with an excavator.

Letter to J. Ullmann. (In German ?)

LW

8. SOCIAL SECRETARY

(Report submitted in writing. Questions answered.)

1. Monday 25 March : Members Meeting.

Letter of thanks to Turgoose.

AJW

Enough people interested to fill most places on minitrips.

IMPACT " shopping list " circulated. To be sent to IMPACT.

ML

2. Monday 22 April AGM

Chairman please, to explain French trip and Minitrips.

Minitrips booking lists will be on show.

Nibbles Wine Tea Coffee Juice

3. Sat. 11 May 10.00 KFAS Cardinal Coach booked.

4. Friday 17 May 14.30

Visit to Port Control : Need to charge ? £1? for coach : still pricing coaches.

All 20 takers can go.

5. Saturday 18 May. 1930h. Vardon recital. Nibbles? Yes.

6. Sat. 25 May 10.00 a.m. Visit to Coastguards. Max. number 10.

Enough takers for second visit. Transport needed.

7. Sat. 1 June : Chatham Dockyard : all in hand.

8. Wed 19 Jun. 19.00h. Buckland Paper Mill. 21 first trip.

Second visit to be arranged.

9. French trip still to be finalised. More details at the AGM.

Booking by Newsflash later.

Lunch stop decided. (Half a dozen Association France G-B will join us.)

p.m. Le Touquet ?

AJW
BA

10. Faversham : Swale Barge Trip.

Second half of August : All 12 places taken. Own transport.

For the minitrips JL will phone around as necessary.

9. PROJECTS

1. 17 Mar. Green Stix was very successful. Good photographs.

2. No further progress possible at present with the Riverside Walk.

3. Praise for the Walters' Shop Window. The display will be themed.

4. Rough estimate of D.S. time spent on conservation-preservation, requested by KCC, will be sent.

LW

10 EDITOR

There was a double vote of confidence in the Editor :
For reporting on our relations with the Council (para 2 above) and for
wrestling with production difficulties.

Foreseen and accepted that the Newsletter will cost more when BA hands
over. JG has had discussions with Bob Adams who will be quoting.

Recommended that the revised production arrangements should begin with
the next (August) Newsletter.

Deadline for No. 26 : 24 June.

Reviews of Dover Festival events requested.

Also : Account of A.G.M.

LW

11. A.O.B.

* ML will replace KW as our representative on the Cruise Welcome Group.

* KW made a plea for the Society and the Committee to recruit young people.
Chairman to invite members to bring in younger members - who need not
attend all meetings.

He called for a younger outlook - also in the Committee- on some aspects.
(e.g. on Local Radio.)

MR suggested a Cadet Section to the Society.

* JG reported that the Unknown Warrior plaque will be erected in tempore opportuno.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 9 May, at 7.30 at the R.C.P.Y.C.

DOVER EXPRESS

11.4: Farthingloe village dismantled. but farm house and barn?

: Dover Maritime Show May 23-27: Wellington Dock: Model Boats May 24-26

: Tourism finals for Castle & W. Cliffs

: New council seats: 6 no contest: J. Ullman sole Independent! otherw. 12 Lab. no
Con. 1 poss. Lib Dem

: BP site finds

: NO CHORAL SOCIETY REPORT AS PROMISED