

THE DOVER SOCIETY

**Minutes of 90th Meeting of the Executive Committee
9th May 1996**

Present: JW: JSG: JNG: JO: ML: MR: AG: JL: SS: MS: BA

Apologies: JC: SC: TS: LW

1. Matters arising

Minutes of the 89th meeting were approved.

Chairmanship of planning sub-committee

Jeremy Cope to be appointed subject to receiving administrative assistance from other members. Sybil to assist? Terry to be asked if he would take over as archivist. Mike Sartyn agreed to join the Planning Committee. JW referred to public enquiry 21st May, Factory Shops. LG to attend but not on behalf of Dover Society. JC to speak to LG to clarify position.

2. Chairman's Report

2.1 Varden organ recital - poster space problem. Members to encourage friends and colleagues to purchase programmes. JW to advertise at KFAS AGM. Collection facility for Hospice at end of recital. Jen G has paid £150 for programmes. All monies from programme sales to be forwarded to her. JW indicated Dover Society would pay for all wine, food and travelling expenses for Varden. BA suggested we agree arrangement of funding distribution at next Committee Meeting when we know the outcome of programme sales and other costs.

2.2 Agreed by all present that Lady Jarrett be appointed as Vice President. JW to write to her.

2.3 Government has now decided Gillingham, Rochester and Chatham to be made into a unitary authority. JW expressed regret and will write an article in the next newsletter.

2.4 JW and other members had attended the highly successful opening of the Harbour Exhibition at the Museum. MR to write review for newsletter.

2.5 KFAS AGM: Latest number 80. BA thanked for best ever programme. Two 53 seat coaches ordered. JG arranging tour of new Cruise Terminal. JG to run private tour of Cruise Terminal for those who are left behind to work.

2.6 Local Agenda 21: LW to write. To be chased up.

2.7 JW/JO attended Walmer Castle review 25th April. Very good report.

2.8 Urban parks programme. Dover Society to write supportive letter to DDC concerning use of lottery funds.

3. Secretary's Report

3.1 Letter to Water Company. JW and LW have doubts about value of this. However it was agreed that a supportive and complimentary response would be useful.

3.2 Request that John Turgoose of DHB be asked to address a future meeting on commercial developments in Dover.

3.3 Shop window competition: Mr. Hinton-Brown complained; no follow-up letter. Problems with litter in Bench Street and Walters' shoe shop area. JO arranging for latter to be cleared out.

3.4 Litter/Illegal parking: Mr. Attwater has written to DDC and LW has written supportive letter also. John Clayton has replied; main parking problems related to shortage of policemen.

3.5 Poster Sites: Donna Sowerby letter - Market Square proposal. DDC to respond within two weeks. Funding problem if Deal and Walmer require these. JO referred to large notice boards at either side of Museum entrance. Query missed opportunity. LW to write to DDC.

3.6 French connections: Calais Accueil. Query mayoral reception. Problems because of elections. Dover Society to write to Mayor Elect to encourage. Rouen Group very pleased with our efforts.

4. Treasurer's Report

4.1 Jen G indicated 1995 accounts now with auditor. Accounts to be published in next newsletter. Audit fees to increase in future.

4.2 Letter of thanks from Chamber of Commerce for £250 funding. Mary Jarrett, £500 donation. ? additions to this from others. Jonathan Sloggett would like like to receive suggestions from Dover Society members for suitable memorial. Committee members to put forward suggestions at next meeting.

4.3 Subs doing well, £25 donation from Peter Johnson. LW to write to him. AGM drinks bill covered. Raffle proceeds £53.60 which covered hall costs. Jen G confirmed large amount in bank account. Building Society book with auditor. Agreed Dover Society purchase £5.00 worth of raffle tickets for CPRE Kent branch. MR to represent Dover Society at CPRE AGM 14th June.

4.4 Discussion concerning presentation to Ken Wraight and Lawrence Gage for exceptional contribution. Agreed funding of £30 and £20 respectively. Members to come up with ideas for next meeting.

5. Planning

Nothing to report.

6. Social Secretary

6.1 KFAS already covered.

6.2 1st June - Chatham meeting; slow take-up. JW to publicise on Saturday.

6.3 27th July French trip still fluid.

6.4 Small group outings fully taken up.

7. Projects

7.1 JO reported on shop window environmental week. Press release Tersons/DDC/Dover Society use of Walters' window. 17th May 10.00 a.m. unveiling of window display. BT Environmental and DDC Festival of the Sea. JW will attend opening.

8. Editor

8.1 Deadline for next newsletter - 24th June 1996.

8.2 Other members to write about concerts in Dover Festival.

8.3 Budge Adams will discontinue newsletter page setting after December issue and will liaise with Adams Printing staff for handover. BA to maintain membership lists etc.

9. Any other business

9.1 JO 'Today' programme letter concerning development of sports facilities in East Kent.

9.2 AG expressed concern that by spending a further £1 million on White Cliffs Experience DDC was missing out on potential matching funding via lottery. Dover Society to write to DDC expressing concern.

10. Date of next meeting

13th June 1996.

JSG/14.5.96