

DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 91st meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 13 June 1996 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : Chairman.M. Sartin, MR.

PRESENT : JC (in the Chair) JG Secretary.Treasurer. Membership Secretary
JL ML JO TS SS BA MMcF

1. The MINUTES of the 90th meeting of the Executive Committee of 9 May 1996
were passed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING from 9 May.

(a) Mike Sartin has been approached re Archives.

(b) Local Agenda 21.

LW and AJW wrote to DDC to expedite.

Received, 5 June, as follows :

x The Local Government Management Board Survey of Local Agenda 21 : 1996.

x The 250 pp DDC Draft Study and Action Plan for Cycling.

(JG put this in context nationally.)

x A Letter from John Moir setting out in what ways DDC approaches commitment
to Agenda 21

(c) Letters :

Water : A letter will be sent focussing on contingency plans to safeguard
water supplies for industrial/commercial needs. JC

The other subjects : leakage reduction, progress towards merger with
Mid-Kent and public relations/information seem to be in hand.

White Cliffs Experience refurbishment: The Chairman wrote communicating
an opinion expressed in Committee (AG). Roger Madge misunderstood
the letter and the Chairman has corrected the misunderstanding.

3. CHAIRMAN

1. The suitability for meetings of St. Mary's and Salem was compared and
St. Mary's was found to be more suitable. Salem : £5 per hour (£7 next year.)
Cheaper, but no alcohol or raffles permitted.No audio-loop. Less parking and
further away for Gateway members.

2. Dover shop-window display.

Friday 17 May opening ceremony. JO report and picture (without Cadets !)
in Dover Express. JO warmly congratulated.

JO critical of Civic Trust who devote great publicity to the BT/ CT Environment
Week, to which this was our contribution, but offer no feed -back. Not even
modest support, financial or publicity.

JO will draft a letter for Chairman to sign. JO AJW

Upkeep and updating of the shop-display is in hand. Volunteers needed.

3. A letter from Lady Mary Jarrett was read.

DHB and DS will consult on ideas for a memorial to Sir Clifford : design
and location. DHB in favour and would contribute.

First thoughts : Stone plinth with inscription with bronze orientation table.
Location: Prince of Wales pier, rather than Seafront. Hopefully, by next meeting,
JG will have a proposed design and estimated cost.

Lady Mary also donating half a dozen books on Dover and old photographs.

CHAIRMAN contd.

We gratefully accept them. BA will supply Ex Libris plates. JeG and JG will communicate and JG will collect and bring the books in July.

AJW
BA

Where to be housed ? Archivist ? They should be available for reference.

Presentations : KW and LG

The Committee voted unanimously to reverse any leaving presentations with monetary value.

They unanimously request the Chairman to write letters of thanks.

AJW

4. Sat 15 June : Jennifer Walker recital : 7.15 for 7.45

5. Dover Transport Museum : Lottery refusal. We need a change of funding rules.

6. MILLENIUM PROJECT for Dover.

Agreed : The Chairman should write to DDC asking whether they have any submissions in train. (They have no matching finance.) Also, plans for Millenium celebration?

AJW

7. Lottery Fund : Urban Parks programme : LW wrote to DDC supporting and John Moir wrote thanks.

8. Dover health centre : Cherry-tree felling : No further action.

9. Castle cable-car veto by English Heritage. DDC officers spoke of underground car-park with access to the Castle.

ADSCENE asked DS view : AJW added personal view.

10. AJW and SC wrote letter of thanks to E.J.Young for donation.

11. Town Centre Management (now a Company, not a Committee.)

TS to be a Director, representing the DS, if the Society agrees.

The Society agreed with acclamation.

12. Miss M.E. Smart of Rochester wrote a very appreciative letter on the Vardon organ recital.

Dover Express 13 June

Lottery grant (£196,000) for Buckland Estate community Centre.

Town Centre manager sought.

Samphire Hoe

Shaw voted for Referendum

Folkestone rail line again

Shops inquiry delay until September

W. Docks shops

Nolan committee to examine councils

Fête in aid of Emmaus.

4. SECRETARY

1. The St. Edmund Chapel, Dover

Reported the difficulties since the deaths of Custodian Brian Munt (DS member) and Rev. Alan Simper of St. Mary's.

Two requests for help from the Trustees in Abingdon.

The D.S. cannot help with ecumenical problems but will consider how to raise the profile of the Chapel as an important historic monument in Dover.

Article in Newsletter Lecture at a meeting Arrange possibilities for opening to visitors.

LW

SECRETARY contd.

2. TS reported on the Mayoral reception for Calais Accueil and judged it excellent.
3. An unusually large number of publications had been received. Some were taken.
4. Rotary Club of Dover : Annual Hospital Fête 20 July. JC
JC will co-ordinate arrangements to man a stall. TS and MMcF already involved.
5. Decision not to seek Associate Membership of Kent Rural Committee Council.

5. TREASURER

- (a) The current financial statement was presented in writing and explained.
- (b) The Vardon recital.

JG said that we must accept the fact that projects of this kind will lose money.

The Chairman's review of the recital in the Dover Express stated that it had earned more than £150 for the East Kent Hospice. It was therefore agreed to donate to the Hospice the £90 raised at the recital, plus the £60 kindly offered by the Chairman.

The printing bill (£150) has been paid and any loss was reduced by a generous donation from BA.

It was emphasised that Committee decisions and agreed intentions must be adhered to.

ML expressed the opinion that we should vote formally more frequently and this was strongly supported.

- (c) KFAS Spring conference.

The Society will pay the printing bill (£30) leaving a profit of £33.26.

- (d) The Peverley Paper

DHB has donated the cover illustration and all art-work should be complete within three weeks.

- (e) It was decided not to donate to St. Mary's Church (organist) for purchase of Choir music.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY.

With 10 new members total membership stands at 437 (highest number allotted 654).

New Members.

Mr P. Chambers
Chairman, Alkham Valley Society

Mr R.C. Frisby
(Gateway)

Capt and Mrs Bodiam
Master Mariner, Sealink.

Mrs Denise Smith, Eastcliff.
(Reinstated)
Works for R.N.B.I. and gives talks

Mr and Mrs J.L.Sykes
Priory Hill

Mr Martyn Webster: Brighton
Dovorian : Old Pharosian
Local History projects

Mr Peter Bennett, Kingsdown.
Retired magazine editor

Mrs W. Coffey } Both of Gateway
Mrs A.E. Whittle }

Resigning : Betty Vile and Joan Simmonds

Chairman to write a letter of thanks to Joan for all her help.

AJW

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY

11 May KFAS SPRING CONFERENCE

Congratulations to all concerned and especially to JL.

£ 200 donated by Ian Gill E.K.I.

Snezana Lawrence to be membership Secretary of KFAS and to write an account of this meeting for the Newsletter.

Agreed that she should be invited to be the D.S. sponsored representative at the Wye Conference 15 Sep.

AJW

1 June : Chatham Dockyard

19 June: Tour of Buckland Paper Mill

27 July: Tour de la Côte d'Opale

14 Sep. now proposed for the Swale barge trip, starting at Harty Ferry.

24 Oct. : Members Meeting

? Paul Jennings : Canterbury archaeologist. AJW to ask him.

AJW

? Plus : St. Edmund Chapel Dover : ? Swain or Philp.

8. PROJECTS

JO described and praised the refurbishment of the harbour area at Swansea.

(If Dover cannot have a lightship as a feature could we keep the slip and have interesting vessels on it ? Also a possible feature : the rusting great anchors on the Eastern Arm?

Thoughts by LW after seeing the plans for the W. Docks.
See below.)

9. EDITOR

Reported: copy coming in slowly. Deadline 24 June.

Awaited, among others :

Local Government : information from KCC on disruption.

AJW

Account of mayoral reception for Calais Accueil.

AJW

Review of Vardon recital

AJW

Planning

JC

10 PLANNING

The re-formed planning sub-committee is up and running and held a first meeting on Tuesday 21 May. Meetings will be held in future on Tuesdays, nine days before Executive Committee meetings.

There is a clear allocation of duties among members, to enable an even spread of work.

(a) AG is investigating an application to extend amusement arcades in Bench Street.

(b) The following matters are to be followed up :

Hoardings at York Street-Townwall Street junction

The obliteration of Burlington House

Re-instatement of the town grants scheme for listed buildings.

Oversight of the Old Park Development.

(c) Our written submission to the public enquiry into Factory shops arrived in time. The inquiry further adjourned until 6 Sep.

A.O.B.

- * JG informed the meeting about his lecture to DHB about the Society.
- * JG and JC are sponsoring Sasha Lawrence to begin art photographs of Dover in the hope that outlets for these could be found and long-term use be found for his very real talents.
- * LW attended the presentation of plans and proposals for the Factory shops in Western Docks : Churchill Hotel : Monday 10 June. Bill Fawcus was presiding. Within the financial limitations the refurbished warehouses cannot be architecturally distinguished but they will not be unworthy nor out of keeping with the refurbished Snargate Street. Rather like a small Flemish waterfront.

I was satisfied that deliveries in Cambridge Road will not be intrusive and the experience of De Bradlei Mill Shop Ltd is impressive. The filling-in of the Slip is not part of the planning application but could be part of a second phase.

- * S.O.S. Crabble Corn Mill is in serious need of volunteer workers in all areas. If volunteers offer only one morning or one afternoon each week then about a dozen would be needed.

The Secretary Ian Kilbury appeals to the Society.

As we have no meeting before October it was suggested that he write an article for the Newsletter : Deadline : 24 June.

LW
will inform

The meeting adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 11 July at 7 .30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.

To: Members of the Executive Committee, Dover Society

From: Jeremy Cope and John Gerrard

Date: June 16, 1996

Committee meeting held on Thursday 13th June 1996

Vardon Recital

We have told AJW about the decision to take up his offer to pay the difference between the collection of £90 and the publicly declared amount of £150 to be given to the East Kent Hospice. However during the discussion it emerged that the Chairman had already paid Terry Vardon's expenses of £50. It seems to us that had the committee been aware that AJW will be called upon to pay £110 in all then we may have arrived at a different decision.

In the circumstances we have asked that this particular matter is put on the agenda for the next meeting.

This of course does not affect in any way the committee's confirmation that its decisions must be observed by all members.

Presentations to LG and KW.

AJW expressed his disagreement with the committee's decision on the presentations to retiring committee members LG and KW. Whilst not agreeing with the chairman it only seems right to us that he should be able to present his arguments at the next meeting.

KFAS Conference

Although it was agreed to pay the £30 cost of printing associated with the conference, AJW confirmed that this would be borne by KFAS and not the Dover Society