

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 93rd meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 12 Sep. 1996 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : ML

PRESENT : Chairman Both Vice-Chairmen Secretary Treasurer SC JL JO
TS MS BA MR SS MMcF

1. The MINUTES of the 92nd meeting of the Executive Committee of 11 July 1996
were approved and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING.

From 9 May 1991

The Peverley Paper

JG confirmed that all was in hand and sales had commenced. He expressed the very great debt which we owed to Budge Adams and regretted and apologised for any shortcomings which resulted from the final spurt to expedite publication. BA requested that a letter be read in which he set out some changes of design and presentation which he deplored. He specifically wished to dissociate himself from the design.

The Launch
21 Oct. 15.00 h.

At the Museum. Presenation by the Dover Brigadier. Partial closure of the Museum. Tea and buns/cakes. Museum charge.

Press. TV. Radio etc.

TS

Invitees : Sponsors : Eurotunnel Devt. Pfizer. DHB. D.Shaw
Hammonds Natwest.
To be presented with signed copies.

Participants : JP PK BA ML JG K.Alexander May Jones
DDC Chair Madge Waterman Iverson Town Mayor

Agenda : Speech(es) Presenation of copies to sponsors etc. incl. Chairman and Mayor.

Refreshments by WCE @ £1.25

21 Oct. 1930 h.

Speakers : CW and NG Guests : JP/ JP/ CW/ KG/ LMJ/ DW/LK? /JW/MR/SL/BA.
Raffle. Signing of copies during the interval and after the meeting.

Presentations to KW and LG deferred until the AGM 1997.

From 9 Nov 1995

JG reported progress on the memorial plaque to the Unknown Warrior.
Site agreed : adjacent to the War Memorial. Inscription to link with the Boulogne memorial and to name the Dover Society.

Cost (local quotation) £250 Liaison with Ancient Monuments and DHB
with War Graves Commission

JG
JO

Unveiling : Not 10 Nov. 1996

From 11 July 1996

1. Local Agenda 21 : Still being studied by Planning sub-committee (KW)
DDC conspicuously absent but we make no comment.

2. JC letter to FDWCo. (Copy to Environment Agency (Ex. N.R.A.))
Plans to safeguard employment ?
Long-term contingency plans ?

3. The Jarrett memorial.

Design and location agreed. Should be in position Jan/ Feb.

JG

3. CHAIRMAN

1. DDC Garden Party : ML : BL : 31 July
KCC/ Chairman visit : AJW /SL : Wye visit : 15 Aug.
Bronze-Age Boat Trust appeal : £10,000 Hammond £2500 Arjo Wiggins
Agreed : Dover Society will donate £250

JeG

Museum displays of boat and hands-on replica: shop and tearoom to WCE
ARTICLE by Ursula Cork

2. Local Govt : done : KCC wooing unitary : question for GP : Agreed

3. 27 Jan. : Speakers : John Moir, and Peter Clark (on Bronze-Age Boat.)

4. Raffles replacement for JC/SC - after October. Members to be approached
with reference to their application form.

SC

5. Speaker for March meeting : K.Scott : Future Plans for Dover Castle

6. MILLENIUM PROJECT : John Moir reply. Agrees need for viable and well-
researched proposal. KONVER funding sought for WCE and Bronze-Age
Boat Trust.

English Heritage proceed with Northfall Meadow car park.

Letter of approval being sent.

KW

7. JO letter to Civic Trust processed : copy to NACCTs representative.
Reply awaited .

8. George Curry via LK invites to Dickens Recital : Gulbenkian Theatre
Canterbury : 7.30 20 Oct. Four places. With view to 1997 repeat
performance in Dover, incl. Great Expectations : charity ?

9. Paul Bennett of Canterbury Archeological Trust booked for 1997 AGM
Subject : The Townwall Street Dig.

10. Chairman will prepare roster for attendance at Town Council meetings.
Attendance at DDC Planning Committee meetings will be decided by the
Planning sub-committee.

11. GPO transfer. Planning consent for demolition and 5 shop was given
some years ago. Now party-political ?

After considerable discussion and show of hands :

Decision : No action.

12. Sustainable solutions to Kent's waste crisis : 5 Oct. Wye College
09.30 - 16.00 h. £10

AJW MR

4. SECRETARY

Letters :

: Thank-you letter from Rotary Club of Dover for D.S. participation in the Hospital Fête which raised over £70.

Looking to next year : earlier preparation desirable and more participants necessary.

: From DDC : Some "community information panels" will be set up (not in the Market Square) by DDC/ De Caux (responsible for provision and maintenance of bus-shelters.) Not ideal, but better than nothing.

Letter of approval. LW

: From Southern Water, courteously informing us of works in Malvern Road which will entail traffic-lights in the Folkestone Road from time to time between September and next March. Good P.R.

Publications :

The Plowden Report on Freight Transport.
Civic Trust "Focus". (Much on Transport.)

Civic Trust (and JG) comment that it doesn't advance much.

KCC report on Public Rights of Way.

JG MR

5. TREASURER

The Treasurer presented the printed accounts and explained them.

Agreed : to renew the Society's subscription to the CPRE.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Five new members : Dr. Norman and Mrs Nina Woolhouse. (Maison Dieu Road.)
Mrs Pat and Mr Edward Court. Shepherdswell.
(Kent Photos and Chamber of Commerce.)
Mrs D.W. Perkins (Ramsgate) Her husband was a Dovorian
and her father-in-law was a Freeman.

Current total : 420 : reduced due to non-renewals.

Highest number allotted : 662.

7. PROJECTS

Despite vandalism, the Shop Window display had lasted 8 weeks.

The programme will follow the pattern of recent years :

National Tree Week, Civic Trust Environment Week.

Decided : Not to offer work-parties for the "Pilots' Look-out" above Snargate Street.

8. SOCIAL SECRETARY

Reported on the Côte d'Opale trip : 27 July. With the profit of £265.15 we could consider offering a reduction to those who book for a second attempt in 1997.

The current take-up for Kew Gardens is 29.

The suggestion by Snezana Lawrence for a small-party outing in 1997 to the Channel Gliding Club, Waldershare Park was warmly welcomed.

A revised print-out of the programme, provisionally up to October 1997, was distributed.

9. PLANNING

JC outlined the subjects which had been considered by the sub-committee. Traffic, freight and cycle lanes. The committee would be inviting the DDC officer working on cycle lanes to address them.

The second group of hoardings in York Street.

The St. James' area. To press for clearing (in particular the demolition of ex-Thompsons' Garage) even while there is no development, to press for improvements to the London-Dover rail-links.

Of recent applications : decided to comment on the proposed Ullmann development in the Folkestone Road and the proposed security fence at Arjo Wiggins.

DDC comments on our representations on the Local Plan were receptive and sensitive. 7/17 of our suggestions were incorporated. Congratulations written to the joint DDC committees concerned. LW

10. EDITOR

ML, in absentia, had written the suggestion that the Society should offer to conduct a survey in the Autumn enquiring if, and by how much, business is profiting from the Cruise lines.

Warmly agreed and TS was confident that the TCMCo. would welcome this.

A.O.B.

: TS reported that he had attended the closing stage of the Whitfield Factory Shops enquiry. The decision is awaited within six months.

: JG reported that phase 2 of the Factory Shops development in the Western Docks will begin soon and the infilling of the Granville Dock will follow.

: reported sponsorship for enhancing roundabouts. JO suggested the use of the redundant large anchors.

: invited suggestions for a motif to fill the vacant circle on the seafront.

: SC asked, when considering D.S. donations to charity, could we especially consider Emmaus and the YMCA. There could be an increased number of homeless young people in Dover.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

Thursday 10 Oct. at 7.30 p.m. at the R.S.P.Y.C.