

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 94th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 10 October, at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : MR MMcF MS

PRESENT : Chairman Both Vice-Chairmen Secretary Treasurer

SC JL ML JO TS BA AG SS

^{Robert Suttor Standing}
^{Escape Room, Old Sutton Adams Hall}
The MINUTES of the 93rd meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C. on Thursday 12 Sep. were agreed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING.

From 9 May 1991

The Peverley Paper

The Launch : The final draft of the order of procedure on 21 Oct. was considered.

Decisions : (a) The heading : " D.S. Publication Committee " to be changed to : "Members involved in the production of the book." The name of Budge Adams to be deleted at his request. (b) Christian names to be inserted throughout.

The Chairman made it clear that the Committee was welcome to attend and hoped that they would be present in strength.

From 9 Nov. 1995.

(a) The memorial plaque to the Unknown Warrior.

JG reported further progress.

Agreed : To shorten the text (not " given by " D.S.) and to substitute wording for en route.

To choose a cheaper stone than marble.

With no sponsorship forthcoming from military or veterans organisations :

Agreed : The Society would donate £350 (instead of £250) drawing, if necessary, on profits from the Peverley Paper.

Members to be invited in the Newsletter to subscribe.

JG ML

No deadline was fixed but we look to a major ceremony in the Spring.

From 11 July 1996

The Jarrett memorial.

JG also reported progress here and full details can be reported to Lady Jarrett on 21 Oct.

Local Agenda 21 : Completion of study and comments awaited from the planning sub-committee.

At this point the Chairman reported on the Kent Waste Crisis meeting, held at Wye, 5 Oct. All relevant papers and documents to be passed to the planning sub-committee, to examine whether the Society has a long-term rôle in this sphere.

Water problems.

JC reported replies from FWCo and the Environment Agency and it was agreed that there was still not enough long-term assurances.

JC, LW. and Jo Harman will confer to agree on the facts and proceed to long-term discussion with the MP, parliamentary candidates and responsible government departments.

JG to inform the next meeting of the use of water by the cruise liners.

JG

3. CHAIRMAN

1. Agreed that Mike McFarnell should be co-opted to the Committee if he is resident in Dover when he ceases to be "advisory."
2. Local Government. Regional Committees are emerging. We shall want to know the parliamentary candidates views.
3. The Chairman will ask at Members' Meetings for volunteers to organise a single raffle.
4. Still no adequate reply from the Civic Trust to JO's questions.
5. George Curry invitation : Gulbenkian, Canterbury 20 Oct. :
No takers. L.Kay to be informed. AJW
6. Paul Bennet, Canterbury Archeological Trust booked for 1997 AGM.
Subject : The Townwall Street dig.
7. The Chairman reported on the Town Council meeting which he attended.
(A Copy of the Report and a list of committees will be requested.) TS
Agreed : that the Society should make actes de présence at Council and some committee meetings and speak if public participation is agreed.
The following are willing to be called : AJW LW JC TS JG . . .
8. The Chairman reported his attendance at the Tourist Centre 25th Birthday celebration. The Committee agreed the long-term desirability of re-locating a Tourist centre nearer the Town centre.
9. Faversham Society : Fleur de Lys Appeal.
Agreed : No donation.
Possible future speakers for JL's list :
Arthur Perceval CPO Dawson John Clayton Sir John Grueon. JL
10. BA was of the opinion that there was little hope of decyphering the half-obliterated inscription at No. 266 London Road.

4. SECRETARY

1. Invitation from Calais Accueil. (Marian Lefebvre, Secretary)
A day in Calais, with dinner with the Accueil (fr. 140) at 8.00 p.m.
Friday 22 Nov.
AJW LW(2) JC(2) ? JL(2) ?
2. "Community Information Panels". Wrongly so-called.
Planning committee decision : LW has written to DDC Planners that they are too numerous and some are badly sited. (e.g. in a conservation area.)
And to DDC Tourism : that they do not serve the purpose of community information.
Clubs and societies are reduced to using fly-posting (and, perhaps, the Museum boards.) New Town Plans are needed in the Town centre.

5. TREASURER.

The Accounts were presented in writing and explained. The £250 had been donated to the appeal for the Bronze Age Boat museum and an acknowledgement was awaited.

Agreed : that future accounts will itemise the receipts from advertisements.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Current total : 426 Highest number allotted : 666
4 new members : Mr and Mrs GEALER from Whitfield
Mr Colin and Mrs Hazel ROBERTS from the Bunker Militia.
(Introduced by the Chairman.)

Decided : Not to re-consider joint-membership.

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY

1. JL reported their attendance at the Assemblée Générale of the Association France-Grande-Bretagne, at the Restaurant du Cap, Escalles.

Hilariously enjoyable.

The Association would welcome increased contacts : e.g. joining each other's excursions.

2. Agreed : that there will be time for members' questions after the TCMC lecture 21 October.

3. The entertainment at the Christmas Feast will be the Barbers' Shop.

8. PLANNING

1. ML interposed to draw attention to the ruinous shop at the intersection of Bench Street and Townwall Street.

Agreed : Letter to DDC with copy for forwarding to the owner. LW

2. JC reported planning-committee objections to the proposed flats in the Folkestone Road, the proposed security railings at the Paper Mill and Burlington House.

A resident in Castle Street had been complimented on restoring railings.

Agreed : that a letter would be sent to the Dover Express emphasising the desirability of re-instating the Channel Tunnel site at Farthingloe. JG JC

The planning committee was exploring whether there was suitable professional expertise among members which could be invited.

Transport and in particular cycling problems in Dover are under consideration and an expert speaker is being sought to address the sub-committee.

9. EDITOR

1. The deadline for the Newsletter is 28 Oct. but it would be appreciated if some contributions could be submitted by 21 Oct.

2. A Newsflash is needed for the November meeting. Agreed.

BA

3. The survey of shops is almost complete and will be collated.

10. PROJECTS

Planning the season continues. Co-operation with the White Cliffs Countryside Project, but not on their land. Participation in National Tree Week, and the bollards always need re-furbishing.

A.O.B.

The National Trust parking restrictions at Langdon Cliffs were considered, and were considered to be reasonable.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

Thursday 14 November : at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.