
THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 97th meeting of the Executive Committee postponed owing to weather until Thursday 16 Jan. 1996, held at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.

APOLOGIES : MR MS

PRESENT : Chairman, Both Vice-Chairmen, Secretary Treasurer Membership-Secretary
JL ML JO TS BA SS MMcF

The Minutes of the 96th meeting of the Executive Committee of 12 Dec. 1996 were passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING :

From 14 Nov. 1996

* The ex- Tunnel site at Farthingloe.

The planning sub-committee had agreed that reaction should be limited to pressure for measures to deal with the dereliction of the site.

* Water problems.

It was noted that the weather, perhaps helped by public pressure, had temporarily improved the situation.

Agreed : to await the outcome of the referral of the merger to the M. and M. Commission and of the planned meeting by the MP and then to consider inviting speakers from FDWC and the Environment Agency to address the Society and/or a public meeting.

Reported : that the MP had supplied member Joe Harman with very relevant data on extraction rates.

* Further discussion of the Society's reserve funds revealed no change of attitude : i.e. that it is essential to budget for future increased expenditure, in particular for the Newsletter.

Agreed : To make a paper transfer to bring the Projects Fund up to £1000

* The memorial plaque to the Unknown Warrior.

Thanks to the good offices of member David Atwood the Chief of General Staff has agreed to preside at the ceremony which will be on a Saturday in April or May. The plaque is ready. (vide Dover Express.) The site is agreed. TS has written a brochure. The invitations will be considered at the next committee meeting.

2. CHAIRMAN.

(a) B & Q and environmental concerns : LA 21. The Secretary had written and, not without difficulty, made contact with the local manager who, though unaware of the Company's published environmental policy, is co-operative.

(b) Menu for 27 Jan for Moir/Clerk JW/MA?/ WA?/LK?/ MR.....

(c) Roster for Town Council meetings and planning committee meetings : JC reported the planning sub-committee's decision to attend these only when matters of direct concern to us are for discussion.

(d) No report of Gerontius concert in the Dover Express and no response to Chairman's letter.

Agreed : A further letter to the Editor, for publication.

(e) Congratulations to Pfizer and WCCP. Chairman will write.

JW

- 19.12; Profit-driven water? Editorial note on non-removal of village cesspits
: Water metering should be compulsory
: Dover Shop Watch radio link works
: Threat from Ashford Factory Shop
: Bob Hollingsbee's 2nd Dover in Old Picture postcards: REVIEW
- 27.12: Lab P denounced for Ashford Factory shopping support
: "Hands-on" revamp of WC Experience
: Town Centre Management Business Club
- 2.1: DHB 7 acre reclamation for unaccomp. trailer units
: Dover could have had a proper factory shop but...
: Stena/PO signed up but Monop. Commission delay
- 9.1: Factory shop point scoring
: Canterbury the real threat
: Planning officers recomm. refusal of Margram budget hotel for Guston:: overdevelopment: no room for parking, turning, landscaping
: Unions favour ferry merger
: Pfizer Kent Environment Co of the Year: Roger Thorn Env Coordinator
- 16.1: DHB "quango" denounced re seafront
: Unknown Warrior Plaque w. picture
: 25 yrs ago NDG caused DAG
: Rain restores water to lakes and river Dour: GRAHAM WARREN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY Water Resource Manager for Kent
: DDC refuses budget hotel at Guston
: Protest v. rebuild of Elms Vale Laundry: permission required
: Permission for 12 buckland Junior Drs' houses
: Admiralty Pier charge

3. SECRETARY

Publications received :

- * Civic Trust : FOCUS.
The Newhaven Society had donated £1000 to help rescue a mansion. (Ref. our discussion of reserve funds.) c.f. Deal Barracks ?

The desirability of good relations with planning departments !
Some societies are pressing brewers to retain traditional pub names.
e.g. Wedderspoons ?
- * The first report on the responses to the KCC consultation questionnaire. JC
- * Transport 2000
- * DDC advisory service on Lottery projects.
- * Invitation to Motorists Parliament 1997 to be held at the Churchill Hotel
7 Feb. '97

4. TREASURER

The printed current statement of accounts is enclosed.

Bank balance : £1446.37

Building Society balance : £6310.04

Agreed : to transfer £800 to the Building Society.

Further donations to the Unknown Warrior memorial had been received and acknowledged and donors will be invited to the ceremony.

Peverley Paper : 77 copies sold so far.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

New members : 6

Carol and Daniel Moore (Whitfield) via ML.

Ms D.M. Corembe (legal research.)

Mr. W.R. Lilley (Commercial and public transport expert.)

Michael and Gloria Morgan (Whitfield) via ML.

Deceased : Mr. L.A. Collyer Millais Road

Making current total 439. (Highest No. allotted 681)

6. EDITOR

Deadline for next Newsletter : end of Feb.

Articles include : Water JC LW
Projects JO

Hands across the Channel : JW LW JL

The deadline for the Summer number, owing to the holiday absence of BA, must be advanced to 20 July

7. PLANNING

JC reported the sub-committee meeting of 7 Jan.

Discussion had continued on cycling in Dover and the possibility of a designated route was being examined. JG

The Planning Department had approved the Junior Doctors' housing at Buckland Hospital and refused permission for the proposed Budget Hotel at the Guston roundabout.

No action concerning the proposed factory shops at Ashford.

AG was writing to recommend that the miner's statue should be sited at Aylsham.

Thompson's garage : At last, a satisfactory contract to demolish is reported to be in hand.

We had written to DDC drawing attention to the corrugated- iron gates in Worthington Street which have no planning permission.

The Cope laundry may have to go for planning permission. JC declares an interest and will not take part in discussions.

For further consideration : the proposed infilling of the slip for car-parking and events.

8. SOCIAL SECRETARY

27 Jan. John Moir's subject will be the present and future of Dover.

Ideas for the Christmas Feast 1997 were discussed. Unstinted praise was given for the 1996 Feast although it is clear that the entertainment can never please all-comers.

Photos at the Feast by Sasha Lawrence are available at £1.50 each. JC

The programme after 28 April will be confirmed at a sub-committee meeting next week.

9. PROJECTS

" Conservation '97 " is the Projects' title for this year and the March project will be with Emmaus.

Discount for Members at Dover shops : No discussions on this had yet taken place.

10. A.O.B.

* JG presented the drawing for the design for the orientation table for the Jarrett memorial.

The addition of engraved graphic motives was for consideration.

* BA invited consideration of the problem of the 60 boarded-up shops in Dover. Conversion into housing ?

Agreed : For the planning sub-committee agenda.

SS

*M McF requested moral support for a grant for " Arts for Everyone " leading to another Dover Pageant. Agreed.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 13 Feb. at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.

A most (the most ?) good-humoured meeting.