
THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 98th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 13 Feb. at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

Apologies : MR ML

Present : Chairman Both Vice-Chairmen Secretary Treasurer
Membership Secretary JO JL BA SS TS

The Minutes of the 97th meeting of the Executive Committee were passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING.

From 16 Jan 1997

* Water Problems.

LW will represent us at the meeting called by the MP for 21 Feb.

Attendance will include local interested parties and all authorities except OFWAT. We have pressed that OFWAT should be included.

* The Memorial plaque to the Unknown Warrior.

11.00 a.m. Sat. 17 May.

The guests are now listed (with 8 from this Committee.)

The Naval representation could perhaps be filled by the Vicar of St. Mary's. DHB will offer refreshments and the speech of welcome. There will be a bugler (Last Post), and a printed programme. (TS)

JG and TS were warmly thanked for all their work.

* The Jarrett Memorial

The change to rectangular format.

BA explained the technology and relative costing for the corner graphics.

Agreed: Recommended and accepted that 11 mm gauge brass was desirable and the DS would make good any financial deficit.

The DS involvement will be acknowledged and the crest could be included.

* The ⁺ 60 empty shops in Dover.

Discussion of this problem in the planning sub-committee still awaited.

The proposal of a ' charity shop ' as a manned D.S. HQ, as previously discussed, was reconsidered.

The potential advantages were seen to be great. The feasibility at present was regrettably seen to be nil. The greatest difficulty would be manning. (See volunteer situation para 8 below.)

2. CHAIRMAN

(a) " Britannia " for Dover. In the light of the judgments of DHB and John Moir and the long-term cost/responsibility of maintenance the Committee regretfully accepted that the project was a non-starter.

2. Chairman contd.

- (b) B & Q. Joint projects are pending attention.
- (c) Robert Bailey will write an article for the Newsletter.
- (d) Agreed : When called for, the following must be available at meetings :
screen, projector stand, public address and tape-recorder.
LW will co-ordinate.
- (f) Town Council meeting 22 Jan. JW/LW/ MW attended. Inaudible.
Thanks. Plug for 27 Jan. : no takers.
- (g) Still no response from the Dover Express ref. reporting local events.
n.f.a. at present but (friendly) mention in AGM report.
- (h) Agreed : the Chairman should write deploring certain KCC cuts.
- (k) Pfizers will contribute an article for the Newsletter on environmental
aspects of their industry.
- (l) Congratulations sent to WCCP. Award ?
- (m) Agreed : that the Society will award a further £250 for the Dover
history archive.
- (n) Our comments on the KCC Economic Development Strategy :
JC wrote, within an extended deadline, and questioned the budget.
- (o) Unable to help a USA family-tracing request.

From the DOVER EXPRESS

13.2: Weirs for Dour?

- : KCC cuts go ahead: row between parties on responsibility: Kent MPs v. KCC
- : EU directive re ferry passenger lists: Shaw v. Prosser
- : Elizabeth St Pimping Station
- : Hoverspeed wants reconsideration of ending duty-free
- : WCCP more walkers: leaders wanted: local history guides wanted
- : Slipway to go: D Soc objection: reversible
- : Not more than one shop board per shop? Untidy streets
- : 140 Folkestone Rd residential home

3. SECRETARY

Invitations : to join the last voyage of a Belgian ferry!
to a lecture at the NU-AGE Night-Club
to join computer-classes at South Kent College

Some publications, particularly Civic Trust.

4. TREASURER

The accounts were presented in writing and attention was drawn to C.I.H.
£ 103.10 and the Building Society balance : £ 7,381. 19

The January meeting showed a loss of £62.73

The income from the Peverley Paper so far : £500.68

Re : Sales at Dover Castle : Agreed : to consult Ken Scott on the
occasion of his lecture : 24 Mar.

4. TREASURER contd.

Request from St. Margaret's Bay for funding for a nature conservation project.

Decision : Regret refusal. Not in our area. The Saint Margaret's Bay Society.

Many of our members (members of the National Trust ?) resident in St. Margaret's.

No financial support but an article in the Newsletter.

Reply : LW

Article : ML ?

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Exceptionally : Nothing to report.

6. PLANNING

JC reported the sub-committee meeting of 10 Feb. and recent interventions.

(a) Wellington Dock slipway

JVC has written an objection with a copy to Jonathan Sloggett and the objector. The letter to Mr. Sloggett also contained approval of the Wharfside shopping.

(b) Reclamation of harbour for additional lorry parking. Not to be as extensive as the newspaper report suggested : Castle Jetty, NOT boundary groyne.

(c) Chilton Way housing. Reports awaited : AG and KW

(d) Worthington Street Gates : planning consent not needed.

(e) Miner's statue : Dover Town Council prefer Market Square.

(f) Thompson's garage : In process of demolition - after letter by SS.

(g) Community boards : just the old ones being replaced.

(h) Arjo Wiggins Stalag railings going ahead.

Longer-term items :

Cycle-routes : JG is continuing to seek and map viable possibilities

Farthingloe Site : no progress.

Folkestone Road site (J. Ullmann , member.) Friendly but firm letter.

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY

* The meeting of 27 Jan. was voted very successful.

* The programme after 28 April had been finalised at the sub-committee meeting of 24 Feb. and copies were distributed.

Additional mini-trips are planned.

* JG JC LW and MW were guests at dinner in Calais with the Association France-Grande-Bretagne. 18 Jan.

* 68 takers so far for the Wine and Wisdom.

8. PROJECTS

Discount for Members at Dover shops.

JO reported : A meeting had been held and there was not a positive response.

Agreed : n.f.a. Thanks were extended to JO for his efforts.

Future projects : Sunday 9 Mar " Operation '97 " 10.30 - 12.30
Cadet teams tree-planting at Emmaus.

The Snargate Street Folly " Pilots' Tower :

Agreed : JO to liaise with DDC Technical Services re feasibility.

9. EDITOR

in absentia

The Town Business Survey Nov. 1996 - 97

Our link : ML, who pledged our support with Committee agreement.

15 slots still await volunteers.

As Kevin Gubbins later described it : " It was not the most popular item on the Agenda. "

There were no further volunteers.

The D.S. team therefore remains :

AJW ELW MW TS Mr and Mrs Hearn, members, and Barbara MASLEN, not yet a member.

10 A.O.B.

JG reported future possibilities in the Harbour :

Restoration and opening to the public of
the Turret on the Admiralty pier.?

Boat trips round the Harbour, private enterprise ?

Date of next meeting : Thursday 13 Mar. 1997 at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.