
THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 102nd meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 12 June 1997, at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : MR JeG JG MW

PRESENT : JW JC LW SC JL ML TS JO BA SS MMcF

The MINUTES of the 101st meeting of the Executive Committee of 8 May 1997 were passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING

The Unknown Warrior ceremony, 17 May.

It was looked back on as a very great occasion.

The Chairman reported a grateful exchange of letters with David Atwood.

It was agreed to purchase the Meridian video of the event for the Society's archives : £20 - £25 .

The Committee gratefully accepted the video by MMcF and it was agreed that clips from this should be made available for the Phil Heath Dover Film. MMcF

The Jarrett Memorial

BA reported that he had undertaken the design of the vignettes for the disc. He showed the subjects from which they will be drawn and there was warm approval.

Water supplies

The Secretary reported that the Planning sub-committee had decided that the first lobbying about classifying the Dour as a river would be to DDC (the Water Officer : Bob Kearsey) and Gwyn Prosser. At a suitable moment it could be useful to invoke one of the last decisions of the N.R.A. which set up the " Dour/Stour Catchment Committee.

2. CHAIRMAN

(a) The Chairman and JO reported on the Annual Inspection of Sea Cadets.

(b) The Chairman reported on the Mayor-making, in particular the happy outcome that Lesley Cumberland, shortly to retire, wishes to join the Society. Committee material. The Chairman and TS will be joining the Seafrance trip, 25 June, to meet Penny Balkin and discuss the Public Art Trail.

(c) Still no reply from Ken Scott about the Peverley Paper being on sale at the E.H. shop. A copy has been sent to the Chief of Defense and Brigadier Godsell had agreed to pursue the matter.

(d) A letter had been sent to the new MP and the ex-MP. Prosser uncertain about the Christmas dinner. The Mayor invited.

2. CHAIRMAN contd.

(e) INTERNET. JC will have transcripts of the DDC and KCC inserts for the next Committee meeting. Discussion and reservations continued.

(f) The Chairman attended the Bench Street and Signposting meetings and reported very fully in writing to the Planning sub-committee.

(g) The KFAS AGM and Spring Conference in Ramsgate 10 May. Our hosting last year compared favourably and Ramsgate were unlucky with the weather.

(h) Dover Museum's Image Database : Friday 4 July , 6.30 p.m.

TS BA JC? ML ? will attend.

From the DOVER EXPRESS

- 12.6 Maggi Waite defends Dover Film.
Cllr Cowan defends DDC on Dover Film.
DHB privatisation needs " clarification " TS

3. SECRETARY

Quite a few publications had been received and were available for circulation. The CPRE (on water), LA 21 (with a questionnaire) and the Civic Trust were chiefly relevant to the Planning sub-committee and will be considered there but all can see them on request.

4. TREASURER

In the Treasurer's absence the Financial Statement was presented as usual in printed form and the Treasurer's comments were read by LW on her behalf.

Very gratifying was the information that DHB will be making no charge for the catering on 17 May.

CPRE Kent had sent raffle tickets (£5 in total).

Agreed : to buy them, as last year, as a donation. (Any prize money to go to DS funds !)

Agreed : to pay the annual subscription, now due, to KFAS.

5. Membership Secretary

Two new members : Mrs T.M. Woodhams of River
Mr Michael Igglesden - of the local family but on a visit from Australia. Introduced by Moya Large.

Membership total : 447 (Highest membership number : 691)

The Social Secretary made the point quite strongly that we must take positive steps to welcome new members to meetings. There was complete agreement and the discussion only concerned how this could be achieved.

Agreed : that the Membership Secretary will include with the joining literature a request that new members will make themselves known on their first attendance.

The Chairman will also ask at each meeting whether are new members present and request that they identify themselves,

BA will supply the Committee with name badges to be worn at meetings. Cost ⁺ £20

6. SOCIAL SECRETARY

The outing of 24 May (Bodiam etc) made a profit of £87. The Raffle on the coach made £27 for the Hospital Fete.

Take-up is still slow for 21 June and 19 July but there is no danger of cancellation.

The Swale cruise is over-subscribed. (Date 20 Sep.)

The date for Buckingham Palace visit is 27 Sep.

7.EDITOR

The Editor expressed her thanks for articles received and requested further articles as soon as possible, with 23 June as the deadline date. It is clear that we shall have to do more work ourselves in producing the Newsletter if standards are to be maintained and costs kept down.

8. PLANNING

1. Cycle route.

Our proposals for a cycle route were discussed at a meeting of 28 May with Tim Inglebon of DDC. The basic problem is that KCC has no overall long-term policy. We shall lobby KCC, Prosser (and Prescott) to initiate a transport policy.

DDC welcomes our proposals for local cycle routes.

2. Bench Street Area.

JC has written to DDC re Bench Street empty shops - and also the St. James Hotel. MR is writing to Prosser, basically asking whether the Government is willing to enforce compulsory purchase rules.

JC will write to DDC asking whether a compulsory purchase order could be invoked against J. Godden.

3. Signposting

JG has agreed to examine the signposting in the town. The subject will also be listed for discussion at the next Members' Meeting. ML

4. JC has written to John Ullman re the site in the Folkestone Road. We shall write later to congratulate him on the London Road affordable houses.

5. Castlemount housing was discussed and the extensions to the Police Station was as a whole approved.

6. Connaught Park. It was decided that the provision of car-parking was the first essential.

7. JC has had discussions with Lawrence Gage who is working with developers on the old strategy of linking the Castle with the Town, via the Russell Street area. He will continue the discussions.

9.PROJECTS

* The Transco Grassroots competition.

* Attention was drawn to the three new (DS) bollards in Flying Horse Lane.

10. A.O.B.

JO reported that there had been a positive response from Commex, re poor service.

MMcF, all too briefly, outlined the very considerable work he has put into preparing a Lottery project (30 June deadline) to finance Dover Pageants in '98, '99, and 2000.

The meeting adjourned at 21.25 h. to celebrate the Chairman's 80th Birthday.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 10 July : usual time and venue.