

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 104th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.  
on Thursday 11 Sep. at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : JG JeG ML MMcF

PRESENT : Chairman, Vice-Chairman JC, Secretary SC JL BA SS MR JO MW TS

The MINUTES of the 103rd meeting of the Executive Committee of 10 July,  
with three amendments, were passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING.

Ongoing :

The Jarrett Memorial

BA presented the designs for the engravings for the orientation table. They were warmly approved and engraving will proceed. The Committee expressed its thanks.

The Unknown Warrior Plaque

The Chairman reported the interest of Donald Sykes of Wye College who had also drawn attention to the Vindictive Anchor on the Sea Front, suggesting re-siting and re-labelling.

Agreed : that the present location is not unsatisfactory but that the inscription may need re-furbishing.

TS will examine and if necessary discuss with D.H.B.

TS

The video-tape of the ceremony.

BA has the tape.

TS will pass it to Heathwood Studios, after which it will be sent to D. Atwood.

TS  
LW

It would be useful to have a second copy.

MMcF ?

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The arrangements proposed in the AGENDA were agreed.

INTERNET

JW and LW reported on their visit to DDC and samples of the Council's web-site were circulated.

Their opinion that it was not at present in the interests of the Society to join the DDC site was endorsed.

No further action.

Officers' badges.

BA distributed the very seemly badges. The cost was only £1.50 each.

Agreed that this should be charged to funds.

JeG

Users of the Society's Address Lists expressed their thanks to Budge.

The Water Company's signs on Castle Hill

In the absence of JG this item was deferred.

JG

Barry Smith's Paper.

It was felt that this was the kind of publication which the Society should support.  
The following were agreed :

That we have a policy to publish papers on local history.

That, at some stage, the Peverley Fund should be re-designated the Publishing Fund.

That a publishing sub-committee should be established.

More precisely, on Barry Smith's paper, it was agreed to print a sample run of 20 copies, to test the market, via our membership.

TS  
LW

2. CHAIRMAN

(The Chairman reported on the meeting of the Environment Committee of Dover Town Council which he had attended this day.)

(a) Public Art Trail

TS reported that this project had been finally rejected by the Arts Council. The Chairman will still attend the Tourism Association Committee if it takes place and is relevant.

(b) The programme for future meetings was passed without comments.

3. SECRETARY

1. It was agreed that we would not be represented on the Business Support and Development Group.

LW

TS is well placed to express our opinions.

To reply

2. Insurance cover for TS for his work with the Dover Town Centre Management. The relevant extract from the Society's policy was read and, although it seems to give the required cover, it was agreed that the Treasurer should also verify this with the insurer.

JeG

LW

To repl

3. A Dover Society Trustee for the Dover S. Edmund Memorial Trust Committee.

JC proposed LW. LW agreed to explore what is entailed and whether any progress is possible.

LW

To reply

4. The CPRE " Contract for the Countryside "

MR spoke eloquently on this.

Agreed : To undersign the Society's support for the policies and principles of the CPRE.

A token donation of £20 was also agreed.

Je G

5. Given the 2-month gap, a large number of publications had been received. They were predominantly concerned with planning and conservation and some were taken.

6. The Chairman, Secretary and SS had visited the Southern Water exhibition in Elizabeth Street. The long sea outfall - one of the Society's earliest aims.

#### 4. TREASURER

In the absence of the Treasurer the printed current statement was presented explained and commented by JC.

DHB had donated £100 to the Projects Fund in appreciation of the Projects of 5 and 12 July.

It was proposed and carried to donate £100 to the Dover Christmas Lights Fund.

( J. Ullmann )

( N.B. Chairman will write a letter of condolence from the Society )

JO would like if possible to ' earn' such monies via projects.

#### 5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

4 new members : The Rev. Father Gary Gill

Mr. David Iron. ( London)

MR. Jonathan Ayles.

Current total : 429 ( Highest allotted number 698 )

The Membership Secretary took the opportunity to draw attention to Philomena Kennedy's exhibition in Margate - highly commended by JW and LW

#### 6. PLANNING

JC reported the sub-committee's discussions and decisions on the items listed in the AGENDA.

In particular he sought the opinions of the Executive Committee about the proposed demolition of the stair tower and link at Western Docks.

It was agreed not to oppose this but to be ready to give good reasons for not opposing the demolition of part of a listed building. Most important in this connection would be the quality of the proposed restoration.

BA took the opportunity to alert the Committee to the ongoing threats to access to Shakespeare Beach at the Pilots' Crossing and the railway bridge.

The members ( Barry Smith and Barry Shepherd ) who have expressed interest and opinions about lift-access to the Castle will be able to conduct discussions at the October meeting.

Transport ( including cycle-paths ) will be a major concern of the committee.

Lectures on River/Water problems are planned for March '98.

Attention will continue to be focussed on Bench Street.

## 7. PROJECTS

The window display at the Dover Town Council Offices earned congratulations from all who had seen it.

The second task-force at East Cliff was reported.

The Archcliffe Fort project is now likely to be "at the end of the summer."

A letter has been sent to the relevant department of B and Q requesting surplus bulbs to be planted by children, beside the river.

20 Sep. "Reconnaissance" of Shakespeare Beach. All invited.

## 8. SOCIAL SECRETARY

The Social Secretary provided a print-out of fixtures up to the year-end and, in outline, up to November 1998.

Ideas for the entertainment at the Christmas Feast are invited.

## 9. EDITOR

in absentia - but ...

The August Newsletter was the first "economy" number but it evoked nothing but praise.

## 10. There was no other business.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 9 October, 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.