

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 105th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 9 Oct. 1997 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : MR JO JL MMcF ML

PRESENT : Chairman, both Vice-Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer,
Membership Secretary, TS, BA, SS, MW.

THE MINUTES of the 104th meeting of the Committee of 11 Sep. '97.
were passed and signed as correct after the correction to
the name of a new member.

1. MATTERS ARISING

1. MMcF willing to make a further copy of the Unknown Warrior ceremony video
if he is supplied with a tape. TS
MMcF

This will be sent to member David Atwood as soon as received. ELW

2. The WaterCompany's signs on Castle Hill.

These are not subject to planning authority but JG reported that John Clayton
would speak to the Company.

Chairman to write a letter to the Dover Express ? AJW

3. Barry Smith's paper.

20 copies costing + £100 will be printed. TS

Copy, as amended by Barry, awaited. ELW

4. The Treasurer had confirmed with the Insurer that TS is covered for
his work with DTCM.

5. BA and JG displayed the definitive master for the Jarrett Memorial
orientation table. It won unanimous acclaim and there was a vote of
thanks to Budge for all his work on this.

Long-term plans will now be made for a ceremony in the Spring.

6. TS had examined the Vindictive grappling-iron and found its condition
(and the inscription) in satisfactory condition.

Confirmed that it belongs to DHB.

2. CHAIRMAN

(a) The Bronze-Age Boat meeting at the Museum clashed with attendance at
the Tourism Association Public Art Trail meeting. (17 Sep.)

TS reported that there were some efforts to revive a reduced and modified
public art trail.

(b) AWARDS ?

The Planning sub-committee is requested to consider and recommend any awards
for 1997-98.

(c) The larger question of a possible D.S. Millenium project was considered :
Publication ? Plaque ? Facility ?

Agreed : to include this question at the Members' Meeting (20 Oct.)
perhaps replacing Youth questions if no schools send representatives.
Also in the Newsletter. ML

2. CHAIRMAN contd.

(d) DDC Art Development questionnaire.

Response returned in time by SC and her positive recommendations were endorsed by the Committee.

(e) No takers for Mayoress' Supper Dance. Apology sent.

(f) DHB plan for the stair-tower at the ex-Marine Station :

Copy of our submission to DDC (No objection to link demolition but objection to stair tower demolition ; need for public lavatory) sent to Dover Express but not published.

(g) The Chairman reported the formation of CPRE Environmental Parliamentary Network.

(h) LK will contribute an article on the KFAS Wye Conference for Newsletter. ML

(j) After considerable discussion it was decided to initiate no action at present concerning the future of the Dover Transport Museum.

From the DOVER EXPRESS

2.10: SWA apology

: DHB removal of stair tower applauded: DSOC VIEW?

: No site for Transport Museum

: TS appeal for Winter Carnival Day

: Dover busiest turn-around port in N. Eur

: Pfizer wants better EK transport

: TS Chairman of New Dover Group? 1972?

3. SECRETARY

Reported attendance at the Dover Town Council Twinning and Civic Functions Committee. (8 Oct.)

Two issues concern D.S. :

1. The twinning with Calais.

The committee grateful about D.S. contacts : Calais Accueil and Association France-Grande-Bretagne. They will contact the associations and will support and welcome any visits to Dover.

2. St. Edmund of Abingdon Memorial Trust.

It was noted that the Town Council might need to make provision in its 1998/99 budget for maintenance of St Edmund's Chapel if it took over the District Council's nomination rights.

Resolution : That the Town Council should consider the proposed transfer of nomination rights to the St Edmund of Abingdon Memorial Trust at its next meeting, subject to clarification of the position on the DDC present nomination rights.

In no case would the Town Council question nominations proposed by Abingdon.

4. TREASURER

The Treasurer explained and commented the printed Financial Statement.
(The Projects Fund should show a later deduction.)

Special praise and thanks were expressed to the Social Secretary who, as well as organising a very attractive programme, succeeds in achieving no debits - indeed, social items have covered other costs.

Agreed : to make a token donation £25 to the CPRE Hedgerow Appeal

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Currently no new members so that totals remain unchanged.

Reminder to wear badges on 20 Oct. and to practise accueil.

6. SOCIAL SECRETARY

in absentia :

JL had reported that the Barge Trip had been very successful - and more adventurous than last year. The Buckingham Palace visit had also been a successful excursion. One or two places still available for the visit to Buckland Mill.

7. EDITOR

in absentia :

BA reported that the Editor had more material than could be included.

8. PLANNING

Local plans occupying attention include : the ex-Marine Station stair-tower, a proposed block of 18 flats at Castlemount, the DHB 93-room hotel, the Farthingloe Business Park.

A major concern is the preparation of a letter to government concerning an integrated transport policy. The Chairman is drafting a letter from KFAS, and from the D.S. with special reference to Dover.

9. PROJECTS.

in absentia :

JO reported : Beachwatch : 13 members took part. Perfect weather. V. successful and gained favourable publicity.
: Sponsorship for the Emmaus project sadly not forthcoming.

JG mentioned D.S. work at East Cliff in his Radio Kent interview.

10. A.O.B.

1. It was unanimously agreed to donate £1000 to the Bronze Age Boat fund.

2. There was discussion about the Treasurer handover : JeG > MW.

To be announced at the October meeting or to await the AGM for a formal announcement of a gradual handover. ?

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