

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 106th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 13 Nov. 1997 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : JL

PRESENT : Chairman. Both Vice-Chairmen. Secretary. Treasurer. Membership
Secretary. Editor. JO. TS. SS. MMcF. MR. MW.

The MINUTES of the 105th meeting of the Executive Committee of 9 Oct. '97
were passed and signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING

Brought forward :

- * The tape will be sent to David Atwood in Blackburn. LW
- * Barry Smith will be asked for an amended copy, so that his paper
can be printed. LW
- * JG reported that the orientation plate will be ready very shortly
and the plinth and siting arrangements are proceeding.
A further donation from friends had been received from Lady Jarrett.
We look forward to a dedication ceremony early in 1998.
- * The Treasurer reported that Christine Waterman had gratefully acknowledged
the Society's gift of £1000 to the Bronze Age Boat.
The Chairman considered that this merited a Press release. TS

2. CHAIRMAN

(a) Reported the limited progress of the Public Art Trail but had not
attended the Forum.

(b) Awards for 1997-98 remain in abeyance.

(c) It was decided that as many of the Committee as possible should read
the Wyborn-Brown Life of Hubert de Burgh in order to decide whether the
Society should publish.

(d) The Chairman reported on his half-hour radio-broadcast.

(e) 20 Oct. meeting. It was emphasised that the public address should always
be in place for all meetings. MMcF

All suggestions made by the syndicates had been reported to the DTC
T and E committee.

(f) 21 Oct. : Town/Environment Committee

(i) Agreed that the Society should fund one basket-ball court
which should have a small donor's plaque. Possible locations were discussed
and the desirability that some should be lit was emphasised.

(ii) No comment was agreed on roller-blading except that there were
reservations about the possible choice of the St. Martin le Grand site.

(iii) It was decided, with the Chairman dissenting, that the Society
would not take a page in the proposed tourist information brochure.

(g) The Chairman and MR will attend the seminar on Dover District Economy
21 Nov.

MP raised Dover's transport problems in the House
DTC acts to ensure winter salt service
Western Docks link corridor

3. SECRETARY

1. DDC : Dover Parking Strategy : Public Consultation Exercise

Agreed : Parking will be on the Agenda for the Dec. meeting of this committee and Crissy Purcell will be invited to attend the 6 Jan. meeting of the Planning sub-committee.

LW

2. The Dover District Community Safety Plan (measures for crime reduction and prevention)

Agreed : to express our full support (including mention of our contribution to basket-ball) and to ask how the Council see our possibilities to participate.

LW

3. Publications received, including :

Civic Trust Focus : much about Integrated Tpt. Policy.

to JC

KCC Rights of Way

to MW

4. TREASURER

The Treasurer drew attention to the healthy state of the subscriptions, which are now complete, and to the ongoing success of functions, with the exceptional debit at the October meeting.

It was decided not to transfer committee meetings to the DTC offices but the possibility could be used as a bargaining point when negotiating next year's booking at the R.C.P.Y.C.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Current membership stands at 430 (making the running-total 703)

5 new members : Christine and William WORSLEY, Saxon St. Dover.
Paul and Gillian SHELDRAKE , Town Mayor
Mrs Terry WESTWATER

6. PLANNING

JC reported the meeting of 4 Nov. :

The demolition of stair-tower and link at the Marine Station.

JG explained the DHB case and future policy.

The sea-front hotel.

We welcomed the enterprise but have reservations concerning the design.

We suggest that the importance of the site merits a public exhibition and consultation.

(SS had attended the DTC meeting where this (and the location of the Miner's Statue) were discussed.)

Flats at Castlemount : A protest with photo-montages had been submitted

KW spoke very fully about the threat to the Alkham Valley Road and will prepare a paper for the next meeting.

PLANNING contd.

Other planning matters :

The ex- MFI site : The quality of future development is vital.
Perhaps the Council should purchase ?

The planning application for the surgery to replace the ruined St. James' hotel is awaited.

The Chairman drew attention to our letter to the Ministry re Integrated Transport policy - copies had been distributed.

He was thanked for the very considerable work which this had entailed.

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY in absentia

The October meeting :

There had been members' approval of the Committee's badges and disapproval of the lack of heating.

The public address problem will be addressed.

JL had considered whether periodical updates of the programme and bookings were needed, now that Newsletters are more widely spaced.

The Committee found that the reasons against this were decisive.

The Christmas Feast

All in hand.

Music to be provided by a Roderick Spencer group.

Agreed : To donate £50 to them.

Guests :

Agreed : The M.P. and Wife

The Town Mayor and Mayoress

Association France-Grande Bretagne 2

Accueil de Calais 2

8. EDITOR

The December Newsletter will include Budge's farewell and consideration was given to all that that means.

An earlier deadline.

Help needed in putting all copy on disc.

To reduce her load Merrill will withdraw from the Social sub-committee.

9. PROJECTS :

There had been no feed-back after Beachwatch. There had been no reply from B & Q Dr. Alan Knight, re bulbs for riverside planting.

Looking to the future :

Sat. 29 Nov. Emmaus working party : hedge replacements

Sun. 7 Dec. (National Tree Week)

Tour of Dover Society plantations

Jan. The display in DTC Castle Street will be re-instated.

Future projects :

Cadets (March) Beach cleaning at Shakespeare - part of the long-term aim to upgrade the beach.

10. A.O.B.

1. A suggestion for a Project : TS :

The Society Projects to consider re-painting the historical signs.

(Four colours. DDC to pay the Society ?)

JO will consider.

2. JG reported the current situation re DHB, DDC and the potential development of Old Park - approach-road and roundabout.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 11 Dec. 1997 at 7.30 p.m. at the RCPYC