

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 107th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 11 Dec. 1997, at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : MW ML JL MR TS

PRESENT : Chairman Both Vice-Chairmen Secretary Treasurer Membership Secretary
JO BA SS MMcF

MATTERS ARISING

From 13 Nov. 1997

* Publications.

Barry Smith : Pubs of Dover

Accepting the reservations and advice of the author, the Committee decided without further discussion not to pursue the matter further.

Wyborn-Brown : Life of Hubert de Burgh

The Chairman reported that English Heritage had declined publication but that, if it were published, the Castle bookshop would stock it.

The opinion of ML was read and committee members present who had read the book expressed their opinions. After animated discussion it was agreed not to go ahead with publication.

It was proposed (JO) and carried that Wyborn-Brown be asked to contribute a series of articles on the subject of Hubert de Burgh to the Newsletter. ML

It was further agreed that in future considerations for publication the decision would be reached by the Executive Committee and a sub-committee would be formed for carrying out the work.

* Dover Parking Strategy.

In preparation for the Planning sub-committee of 6 Jan. '98 : first thoughts of committee members present were as follows :

Need to enforce present parking restrictions

Need for a complete revue of double yellow lines, followed by enforcement.

The special problems of Castle Avenue.

The need for a move towards More free parking. (N.B. Loss of revenue)

Free parking should be more clearly formulated. At present it is confused.

Some permanent free parking, all the year - say after 16.00 h.

N.B. Parking in Sandwich (DDC) is free.

Finally : Parking is part of Transport Policy. The sub-committee will wish to hear the Transport Policy of DDC.

Any further thoughts, also from absent committee members, to SS please.

Before 6 Jan.

SS

Two or three additional committee members could attend on 6 Jan.

SS

Please telephone SS if you wish to attend.

* The Dover District Community Safety Plan

The Secretary reported that the co-ordinator, John Holman at DDC, welcomed our support of the basket-ball project as relevant to their aims.

He could not suggest other contributions from us.

* Suggested project : TS : Re-painting historical signs

JO is seeking information on the location and number of signs and the necessary expertise.

He took the opportunity to look at recent and future projects.

Shakespeare Beach may not be accessible for some time owing to Southern Water and Railway projects. (This could leave scope for the historic signs.)

He also reported on the tour of inspection Sunday 7 Dec. in keeping with National Tree Week, of D S plantings : Lousyberry Wood and Lydden Pond. All doing well.

CHAIRMAN

(a) The Chairman reported that, although the Public Art Trail is dead, the intention to erect public art is strong and the support of the Society is sought.

The next related meeting will be next year.

(b) AWARDS

Consideration was given to the claims of the three re-furbished pubs : the Eight Bells, the Flotzilla and Firkin and the Park Inn. Also the Bradeley Factory Shops (where the award would be more suitable as a metal plaque.)

The YMCA when finished could be a worthy candidate.

A decision had to be postponed.

(c) The Planning sub-committee had been put in possession of an excellent pro-forma produced for the Faversham Society which will be used experientially.

(d) The Chairman continuing to explore whether the Society could profit from Land Fill remit.

(e) The Chairman reported the meeting on Dover's economic future which JG agreed was inconclusive.

(f) The Chairman reported the 2 Dec. meeting of the Town and Environment committee. Re-duplication of Town Guides had been avoided.

Litter control areas, with fines, were to be introduced.

Other items : adoption of Pencester Gardens and Connaught Park; additional bus-shelters, further plans by DHB for the factory shops' area.

Cllr. Ault seeks opposition to DHB sea-front hotel.

(g) Millenium Project : suggestions from members still invited and awaited.

(h) 19 Jan. Diners ?

N.B. exit Mike Dawson, enter Professor Brian May and spouse on Ramsgate : Problems and Possibilities .

To be linked to a projected escorted tour of Ramsgate in June.

DOVER EXPRESS

11.12 White Cliffs Experience into Multiple Cinema, Bowling Alley ?

3. SECRETARY

1. DDC invitation to participate in the 1998 Festival of Dover.

Theme : Coastal Landscapes.

Agreed :

Our rôle tends to be to sponsor events :

Concerts at St Mary's, or elsewhere : nautical music ?

An illustrated lecture on the past, present and future
of Dover Harbour - as coastal landscape, by JG or A.N. Other?

Reply accordingly , requesting further information. L W

2. A copy of our letter to the Secretary of State for the Environment had been sent to Radio Kant, as requested. No result so far.

3. The KFAS Newsletter was to hand (and our subscription was now due. Je G

4. TREASURER

The Treasurer commented on the printed Financial Statement.

A decision will be needed shortly about any re-print of the Peverley Paper.

Agreed : not to contribute further to the CPRE national nor local.

Requests for binders are coming in very slowly.

No acknowledgment yet received of our contribution to Christmas lights.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

N.B. Raffle Prizes for the Christmas Feast

No new members.

Mike Sartin deceased. This raised the question of the future of the Archives .

SS is watching this and AG will be contacted to move them.

6. PLANNING

The Chairman reported the sub-committee's findings.

SS had attended the DTC Planning committee and would continue to do so.
This was warmly welcomed.

Future consideration will be given to :
Public Art
Parking
Awards

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY

Agreed, with acclamation that Dick Liggett be a guest at the Christmas Feast in recognition of all his supportive work.

Discussion continued on how the heavy duties of the Social Secretary could be relieved.

JG proposed ending the sale of wine at meetings. This was welcomed.

Help is needed at St. Mary's Hall from 18h45.

JeG and JL will consult.

8. EDITOR

In her absence it only remained to reiterate congratulations on the December number.

By an oversight, we had not been sending copies of our Newsletter to the Civic Trust.

This will be remedied.

AG ML

9. PROJECTS

Reported at MATTERS ARISING above but further consideration was given to the future of Shakespeare Beach.

Agreed : That it is vital to ensure the rights of way at the Pilots Crossing and the Wellards Way footbridge and, in due course, to clean the beach.

A strong letter to be sent to all concerned.

JO BS JG

10. A.O.B.

* JG reported the attractive future plans of DHB : the French bistro and wine lodge in ex-Cullens' Yard and, longer term, the Island Restaurant.

* The Charity Commissioners needed the dates of birth of all Committee members, as Trustees.

* Agreed : to continue the booking of the R.C.P.Y.C. room for 1998.

The meeting closed at 22h 23

Date of next meeting : Thursday 8 Jan 1998 at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.