

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 108th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 8 Jan. 1998, at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club .

APOLOGIES : JG JeG

PRESENT : Chairman, Vice-Chairman JC, Secretary, Acting Treasurer MW,
Membership Secretary, Social Secretary, Editor, JO, TS, BA,
MMcF, MR, SS.

The MINUTES of the 107th meeting of the Executive Committee of 11 Dec. 1997.
para 7 SOCIAL SECRETARY was amended to read :

JG proposed ending the sale of wine at meetings. This was welcomed by some .
The Chairman and BA dissented.

They were then passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING

From the meeting of 11 Dec. 1997.

* DDC Public Consultation : Parking Strategy

JC reported the meeting of the Planning sub-committee of 6 Jan. which was
addressed by John Clayton and exclusively devoted to the subject.

JC briefly deduced that parking controls will probably come to Dover by
transferring authority from the Police to the Council.

He emphasised that the Society must influence the process and work to
ensure that control of the parking rules is implemented.

The Chairman congratulated the Vice-Chairman on his conduct of the meeting.

* The suggested project of re-decorating the historical signs.

JO is investigating the feasibility of undertaking this project.

* Possible re-print of the Peverley Paper.

This appeared to be not urgent and in the absence of the Treasurer and full
information about existing stocks any decision was deferred until the February
meeting.

* The DDC invitation to participate in the 1998 Festival of Dover.

The Arts Development Officer, DDC. thought that the Society " would prefer
to contribute a talk or a walk, as in previous years. "

Agreed reply : Not to offer sponsorship.

TS and LW would offer guided walks - on condition that satisfactory booking
arrangements were made. LW

JG to be asked whether he would be free to offer a lecture 23-30 May. Je G

* The future of the Archives.

AG has agreed to collect them and deliver them (advance arrangement needed)
to BA who is willing to store them.

* Increased assistance for the Social Secretary and the question of the sale of wine at meetings.

There was no lack of willingness to help within the Committee and it was agreed to seek additional help from members.

In particular, help is needed at St. Mary's Hall from 18.45 h. (earlier for the Wine and Wisdom.)

MW, Acting Treasurer, offered to take over the complete administration of the wine. Another MW (Marjory Wright, member) and LW are willing to supervise the sale/serving of the wine.

A special tribute of thanks were expressed to Muriel who has for so long donated and prepared the tea and coffee.

2. CHAIRMAN

(a) The Chairman will attend the Public Art Meeting, now postponed to 28 Jan. (TS will ~~not~~ be able to attend.)

(b) No reply so far from Wyborn- Brown re invitation to write articles for the Newsletter.

(d) Re-confirmed that we are prepared to finance one basket-ball goal.

How to proceed remained unclear ^{ee} ~~even~~ after the meeting of the Town and Environment Committee of 2 Dec. The Chairman will confer with the Town Clerk. JW.

(e) 19 Jan meeting.

Related decision : The date of the conducted tour of Ramsgate:

13 or 20 June ?

JW JL

Request for unwanted Christmas presents for prizes. Please forewarn SC.

(f) Bill Newman , DDC Chair, conveys to all members deep appreciation for all that the D.S. does for Dover.

Reminder : re membership subscription.

TS

(g) Amendments to the Local Plan : by 4 Feb.

JW and KW have drafted objections. These will be considered at the Planning sub-committee meeting 3 Feb.

(h) Landfill Tax : Pending.

(Cory and Slattery : SITA (G.B. Limited) Tower Hamlets Road)

(j) Signpost Steering 17.45h Mon. 19 Jan.

JG

(k) From Keith Parfitt. What was the former name of Bossingham Court ? Was it Water's End Villa ? (Ancient cemetery discovered 1843)

Suggest : Consult : 1841 census
Tithe Maps
Ms. Rogers

JW

(m) No response from Gwyn Prosser re Traffic Policy letter.

JC

The planned letter re Parking could also raise this matter

JW

2 CHAIRMAN contd.

(n) Steve Franks, Deal Computer Consultant, would endisc, paginate and illustrate Newsletter for Adams Printer.

This arrangement not acceptable to Adams Printer.

This re-raised the question of the future production of the Newsletter.

The Editor referred to the quotation by Adams Printers to JG and reported by him to the Committee : April 1997.

The relevant Minute (10 April 1997) reads :

The following was agreed :

1. To place on record our great indebtedness to Budge over the years.

The Newsletter has been a flagship.

2. Highly desirable that every effort must be made to retain this quality. The credit balance should be retained to cover eventualities, in particular the Newsletter costs.

3. As from Jan. 1998, we will accept the present quote from Adams Printers : £900 per number. (Advertising this year yielded £482)

We will continue with three issues in 1998.

(This Minute was quoted again in full 8 May 1997)

ML reported that the current quote was £850 per issue of 500 copies (not including the inserts.)

It was agreed by vote to defer any decision until after the next copy, with a general discussion at the April meeting.

3. SECRETARY

Only one letter to report during the holiday season :

The Environment Agency, as successor to the National Rivers Authority, will be producing " Local Environment Agency Plans".

We shall receive the Kent Area Plan Conservation Report (July 1998)

and the Stour Catchment Consultation Report : Feb. 1999 .

I drew attention to the demise of the Stour-Dour Catchment Committee which, briefly under the N.R.A., met in Canterbury, and urged its re-creation.

4. TREASURER

In the absence of JeG , MW explained and commented the January Financial Statement.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

No change since the December report.

6. SOCIAL SECRETARY

There was no further discussion.

7. PLANNING

Little to report as there had been few applications and the meeting of 6 Jan. had been devoted to the Parking Strategy consultation.

The design of the Castlemount flats may be improved.

Important matters impending are the revised parking arrangements at the Castle and the planned access road to Old Park Barracks.

8. PROJECTS

The annual project by the Cadets is provisionally planned for Sun. 15 Mar.
The Society's display is again on view in the Council offices, Castle Street.

9. EDITOR

Deadline for the Spring number : 16 Feb.
Short note on the Christmas Feast.

LW

10. A.O.B.

The appointment of a new Head at Dover College drew attention to Vice-President Martin Wright. This led to some consideration of the roll and the rôle of Vice-Presidents but no conclusions were reached.

ML requested suggestions for advertisers in the Newsletter.
MW volunteered to approach De Bradelei.

MW

MW and TS had received a pro-forma from Corporate Events (Donna Sowerby)
It concerns a proposal to consider setting up a special one-off grant-award scheme for funding-support towards community activities.

We are invited to notify of any projects which are under consideration.

Agreed : to list and submit appropriate suggestions made by members at the October meeting and listed in the December Newsletter, p. 9.

LW

Regardless of the length of these Minutes, the meeting closed at 9.15.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 12 Feb. 1998 at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.