

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 110th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 12 March 1998 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : JG JeG ML SS JL

PRESENT : Chairman Vice-Chairman JC Secretary Treasurer- MW SC
MMc F BA JO MR TS

The MINUTES of the 109th meeting of 12 Feb '98, with two corrections, were passed and signed as correct.

The congratulations and thanks to JO for his sterling work leading the painting of the historic signs, not recorded, were even more warmly repeated, with special commendation for the excellent publicity in the local Press.

1. MATTERS ARISING :

From the meeting of 12 Feb. 1998

- * Historic plaques as a D.S. Millenium project :

This item was deferred to 10. A.O.B. below, pending the unavoidable late arrival of TS.

- * Candidates for the Executive Committee.

No progress to report. JG had not yet approached Dr. Mason.

2. CHAIRMAN

- (a) DTC Town and Environment committee 24 Feb. reported :

Tourism strategy

Roller-blading, paddling-pool; covered market. Pressuring DDC.

Basket-ball : DTC/D.S. : site within a month.. (??)

Public Art Trail : rôle of Mayor queried, scepticism re Lottery application to fund consultancy : referred to full TC.

- (b) Landfill Tax : Pending

- (c) Prescott's Local Government Modernisation Paper. (Reply with comments by 9 Apr.)

Comments requested from all Committee members and, if called for, meeting at 1066 Green Lane, Monday 30 March.

- (d) DDC could introduce 20 mph zonal speed limits.

- (e) John Hendy : " Ferry Port Dover" Review: for Newsletter. MW

- (f) Dover Youth Council from secondary schools under TC. We watch with interest.

- (g) Invitation to participate in Radio 4 programme on local leadership (via TS) for Union Broadcasting Co.

Newsletters sent to Neil McCarthy, bright but uninformed.

- (h) Dover Mercury : TS will scan. TS

New look Dover Express : Letter of congratulation. JW

From THE DOVER EXPRESS

- 5.3: DHB/Old Park Barracks ourcase & prospects
- : Hoverspeed service to Ostend from Dover
 - : PO/Stena merger Monday: job losses: end of cheap trips
 - : LAs jointly estimate duty-free job losses: fight to maintain continues
 - : Roman House Philp-DDC feud ends: GOOD
 - : DHB windmills, solar panels, tidal flows: SUSTAINABILITY: LA 21
 - : DSOC pedestrian sign project: paint for labour.002
 - : "Waiting Miner" Granville Gardens
 - : Council to cut compost cost with organic waste for gardeners?
 - : DDC/Pfizer blitz on waste via schools: LOCAL AGENDA 21? PRAISEWORTHY
 - : Millenium call-up for local artists
 - : Bodiam crit lorries at Old Park: too near schools
 - : Kit Smith wants Rural Forum for Rural Audit
 - : Millenium sunrise plans
 - : NO REPORT ON CLUBS & SOCIETIES
- new format! Rival Dover Mercury?
- 12.3: White Cliffs Experience to be closed/restructured?
- : Doubt on Pencester Paddling pool as Rollerblading Centre
 - : GP Bill to help Dover cope as Gateway to Europe
 - : P&OStena
 - : Sloggett on unfair competition from Tunnel
 - : Dover-Ostend link resumed
 - : Old Park go-ahead for DHB next week?
 - : DDC etcpress for A260 Hawkinge-Denton by-pass
 - : Only 34 houses for Noah's Ark Rd
 - : 18 flats for Castlepoint site approved after alterations
 - : 3 letters on Kent & Canterbury downgrade
 - : Dover Open Market preferable to Paddling Pool for skateboarding
 - : Fawcus defends Old Park proposals
 - : New Dover Group 1973
 - : Revised Sustrans cycle path Dover-Deal

3. SECRETARY

(a) Publications received :

Mostly relevant to Planning :
Local Agenda 21 for Local Societies
(Transport. Town Centre Management)

Civic Trust.

(The government's intentions about planning .)

(b) Personalised letters (with supporting documentation) to all (Kent ?)
civic societies :

" Save Queen Elizabeth Hospital , Margate. "

Agreed : n.f.a.

4. TREASURER

MW presented the Financial Statement in writing, drawing attention to credits and debits and charges outstanding.

Tax deducted on the Halifax account will be re-claimed after 5 April.

REQUEST : Claims for expenses to the Treasurer a.s.a.p.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Only one new member.
The Newmans have returned to the fold.

Current total : 433 Highest number allotted : 704.

6. EDITOR in absentia

Expresses her thanks for the scanner.

(BA judges that the April Newsletter will not fall short of previous numbers in presentation.)

7. PROJECTS

(a) JO reported excellent progress on the signpost painting. Definitely over the hump and in hand for time - the only hazard being the weather.

As well as the full report in the Dover Express the project had been reported and gratefully acknowledged in DDC.

(b) Sunday 15 March : 10 - 12 : Beachclean

The usual programme with Cadets but adult presence warmly welcomed and requested.

Assemble: Southern House 10.00 a.m.

MMcF will approach Dover Video Club to investigate possibility of filming. MMcF

Long-term : BA would lend his camcorder but would it be covered by the Society's Insurance ? JeG

8. SOCIAL SECRETARY in absentia

Reported that all arrangements for the programme as published are in hand, with only two delays :

The Coastguards are , as usual, slow to answer, so that visit is still uncertain.

Local informations still awaited re the Marquise marble quarries. LW

Sat. 13 June : Conducted tour of Ramsgate : JL JW
Firm time of arrival in Ramsgate.

9. PLANNING

JC reported the sub-committee meeting of Tues. 10 Mar. :

(a) Old Castlemount School site : now agreed.

(b) Masts for mobile phones :

(i) River

(ii) Western Heights

(iii) Letter to John Clayton on general policy :

Can DDC persuade companies to work together to share masts ?
to use existing masts - in particular Hougham?

(c) Fencing on Western Heights.

Neglect ? Obstruction ?

JC will continue investigating.

(d) Farthingloe business park.

Legalities have led to approval.

(e) SS had reported TC Planning Committee.

(f) Pavement repair after cable-laying not always satisfactory. MW

9. PLANNING contd.

The Committee then considered the paper prepared by KW for the Planning sub-committee on the traffic threat to the Alkham Valley and his proposals for road-planning.

The Committee agreed to the promotion of the paper and the publicising of the suggestions.

JO drew attention to the English Heritage plan to dig up and turf Palace Green at the Castle, thereby losing parking for the Church congregation and a site which has been used for ceremonials.

The Planning committee will investigate.

JC

10. A.O.B.

(a) TS informed as follows :

In 1998 the Council will have a paid official to welcome Cruise Liner passengers with unpaid volunteers based on the Market Square to guide and inform about the Town. D.S. volunteers sought.

Chairman will announce at the Monday 16 Mar. meeting.

JW

(b) Historic boards - postponed from 1 above.

The proposed list (enclosed) was approved : agreed as a D.S. Millenium Project. Priority to be decided. Perhaps two per year ?

Monday 16 Mar. meeting : consult with members.

JW

(c) MMcF thought Dover lagging behind Sandwich and Deal in plans for the Millenium. DDC pamphlet relevant. We will get copy (? copies ?) and pursue the matter.

LW

(d) JG has reported that the plinth for the Jarrett memorial is in position. Date for the ceremony ? Suggested that we wait for the better season rather than before Easter.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 9 April '98 at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C: