

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 111th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 9 April 1998 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

Before business : Mrs Ann Coffey spoke informatively about the recently
formed Association Calais-Douvres. (Ian Gill was unable to be present.)

Its aims can be summarised as : cultural, friendly and economic.

Progress would be through informal contacts : shops, hotels, schools.

Immediate ideas included :

Contact with East Langdon Primary School	ML
Hoteliers association	MMcF
Shopkeepers via Newsletter advertisers	ML
and in the course of the planned Town Council/Town Centre Management survey. (See under A.O.B. below.)	TS
Mrs Coffey will submit an article for the Newsletter, by June.	ML

APOLOGIES : JL

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

The MINUTES of the 110th meeting of the Executive Committee of 12 March
were passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING

From the Meeting of 12 March 1998 and ongoing :

* The Treasurer reported that equipment used for Society business (e.g. camcorders)
is insured against accidental damage.

* Historic Plaques : Other Millenium Projects :

The Membership Secretary had made enquiries with the Civic Trust and reported
her findings. Enclosed is a Factfile page which outlines the considerations
which must be taken into account.

Other headings for thought are : " Not another boring panel ? "
" The Materials Maze. "
" Things can get very ugly if you don't
plan for maintenance and repair."

Any decision was postponed until the next meeting.

Of the other Millenium Projects, listed as proposed by the Dover Society
in the " DDC Millenium Celebrations First Draft " : the Chairman had
informed the Town and Environment Committee of DTC that these were only
suggestions made at Members meetings and could not be financed by the Society.

* Candidates for the Executive Committee

JG had approached Derek Leach and Keith Lawson and both had signified their
willingness to serve. The Committee expressed its satisfaction.

Formal proposal and seconding will be submitted and a letter of welcome
and appreciation will be sent.

LW

1. MATTERS ARISING contd.

* The Clifford Jarrett Memorial.

The dedication will be at 2.30 p.m. 26 April 1998 followed by a reception at the Churchill Hotel. All Committee members and spouses are invited.

2. CHAIRMAN

(a) KW's paper on the Alkham Valley had been distributed. So far only Clayton had replied. His reply very authoritative.

Also reported in the Dover Express by TS.

(b) Landfill Tax : Action still pending but all details now to hand.

(c) Our comments on proposed changes to Local Government have been dispatched and copied to DTC.

(d) Sturt willing to speak 16 Nov. Chosen subject : Coroners : including Treasure trove, please.

(e) " Ferry Port Dover " by John Hendy : review copy not yet to hand but MW will review.

MW

(f) DTC Wine and Wisdom 1 May. Chairman and members Hearn; table of 8. More invited.

(g) Chairman's congratulatory letter to the Dover Express was curtailed. His (edited) review of the St. John Passion appears in the current number.

(h) Ray Haines (Chamber of Commerce) seeks local historians.

(i) The CoC/ TCM meeting immediately preceding this meeting : Dover Society well represented and the support appreciated.

(j) Invitations :

KFAS Spring Conference, Whitstable 30 May

AGM 27 April : diners.

DOVER EXPRESS

9.4: DNB damns rail services vav cruise-liners

- : JW steps down as Chairman
- : A20 environmental enhancement
- : Castle parade ground not to be grassed: DSOC mentioned
- : Charlton Pond clean-up by postmen: appeal to other riparians
- : Mike Weston man to remember
- : EKI into East Kent Forum
- : ALKHAM VALLEY SPLASH
- : New sea outfall

3. SECRETARY

The annual request for support for the Rotary Club of Dover Hospital Fête.
18 July : Clash, once again, with our French excursion.

Agreed : to give financial support from excursions' raffles. Reply.

LW

4. TREASURER

The outgoing Treasurer was warmly congratulated and thanked for her five years of service.

The current and the Annual statements were examined and explained and the annual statement was carried, with acclaim.

Agreed : To subscribe £25 to Crabble Mill
: The Publications fund to remain as such, for possible future use.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

3 new members : Mr David Lowe of East Cliff, Dover.
Miss Anthea Lingard of Kingsdown & Mrs Pat Yeomans of Alkham.

Thus : Current total : 433 (Highest allotted number 706.) (2 members lapsed.)

SC had received a grateful letter from the German Handelsleute (see Minutes of 109th Meeting) who now hope to go ahead with their business.

6. EDITOR

Reports for the next number :

Report of the AGM	MW
Report on KFAS Spring Conference and our Comments on Govt. proposals for local government.	JW
Report on the current exhibition at the Museum	HL

7. PLANNING

JC reported the issues which had been considered and reported at the sub-committee meeting of 7 April '98.

(a) The proposed development on the site of the Eye Hospital : we criticised the design.

(b) The development on the site of the Apostolic Church : we considered that four houses are too many for the site.

(c) Old Park Barracks. We had no adverse comments.

(d) Masts for mobile phones : consulting with CPRE continues.

Re: the siting of aeriels where possible in/on tall buildings :
Members are requested to look out for possible sites.

(e) Fencing on the Western Heights :

(i) Letter to the M.P. No reply so far.

(ii) English Heritage : Fencing must conform to E.H. standards.

(f) Doctors' Houses at Buckland Hospital. (Our support had been requested.)
We reply that we are in favour of housing for doctors.

(g) Final assurance awaited that the planning application for Palace Green at the Castle has been withdrawn.

(h) JG outlined the very encouraging plans currently under discussion for the Western Docks, Granville Dock, Southern House and second cruise liner terminal.

DDC has responded to our comments on Transport Policy.

In conclusion : the Committee endorsed the Planning Committee's choice of Jack Woolford as their Chairman, and approved and appreciated MR's decision to continue serving on the Planning Committee.

8. PROJECTS

The tourist signposts.

JO was warmly thanked and praised for the very considerable organisation and effort which this had entailed and the valuable publicity which it had earned.

JO invited suggestions for future projects including, as annually, tree projects in November.

9. SOCIAL SECRETARY in absentia.

Reported that so far there were no takers for the Marsh in May.

10. A.O.B.

* Agreed : that we should not finance a board at the Dover Trade Centre in Pencester.

* Reported : The Archives have now been delivered to BA who will house them.

* The size of advertisements in the Newsletter was discussed :

Agreed : No change in format but charges should be increased in tempore opportuno.

* Overlooked, in " Before Business" above :

The TC/TCM request for compiling a brochure for distribution in Northern France.

TS compiled a list of volunteers from the Committee.

*** Finally, JG eloquently expressed our thanks, appreciation and congratulations to the Chairman for his ten years of service.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 14 May 1998 at the RCPYC

Date of the next Planning Committee meeting : Tuesday 12 May '98
at 1066 Green Lane Temple Ewell.