

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 112th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 14 May 1998 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : JG JeG DL MMcF

PRESENT : Chairman Secretary Treasurer SC ML JW JO TS BA

The MINUTES of the 111th meeting of the Executive Committee of 9 April '98
were passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING :

Ongoing :

1. The Historic Plaques

SC and MW agreed to investigate designs, materials and costs.
Ceramics would seem a first option.
Report and decision next meeting.

2. The Clifford Jarrett Memorial ceremony was deemed to have been very
successful. Special thanks and praise to TS for excellent Press cover.

3. The DTC/TCM shops survey : arrangements will be published shortly.
LW suggested that, if possible, among shops in London Road North of Maison
Dieu, two might be included in so far as they have already attracted visitors
from Holland, Belgium and France : the Clock Workshop at No. 198 and
Preface and Print at No. 80.

TS explained how this presents difficulties.

2. CHAIRMAN

Dover Society representation :

at The Mayor-making.

Dover Town Hall : 20 May 6.45 for 7.00 p.m. (RSVP)

JW/KWraight JC/SC JO/BA using LW's invitation.

at the Civic Garden Party 11 June

JG + 1 ? LW + 1 ?

The Dover Video and Camera Club invites a D.S. representative on their
Western Heights project.

MMcF to be approached. TS a willing reserve.

MMcF
TS

Insertion/financial contribution to the Dover Patrol Memorial programme
and/or the Dover Carnival Programme.

JO proposed and it was carried that we continue our support for the Carnival
Programme only.

3. SECRETARY

1. Hospital Fête : Ron Drydon informed that we will donate the proceeds of the
raffles on our (now only two) summer outings. JO will organise. JO

2. Correction sent to DDC Millenium Celebrations Draft First Edition.

3. SECRETARY contd.

3. Proposed Dover Twinning Association.

Preliminary meeting of interested parties : Tues. 9 June 6.00 p.m. DTC

LW and JW will attend (leaving in time for the Planning sub-committee
at 7.30 p.m.)

LW
JW

There was consideration, in this connection , of the rôle of the splinter-
group Association Douvres-Calais currently being founded by Mrs Ann Coffey.
(See Minutes of 9 April.)

Tact and caution will be required in our relationship.

4. Our correspondents will be informed of the new nominations to the
Committee.

LW JC BA

4. TREASURER

The treasurer explained the financial statement in some detail.

The cost of the Newsletter is a reminder of the extent of BA's contribution
and means that we must be financially prudent.

The Peverley Paper : Dover's Hidden Fortress.

Doug Welby had requested 150 copies which he is confident he can market.

Agreed : TS will approach Adams Printers and ask a quote for a re-print
of 500 copies. A decision will be made at the next meeting when the
quotation is reported.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Two new members : Mr and Mrs Thomas of the Gateway, bringing the total
back to 433. (Highest number allotted : 708.)

TS reported that Claire Jardine, Editor of the Dover Express, wishes to join.

We tend to be static around the current figure and JW informed that this
is very good, relative to the population of our area of benefit, and that
the subscription is relatively high.

Consideration was given to publicity and TS will comment at the next meeting. TS

It was proposed that all meetings (except the AGM) should be open to the
public and that the " Members Meetings " should be re-named.

6. PLANNING, KFAS, and Local Government matters.

Report on Town & Env Cttee: +150%: 3 round table: all participate: arty larter

April 8 : TC money available for volleyball but DDC site
: Millenium: DHB/DDC bandstand/open air theatre:
: DSOC plaques reported
: Children's Play Areas Connaught Park
: Rollerblading Pencester or Market?

Report on Public Art: Sheldrake, art teachers, Overton, DSoc...

April 30 : provide & preserve public works of art
: proposed panel: President Mayor: VP SK David Barnes: : sec Overton,
treasurer
: constitution: officers, w. legal advice: membership by invitation: No sub: grant
seeking, eg DDC, DTC: later charitable status?
: name: v. DEXP suggestions: logo/acronym/ (DDPAP)
: Project Manager: lottery?
: area White Cliffs Country: DSOC disclaimer:LTD FUNDS
: ask DDC for Connaught Park
: school involvement
: DONM Jun 18 @ 17.00

6. contd.

Planning Cttee May 12: W.Hts fencing defeat

- : reports on plans eg masts
- : Newman MFI request: reiterate Whitfield opp.n but suggest poss in-town alternatives eg W. Docks, Charlton Mkt...
- : Sandwich 20 mph zone: but not feasible in Dover?
- : traffic calming technology
- : Alkham Valley: KCC
- DDC No
- RPC No
- TEPC No
- WPC pending
- River No
- Alkham No

KFAS Spring Conf: Local Plans overridden by Inspectors

DSOC 20th Planning Committee: 12.5.98

1. Minutes of April 7

2. Matters Arising: Apostolic church not demolished
W. Hts Fencing
Buckland Drs

3. Planning Matters: High St shop front & flats: LW
: Masts: MW
: Russell St land: KW
: Newman requests statement on MFI
: 20 mph zone Sandwich
: Whitfield traffic calming controversy: mere red patches and skeletal "roundabouts": pinch points?:

4. Sybil's Report:

5. Transport: Alkham Valley: responses:

- a. KCC/Kent Highways: May 11 report pending: Trunk road programme = Govt announcement: NB massive cuts!
- b. DDC: traffic calming as with Whitfield: not less than 3-5 yrs: route already economically & environmentally rejected re A256: B2060 already downgraded B to C: statistical verification of assertions required: example of Round Hill Tunnels re traffic management.
- c. Parish Councils: River: rejects: Coombe Valley priority
Temple Ewell: rejects
Whitfield: pending
- d. Amenity Societies: River: Coombe Valley much higher priority
: Alkham(?) Barry Shepherd: horror & disgust: outrageous: no new roads:
discussion offer
- reply: copy: misinformed: tentative suggestion: Whitfield: further consideration
- e. GP/Strang: 0

- await?
- accept objections & lack of support?

7. PRESS SECRETARY

The Press Secretary was to be congratulated.
Both local papers are doing us very well.

FROM THE DOVER EXPRESS

- 14.5: 2nd drive-through Channel Tunnel: Guide Friday tours
- : Buckland houses building starts
 - : Pencester, Charlton Centre outdoor Mkt or "Thomson" Townwall St roller-skating
 - : Homeless housing at Old Park
 - : Connex etc criticised
 - : De Bradelei success: town centre agrees
 - : Overflow cemetery @ Whitfield
 - : Defence of Whitfield traffic calming: local consultation
 - : Opposition to Old Park housing: give to DDC: more v. DHB "windmills"
 - : A2 dualling stalled?
 - : National benchmarks for tourism to balance local with tourist needs? +
+ long-term tourism development
 - : KCC chairs Euroregion: £280m EU funding

8. SOCIAL SECRETARY

1. LW had sent a copy of the Newsletter to Roderick Spencer to confirm the date and time of the Christmas Feast 1998.
2. It was agreed that, from time to time, it could be appropriate and useful by show of hands at a meeting to sound opinion and seek ideas for our activities in general, including winter meetings and summer outings.
3. 19 Oct / 16 Nov. meetings : hospitality.

Agreed to make no changes this year.

(JW offered sponsorship for guests and invited others to contribute also.)

SC suggested that it was for consideration whether we should pay a fee and/or expenses to some speakers.

4. The suggestion was made, not frivolously, that we should plan a meeting, open to the public, to be addressed by Railtrack and Connex.

In the absence of the Social Secretary it was agreed to refer these matters to the Social sub-committee which could also examine the price-range and booking arrangements for events.

9. PROJECTS

The work on tourist signposts had produced excellent publicity and a donation from DDC. (There will be a photo in their House magazine.)

The DTC publicity window will return in August : ideas requested.

10. EDITOR

Deadline for the next Newsletter : 15 June - or before !
(Copy to be ready by 25 July.)

Donna Sowerby will write on Dover's plans for the Millenium.

A style-sheet is available on request, for contributors.

10. EDITOR contd.

The possibility of finance by sponsorship was briefly considered. It was thought that the overall financial situation will be clearer after three more issues.

Returning to the subject of the booking-slips, currently taking three pages of the Newsletter :

BA could arrange to replace this by extra slips/leaflets.
This offer was very gratefully accepted.

11. A.O.B.

Under A.O.B. it was agreed to contribute £20 to MMCF's fund-raising for the Millenium pageant. (This would incidentally advertise two of our events.)

For information - and invitation : Sunday 17 May is National Independence Day, Norway. On Saturday 23 May will be the last visit of the Norwegian Naval officers. At 5.15 p.m. in Granville Gardens DDC is arranging the unveiling of a plaque. All are invited.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 11 June '98 at 7.30 p.m. at the RCPYC

Date of next Planning sub-committee : Tuesday 9 June '98 at 7.30 p.m. at 1066