THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 114th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 9 July 1998, at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : JG JeG ML

PRESENT : JC LW MW SC JL JW JO TS MMcF SS

The MINUTES of the 113th meeting of the Executive Committee of 11 June '98 were passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING :

From 14 May '98

The Peverley Paper

TS had negotiated quotes from Adams the Printers. Doug Welby had requested 150 copies, to sell.

Agreed: to accept the quote of £750 for 500 copies. TS will confirm the order.

This supply should last up to five years and it was agreed that the Peverley Publication Fund in the Financial Statements should henceforward be named the Publications Fund.

Ongoing:

The historic plaques

SC and MW had examined a wide range of suppliers, local and national. There was a general preference for cast aluminium.

Expenditure of ± £1000 was enviaged.

There should be consultation about legal aspects.

Agreed: MW, SC and TS, as a sub-committee, will continue researches and report again. SC will convene.

Request for Pfizers' sponsorship for Newsletter:

A letter is drafted and will be sent.

JC MI

2. CHAIRMAN

1. St. Mary's bells.

JC had attended the inaugural meeting for the appeal and it was felt that the Society should give the maximum support possible.

Suggestions :

In addition to the donation of £50:

Members should be addressed on the subject at one of our winter meetings.

An article in the Newsletter ?

ML

MMcF thought that the Society might be able to use the occasion of the Pageant Sound Check at Dover College. (Theatricals and raffle.) e.g. tea-stall?

2. The Zeebrugge Bell

David Atwood (member) would like us to push for its transfer to the end of the pier. He will produce a written proposal for the September meeting. The sense of the present meeting was against.

2. CHAIRMAN contd.

3. DHB performance review : 21 July.

The Chairman will attend. A subsequent address to the Society could be invited.

3. SECRETARY

DDC Health and Housing had asked for help from our members to identify derelict empty properties.

Notice/ article in the Newsletter

ML

Mention at winter meeting ?

4. TREASURER

The Treasurer enlarged upon the printed financial statement.

There was the small seasonal increase in subscriptions but the overall picture was of increased outgoings: donations, the Newsletter, roomhire had all increased.

The £ 19.50 raised on the Ramsgate trip raffle was pleasing - donated to the Hospital Fête.

The tax re-fund on the Halifax interest promised, but still awaited.

Agreed : to continue the subscription (£12 p.a.) to Transport 2000.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

No new members. Total 400 (Highest number allotted 708)

Help requested to collect unpaid subscriptions.

6. SOCIAL SECRETARY

Calais Trip: 18 July.

Viable, with 23 - 25 so far. Help requested to recruit more. One or two admin.problems.

JL LW

Guests for the Christmas Feast.

The Social sub-committee to recommend the number and who they should be.

7. PLANNING

JW reported the Public Art Committee meeting, our comments on the Local Plan Enquiry and the planning sub-committee meeting of 7 July. (The Minutes of this are attached.)

JW distributed the questionnaires of the SERPLAN Sustainable Development Strategy and his draft answers.

(Comments are required by 27 July.) The Planning sub-committee will meet specially: Tuesday 14 July at 7.30 p.m. at 1066, to finalise our reply.

8. PROJECTS

The TRANSCO funding for the Emmaus project is now secure.

We shall not this year be taking part in Beachclean.

National Tree Week '98:

Liaison with DDC/DTC tree-officers proceeding.

9. EDITOR in absentia

As reported above : the letter to Pfizers re sponsorship is in hand.

10. PRESS SECRETARY

TS had had to leave early to another appointment.

A.O.B.

The Chairman asked all to recruit for the Calais trip where possible.

MMcF drew attention to the absence of the Dover Carnival from the publicity boards. He will raise the matter with DDC.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 10 September '98 at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.

DOVER EXPRESS:

^{9.7:} No. of P&OS ships vav duty-frees: train ferry return unlikely; phase Townwall St lights v. blockages

^{: + 2000} DHB jobs (cf - 1000 ex duty-frees): Old Park Business Centre: animal export ban; illegal immigrants: bootlegging: £12,000 to charity: COPY OF DHB REPORT?

[:] Woolworths + JJ Sports by Easter 99: classical facade + 2 cylindrical drums at corners: EH opposition - though "unlisted": +100 jobs: PLANNING COMMITTEE

[:] No more Crabble boot fairs

[:] Millenium Fountain at Marine Parade

[:] French stalls controversy: NB fall-off in Letters to Editor: shortage or policy?

[:] KCC/DHB/Eurotunnel survey on duty-free abolition

^{: 30} yrs of Princess Margaret hovercraft

[:] AVO award

[:] Temple Ewell loos into housing? PLANNING COMMITTEE

[:] Bell Fund appeal