

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 115th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 10 Sep. 1998 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : MMcF ML JL

PRESENT : Chairman, Vice Chairman JG LW MW SC JW JO TS BA JeG
DL SS

The MINUTES of the 114th meeting of the Executive Committee of 9 July 1998
with one correction, were passed and signed as correct.

On-going, and from 9 July '98 : MATTERS ARISING

* The Peverley Paper re-print.

The 500 copies had been received and the Treasurer will pay £750.
One third of the stock is being held by Welby and the remaining
two-thirds by the Chairman.

Alerted by Welby, JW will investigate availability of the Paper
at the Museum and the Castle bookshop. JW

Satisfaction was expressed about the extensive illustrated article in
the Sunday Independent on Dover's Forts.

* The historic plaques.

SC presented the sub-committee's recommendations.

Agreed : To accept the specifications of the Royal Label Factory :

15" x 12" , oval, aluminium. Basic cost £123 + VAT. Mid-blue, white lettering .

Agreed : The first two to be the sites of the last shell and the stocks.
TS has begun and will complete negotiations for siting. TS

BA expressed concern about the corrosion of aluminium in salt air.
The Factory to be asked for information on this : possibility of backing,
bitumastic etc.

Arrangements to date were approved (with BA abstaining) subject to a
reassurance about corrosion.

The Treasurer recalled the intention ultimately to make this the subject
of an application for a small Millenium grant.

* Sponsorship for the Newsletter

JC reported the grant of £400 from Pfizers and took the opportunity to
congratulate the Editor on the August number. DHB will be approached
for sponsorship. Agreed to examine whether more should be charged
for advertisements. SC will speak to Bruce. SC

* Dover Video Camera Club annual competition.

MMcF had acted as a judge. In absentia his report was submitted in writing.
The winning video : Dover Harbour Board : Preparing for the future.

Agreed : that if technically possible this will be shown at one of our
meetings.

* St Mary's bells appeal.

The Chairman had sent £50 as agreed. An article will be submitted for the Newsletter.

MMcF's Dover Pageant Sound Check at Dover College had also raised money for the Appeal.

* Re-locating the Zeebrugge Bell.

Deferred. The promised written proposal by David Atwood had not yet been received. The Chairman will pursue.

JC

3. SECRETARY.

Two letters reported :

1. From the High Weald Housing Association, developing 133 homes at Old Park Barracks. They propose to build a community facility and request information whether we would use it or become involved in community development.

Agreed reply : We strongly approve their project but do not foresee how we could use it or become involved. Could they interest and draw in adjacent communities ?

2. DDC Tourism Executive write to recommend the Star of Killarney motor-boat trips round the harbour.

JL

4. TREASURER

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement in writing and explained details. He had attended the Town Mayor's Charity meeting and was willing to represent the Society on that Committee. This was warmly approved.

Agreed : To renew the annual membership subscription to the national CPRE.

: To donate £25 to the White Cliffs Tourism Association - who have recently been responsible for much good publicity for Dover.

5. Membership Secretary.

Membership total remains at 404. Highest number allotted 712.

Four new members : Miss Clare Jardine. Editor, Dover Express.

Mr and Mrs Shearman. Swingate.

Mrs Jean McBrien. Whitfield.

BA is producing printed membership lists for which he was warmly thanked.

6. Social Secretary.

In the unavoidable absence of the Social Secretary attention was paid to plans for future meetings.

Guests at the Christmas Feast.

Agreed : that these should be limited to 5 : The Town Mayor, Wife and driver.

The Headmaster of the College
and his Wife.

The M.P. and his Wife will pay, as did his predecessor.

The Social Secretary will negotiate with Rod Spencer : We offer to donate £50 to their chosen charity, rather than they should " sing for their supper" (at £17 per head.)

Social Secretary contd.

Consideration of possible French guests was deferred, awaiting possible reciprocal invitations. (Financial support might be sought from the the Dover Twinning Association.)

Also of the French Connection : the Chairman reported that Monsieur Fauquet, our excellent guide in Calais - a Local Historian, would like to be in touch with the Dover History Society . The Secretary will approach J. Harman. LW

Agreed : that the custom of dining Speakers at Blake's Wine Bar will continue and Committee members attending would pay for themselves.

There was discussion of plans for meetings in 1999 :

To include : St. Mary's bells, the winning video ?, and a possible talk about Dover Harbour Board and future developments.

There were still 5 vacancies for the Thames Barge trip on 19 Sep. and BA agreed to go.

7. PLANNING, KFAS, Local Government.

JW reported the 23rd meeting of the Planning sub-committee of 8 Sep. '98.

A copy of the Minutes is attached.

The KFAS Autumn Conference is on 19 Sep.

8. Press Secretary

Satisfaction was expressed at the amount of favourable cover we are receiving in the Dover Express and elsewhere.

DOVER EXPRESS

- 10.9: Last cargo from Granville Dock
; Ferry/tunnel figures
: EU money for Whitfield-Old Park Barracks road
: DDC threatens Burlington House
: Greengrocer's stall in Biggin St? Leader anti
: Tram shelter history
: Action against pavement cyclists
: Sloggett anticipates DHB extension

9. PROJECTS

1. The refurbishment of the Maxton tram-shelter is already in hand by DDC.
2. Confirmed that there is currently no funding for the Emmaus hedge re-planting. £50 may be asked for.
3. National Tree Week.
No requests for plantations.
Possibilities :
A tree at Barton Road School to commemorate their century?
An additional species tree at Kearsney Abbey ?
4. The renewed Castle Street shop-window display will return on Monday 14 Sep.
5. The possibility of Awards for 1998/9 was raised and passed for discussion in the Planning sub-committee.
6. Possible future projects :
Painting the DHB historic goose-neck crane.
St. Edmund Chapel : clearing gutters and soakaways.

10. EDITOR in absentia.

Deadline reminder:

The last date for the receipt of copy for issue No. 33 is Monday 19 Oct.

There was no further business.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 8 October '98 at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.X. C.

Planning sub-committee

Minutes of the 23rd meeting of the Planning sub-committee held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 8 Sep. '98 at 1066 Green Lane Temple Ewell.

Present : JW (Chairman) JVC JG MR SS MW LW Apologies : KW

1. Minutes of the 22nd meeting July 7th were agreed.

2. Matters arising not mentioned elsewhere :

The sub-committee discussed the SERPLAN consultation process and the White Paper on an Integrated Transport Policy. It was agreed that the Chairman and JVC would draft letters embodying the conclusions of the discussions.

Planning matters :

Objection to North Military Road development.

Comments and suggestions re proposed sea-front hotel.

4. Town Council Planning Committee

Objection to 5-7 Cherry Tree Avenue because of traffic.

Cow Lane needs wider access.

Still object to Staff car park Barwick Road

Doctors Houses Coombe Valley

5. Public Art Panel. JW Absent.

6. Town Council Environment JW Absent

7. MR reported on London Road, Buckland. More should be done to publicise its charms.

Agreed : MR and JVC to draft proposal for inclusion of upper London Road in "Town Centre. "