

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 116th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.  
on Thursday 8 Oct 1998 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : JW MMcF

PRESENT : Chairman Vice-Chairman Secretary Treasurer SC JL ML  
JO TS BA JeG DL SS

The MINUTES of the 115th meeting of the Executive Committee of Thursday 10 Sep. '98  
with two additions/corrections were passed and signed as correct.

Choice of guest speakers for meetings and the arrangements for booking,  
entertainment etc.

Following discussions under this heading and the social committee section  
the following rule was agreed :

: that the choice of speakers, booking arrangements and entertainment  
would be transferred from the social sub-committee to the executive committee  
with immediate effect, subject to the proviso that all previously agreed arrangements  
will be honoured.

The committee expressed the view that any entertainment or rewards should be dealt  
with on an individual speaker basis. Some members expressed the view that the  
present form of entertainment was sometimes unnecessary.

MATTERS ARISING from 10 Sep. '98 and ongoing :

\* The historic plaques

The manufacturer had given assurances about measures taken to resist corrosion,  
even in seaside towns. ( Special undercoat.)

Agreed : to accept the specifications of the Royal Label Factory.

TS reported welcome in principle by Barclays and Trustees banks for the siting.  
Formal approval awaited.

\* The re-locating of the Zeebrugge bell.

The initiative was welcomed.

Agreed : to publicise the proposal in the Newsletter : an article by D. Atwood  
and a letter from DL : thereby sounding members' opinion.

There was considerable support for re-location, in particular in the Market Square  
and that a commemorative plaque should be erected on the Museum/Market Hall site.

The Chairman will discuss with David Atwood.

JC

\* The Dover Video Camera Club video.

There are technical difficulties, which MMcF is trying to overcome, before  
we could show it at a meeting.

3. SECRETARY

(a) Two organisations had sent voluminous reports on their environmental record:  
P and O and, more relevant, the Environment Agency.

The Environment Agency set out the problems of the River Dour ( sic) and  
threatened streams in North Kent and outlined remedial action being taken.

Member Jo Harman, who has been involved, will write a report for the Newsletter

### 3. SECRETARY contd.

- (b) The Civic Trust invite societies to supply their e-mail address, particularly if they can give valuable advice/suggestions.
- (c) The New Folkestone Society had sent their Newsletter.
- (d) A very formal request from Paul Sheldrake for a Project on the Saint Edmund Chapel.
- (e) The Association France-Grande-Bretagne had reciprocated by inviting us to their programme of events.

### 4. TREASURER

The Treasurer presented and explained the printed Financial Statement.

The re-run of 500 copies of the Peverley Paper is to hand and paid for. Contact with D. Welby and questions of distribution await the return of JW. JW Credits such as Bank interest, advertisement revenue, subscriptions but also the inevitable rise of some costs.

### 5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Two new members :

Mr and Mrs J, Featherstone ( Deal ) Introduced by C. Alexander.

Current Total : 408 ( Highest membership 447, Jun. '87.)

Suggestions invited for how to recruit new members.

There was praise and warm thanks to Budge for address lists, labels and envelopes.

### 6. PRESS SECRETARY

The Society ( and its predecessor, the NEW DOVER GROUP) continue to get Press Mention.

### 7. PLANNING, KFAS and Local Government

In the absence of JW, the Chairman reported the Planning sub-committee meeting of 6 Oct.

Initiated by MR, a letter was being prepared to raise the profile of the London Road, Buckland, shopping area.

A reply had been received to our comments on SERPLAN and we had responded to the reply.

We had submitted our response to the White Paper on an Integrated Transport Policy.

We had no critical comments or objections on local planning applications.

The revised plan for the proposed sea-front hotel will be examined.

} KW  
} JG

A letter is planned on rail transport links to Dover which should also be a subject for discussion-groups at the March meeting.

Discussion of any possible AWARDS was deferred to the November meeting.

Future meetings of the Planning sub-committee will be on the Wednesday of the week preceding Executive Committee meeting.



## 8. EDITOR

Reminder : Deadline : 19 October

Planned contributions were confirmed.

BA will be submitting material from the Kent Archeological Society.

Ideas gleaned from the Ramsgate Society Newsletter :

? Sponsors of some outgoings - but we have advertisers.

? List of all who help in production.

Agreed : May Jones to be named as Assistant Editor.

Request that a standard letter be drafted to be used for seeking sponsorship. JC  
LW

## 9. PROJECTS

Four took part in the DTC beer-run in aid of the Christmas Lights.

Future Projects : A tree for Barton Road School ?

The DHB crane

Cadets - for the tenth - and-last year.

St. Edmund's Chapel :

First session 10.00 a.m. 24 Oct.

The DTC shop-window display ending, after one month.

Long term : BA suggested re-painting the DDC rubbish-bins.

## 10. SOCIAL SECRETARY

The very successful and enjoyable visit to the Bank of England reported.

The Christmas Feast :

Guest acceptances : Headmaster

Mayor + 2

Music : Rod Spencer and 12 Friends.

Programme to be agreed. LW

Finally under this heading the Chairman urged Committee members to make a point of talking to members at meetings

## A.O.B.

\* The Vice-Chairman reported DHB financing of amenities in Dover :  
The Lime-Kiln roundabout and the East Cliff entrance to the harbour to be re-furbished and maintained by the Board.

The Old Park Chapel to be DHB Social Club.

The renovation of the Lord Warden. ( Conducted tour for the D.S. later ? )  
The new lorry-exit-road to Jubilee Way.

\* JO suggested the possibility of DTC sponsorship of the historic plaques.  
To be discussed with the Town Clerk. LW

\* BA proposed that, whether or not the Zeebrugge bell is moved, there should be a historic plaque commemorating Zeebrugge on the Museum/Market Hall.

There was no further business.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 12 Nov. at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.