

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 117th meeting of the Executive Committee
held at 7.30 p.m. on Thurs. 12 Nov. '98 at the R.C.P.Y.C.

APOLOGIES : Vice-Chairman J.G. DL. MMcF.

PRESENT : Chairman Hon. Sec. Hon. Treasurer.
Membership Secretary Social Secretary Editor
Chairman of Planning JW Chairman of Projects JO
Press Sec. TS BA JeG SS

The MINUTES of the 116th meeting of the Executive Committee
of 8 Oct. were passed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING : from 8 Oct. and ongoing.

* The historic plaques.

The first two : Barclay's and TSB :

The terms and requirements were now agreed with both banks.
Subject to confirmation of insurance cover and, in the case
of Barclays some detailed wording, we shall proceed.

SC
TS
JeG
MW

Agreed : to add to the list the proposed Zeebrugge memorial
plaque on the Market Hall/Museum. Apart from the first two
no order of priority has been decided.

LW and JO had consulted with the Town Clerk re the possibility
of DTC grant. His reply very optimistic, particularly if only
up to £500 maximum and within the next financial year.
Formal application in writing needed.

Agreed : To make the application urgently.

: The project to be written up for the Newsletter

: The sub-committee to consider a suitable

unveiling ceremony.

SC
TS

SC

* The re-locating of the Zeebrugge bell.

This figures prominently in the December Newsletter.
We await members' response before any decisions.

On possible re-siting : BA proposed the roof of the single
storey buildings on the SE side of the Maison Dieu where
there is also space for ceremonial. This was strongly approved.

LW reported (from the Town Clerk) that in summer 1999
an exhibition from Zeebrugge will considerably 'raise the
profile' of the Zeebrugge ^Raid.

* The Dover Video-camera Club video.

The proposed venue : a morning session at the Flottilla
and Firkin was thought to be unlikely to attract many members.
TS proposed the Castle Street TC offices.
The Chairman will speak to MMcF.

JC

2. CHAIRMAN

The Dover Pageant 1999

The Chairman and TS set out and explained the limitations headlined rather dramatically in the Dover Express.

Our support is of course assured and the Chairman will speak reassuringly to MMcF.

JC

3. SECRETARY

A larger number of periodicals than usual were distributed. They included topics which have recently concerned us : Local Government, Transport and, ongoing, Local Agenda 21.

River Dour update.

A further (200-page) publication received from the Environment Agency confirmed that the Dour is a river, not a stream, and benefits accordingly. (Article in the Newsletter.)

The 1999 DTC tourist brochure extends up to Cherry Tree. Welcomed. JW then read a very full and favourable reply from John Moir to our letter on the subject.

JW will thank and the letter will be discussed at the next planning sub-committee meeting.

The Harold Street leopard-head bollards : a firm assurance from the Town Clerk that will definitely be re-instated.

4. TREASURER

The current statement was presented and commented and the annual audit is in hand.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

No new members to report.

Agreed not to change from the present 5 x tickets in the raffle.

6. SOCIAL SECRETARY

The draft programme was examined at some length. There remains a little doubt about Christine Downs (16 Nov.) If she cannot come TS will step in.

JW and ML will co-operate to decide questions for the syndicates (15 March).

The DHB speaker for 19 April not yet known.

Agreed : not to accept a lecture on Dickens and Dover, in the light of earlier lack of interest in a Dickens evening.

All suggestions for meetings to be submitted to JL in time for the Jan. meeting.

19 Dec. : Christmas Feast.

The Chairman urged that welcoming and other duties of the Committee should be made clear in advance. He also asked to be given notice of any public pronouncements he should make.

LW proposed and the Chairman seconded that our guest, Howard Blackett, Headmaster of Dover College, should be invited to become a Vice-President. *Carried.*

The above business having consumed so much time, it was agreed to cancel the initial Minute of the 116th meeting and return to the previous responsibilities of the Social sub-committee, consisting of the Social Secretary, LW, JW, ML and P. Kennedy.

Cemetery Walks proposed by member Martyn Webster.

The letter from DDC (Lisa Webb) implied that the proposal was not suitable for the Festival.

The proposal had much to commend it to the Society.

First thoughts :

- * An article by M. Webster for the April Newsletter.
- * A cemetery tour for the Society and friends, during the summer, followed by a reception at 53 Park Avenue ?

The Chairman will write to M. Webster.

JC

Lisa Webb letter.

Our suggestions for the Dover Festival invited.

Any suggestions to LW, for forwarding.

LW

7. PROJECTS

- * Painting ironwork, St. Edmund Chapel. Sat. 14 Nov. 0930 a.m.
- * Barton Road School, centenary tree-planting : may have to be deferred.
(Related social evening : 19 Nov.)

* Inspection of plantings :

10.30 a.m. Sunday 6 Dec. Lousyberry Wood.

8. Press Secretary

A good period for our publicity :

Dover Express (twice), Dover Mercury and Radio.

9. EDITOR

Newsletter now with the Printers.
Expected to be to hand by 30 Nov.

10. PLANNING

- * John Peverley has given all correspondence which led to the listing of the W. Heights for the Society archives.
To be noted in the April Newsletter. JW
ML
- * D. Welby reports Internet publicity for the W. Heights.
The recent re-print has sold 156 copies.
- * The Western Heights paper at the Castle Shop :
No progress. TS suggests JW to contact Ken Scott. JW
- * Planning sub-committee.
" Buckland Village" : John Moir's letter quoted para 3 above
SERPLAN : Gwyn Prosser reply : S.E. Region already determined.
Transport White Paper : no reply from John Prescott.
Churchill Hotel : new main entrance etc.
Listed building. Traffic. Our objections registered.
Masts : Crabble Athletic Ground. Objections and screening suggestions registered
Heritage Coastal Management being examined.
North Military Road gym and restaurant)
Seafront Hotel) both applications approved.
- * Town and Environment Committee
Proposed : (Millenium projects)
Bandstand and mobile ice-rink.
Designated : Pencester for a basket-ball site. (D.S. goal ??)
- * For future consideration by the sub-committee :
Proposal to discontinue the traffic right-turn out of Russell St. into Townwall Street.
Proposal to pedestrianise Biggin Street between Priory Road and High Street.
De Bradelei car-parking in Cambridge Terrace. Residents seek priority.
There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.
Date of next meeting : Thurs. 10 Dec. at 7.30 p.m. at R.C.P.Y.C.

DOVER EXPRESS

12.11: Calais strikes

- * : Sheldrake proposes pedestrianise Biggin St between Priory Rd & High St
- * : 8 homes on Cow Lane laundry site despite TC opposition
- * : Seafront Hotel/Rotunda planning permission: DSOC support noted
- * : Stop traffic turning right out of Russell St into Townwall St to favour E. Docks?: DHB agrees: consultation follows
- : DDC/GP deputation to Trade Minister for more govt help v. Channel Tunnel & Duty-frees
- : MMF v. DTC on Dover Pageant finances
- : Poor response to WCCTA Welcome Host International Port: Dover Castle training days 09.00 - 17.00: Nov 17/27/ Dec 4: application form: two seminars cancelled
- * : Jack Griggs, W'loo Mansions protests at De Bradelie car parking in Cambridge Terrace: residents should have priority
- * * North Military Road gym & restaurant passed