

THE DOVER SOCIETY

The MINUTES of the 120th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 11 Feb. 1999, at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : ML MMcF

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

The MINUTES of the 119th meeting of 14 Jan. '99 were passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING :

* The historic plaques

The Chairman confirmed that DDC would contribute £75 per plaque. Considerable problems remain about the responsibility for insurance. Our aim must be for no ongoing cost to the Society and the Chairman will continue enquiries and discussion.

BA submitted draft versions of wording and typeface and comments are requested at the next meeting.

* The Zeebrugge bell.

The opposition of Dorothy Bushell to the move (Dover Express) had been noted and the Chairman will set out our position in a letter to the Express. JC

Given the complications related to listing and the cost of any move, there was some support for the DDC preferred option of an information plaque at readable level.

* The Dover Video-Camera Club video. Nothing to report.

2. CHAIRMAN

Candidates for election to the Committee.

The committee welcomed the willingness to serve of Hugh and Leslie Gordon and Dr. Hale and their names will go forward for election.

3. SECRETARY

1. White Cliffs Experience : Future use.

Meeting Dover Town Hall : 7.00 p.m. Tuesday 16 Feb

Warm invitation from Roger Madge for the Society to be represented and to express views.

The Chairman noted all suggestions to date.

2. John Smith of the " Community Awareness Group " of the Royal Mail sorting office invited the Society to be represented at their meeting of 9 Feb.

JO had attended and was impressed by their considerable activity.

JW proposed an Award for their work in cleaning the river. Carried.

TS proposed that the presentation should be a separate occasion (photographed) rather than at the A.G.M. Carried

It was noted in passing that Anthony Holman of the Group had joined the Society and would be co-opted to the Planning sub-committee. JW

3. A request from a Care Services Association for our publicity (similar to that given to KCC Driver Escorts) had been refused by LW and JL because it is not a charitable organisation. This was upheld.

4. A company : Brook Lapping, making TV films, plans a four-part series about " the British experience in 1940, " focussing partly on Dover. Information requested.

Agreed : to ask Joe Harman, R. Lawrence, R.A. Hearn, K. Wraight.

LW

Suggested : A note of the coming films " during the year 2000 " could be included in the Newsletter.

JE

5. South Kent College request a notice in the Newsletter of their Spring Open Day : 11 Mar. Agreed.

ML

6. The Secretary drew attention to the Press notice of the transfer of deliveries from road to rail, by SAFEWAY, Scotland , taking over 3000 truck trips off the roads.

It was considered that at the present time CONNEX would be incapable of doing the same for TESCO in East Kent!

4. TREASURER

The financial statement was presented in writing, as usual, and the Treasurer commented as follows :

This month one further advanced 1999/2000 subscription has been paid in.

Donations have increased by £5 – one of our members donated £5 during our January meeting.

Advertising revenue has increased by a further £29.

Our expenditure on photocopying and postage costs went up by £8.24 this month and total for room hire costs went up £10 this being the cost of this room for last month's meeting.

Our Christmas Feast joined the completed functions list and I am pleased to say that we made a good profit of £169.89 on this function.

Uncompleted functions are the January meeting which will make a small profit thanks to a very successful raffle, and of course our forthcoming Wine and Wisdom evening revenue for which is coming in slowly.

It was agreed to continue the subscription to the White Cliffs Country Tourism Association : £25.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

We had lost one member (deceased). Tony Holman (reported in 3 (2) above) had joined, making a current total of 410 with the highest allotted number 719.

SC took the opportunity to ensure a Society presence throughout the Dover Film Festival : 9- 12 March.

6. PRESS SECRETARY

We continue to enjoy very good publicity.

7. PROJECTS

JO outlined the 9 projects, in hand, or planned :

The window display at DTC
Cadets : Looking Fine, '99'
(14 Mar. (Litter, Connaught Road +)
Barton School
Gooseneck Crane
St. Edmund Chapel
Pageant 29/30 Aug.
National Tree Week
Emmaus

It was decided not to enter a team for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race as there are already sufficient entries.

8. EDITOR in absentia

Deadline for Newsletter : Monday 15 Feb.

The proposed Essay Competition :

The idea was warmly approved. The prizes agreed, as proposed.
Teachers to be approached during the coming months.

ML

9. SOCIAL SECRETARY

Collaboration continues with JW, planning speakers up to Jan. 2000.

There was discussion, unresolved, about insurance for the Cemetery Walk : 5Jun.

It was agreed that a suitable donation will be made to Crabble Mill from the Wine and Wisdom, depending on numbers attending.

10. PLANNING, KFAS and Local Government.

JW reported, as set out in the report enclosed with the Agenda and added as follows :

- (5) We should write to congratulate Connex - on doing what is after all their job.
- (7) The revised plans for the Churchill hotel are an improvement.
- (9) Several Committee members will visit Victoria Crescent to consider for an award : 12.00 hrs. Sat 13 Feb.

JW drew attention to the KFAS Spring Conference and AGM :
Sat 24 Apr. hosted by the Maidstone Society.

A.O.B.

BA urged strongly that the Agenda and Chairman's Report for the AGM should be distributed with the Newsletter. This was agreed. BA JC
ML JW

There was a report from a member about dog-fouling particularly on the Cliff Path. But it was seen as a more general problem and JW agreed to write to DDC. JW

Date of next meeting : Thursday 11 Mar. at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.
(Apology : TS)

DOVER EXPRESS

- * : Crabble mast approved despite microwave health fears
- * : Draft Econ. Dev. Strategy re £2m Millennium expenditure: Whitfield/Guston industrial and business estate: St James Town Investment Zone to attract developers: Bronze Age Boat tourism potential
- : NB Town Hall Presentation March 9 at 6.30 p.m
- * : £600,000 renovation scheme for historic pte. properties via EH, DDC, DTC, EU Interregional Fund: Effingham Crescent, High St, London Rd: grants to pte landlords