

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 123rd meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 13 May 1999, at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES

PRESENT : Chairman, both Vice-Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer,
SC ML JL JW JO BA SS LG HG GH

The Chairman welcomed the three new members to the Committee.

The MINUTES of the 122nd meeting of the Executive Committee of Thursday 8 April '99
JW drew attention to inaccuracies and omission which led to regrettable
misunderstanding. The corrections were made and the Minutes were passed
as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING

* The historic plaques

Agreement had been reached with DDC re insurance of plaques on their properties.

Agreed that the Museum staff should approve the wording of plaques on their sites.

* The Zeebrugge Bell

The historic board : The wording agreed (subject to two checks).

The working party to investigate production and costing.

* The St. George's Day ceremony, 1999.

DL reported the impressive occasion. Member David Atwood had contributed
an article to the Newsletter.

Agreed : to congratulate DTC on having so raised the profile of the ceremony
and to make comments and suggestions for the future. JC

* The Award to Victoria Crescent :

Agreed that the presentation should be made by the Town Mayor.

2. CHAIRMAN

The MINUTES of the AGM had been distributed : to be discussed at the next meeting.

Agreed : that they should be printed and distributed to members with the
notice of the 12th AGM - as in the past.

* The Committee was reminded of the need for - perhaps organised- efforts
to ensure that the Speaker, guests, new members, are made welcome during
the interval at Meetings.

* The Chairman had sent a letter of condolence to Ivan Green.

* The Chairman and Vice-Chairman TS will attend the Mayor-making.

* Still no response re notification for the Twinning Association meetings.

* John Ullmann had (for a second time) requested VP status. After considerable
discussion it was decided against the appointment.

JW, to whom the request was made, will reply. JW

3. SECRETARY

1. Norman Brooks, Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society, had written asking for financial help.

Agreed : before we decide, to ask him whether he has already received financial help and whether his readings would be recognised by Bracknell and published daily. LW

2. Ron Dryden had written inviting the Society to join the Annual Hospital Fête. (17 July) Our positive response is that three committee members will be manning stalls.

It was decided not to donate the proceeds of raffles, as had been done in recent years.

4. TREASURER

The financial statement was presented as usual in writing.

The surplus of £90 arising from donations given towards the presentation gifts made to the Gerrards will be returned to any donors who wish it. The sense of the meeting was in favour of refusing.

As it concerned finance, the Editor raised a matter at this point :

The sale of Newsletter binders was considered again in the light of the order-form circulated at the AGM.

It was agreed : that BA should ask for a quote for 70. We would then fix the price and invite confirmation of orders.

The Editor also reported that there were no entries for the Schools Essay Competition so that the prize-money (£150) would be saved.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Membership Secretary reported 8 new members :

Mr and Mrs Vaughan of Kearsney Court (recruited by ML)

Mr T. W. Brown of Tower Street (recruited by JW)

Mr and Mrs Simmons of Leyburne Road (recruited by MW)

Mr and Mrs Collings (probably recruited by Ken Wraight)

Pardoners Way (projects and clearance)

Mr Mills of Heathfield Avenue attracted by the Newsletter given by BA

Thus : Total Membership 422 (Last number allotted : 731)

6. K.F.A.S. Planning and Local Government

The Minutes of the Planning sub-committee meeting of 5 May had been circulated and JW commented them as necessary

We shall continue to oppose the proposed development at the nursing-home in Green Lane. An approach via tree-preservation might be effective.

JW reported on the KFAS AGM in Maidstone. He had not been convinced by Dr. May's talk of the value of the Internet for societies.

There were two copies of " Kent Matters " for circulation.

JW also drew attention to vacancies on the KFAS committee.

DEXPRESS

13.5: Labour retains Council majority by casting vote only: MAYOR-MAKING TUES/WED?

* : DHB cycle route opened

: Professional welomers for cruise liner shoppers in Dover

: TCM shop window competition

: Castle St premises for TCM

7. PRESS SECRETARY

Nothing to report.

8. PROJECTS

JO reported the rather subdued celebrations at the Unitarian Church. Some 5 Society members attended.

Negotiations re Emmaus continue with TRANSCO

The Society should be represented in the Pageant. Volunteers invited.

Re-painting the goose-neck crane is for later.

Volunteers are invited for the WCC project.

9. SOCIAL SECRETARY

22 May : Medway Cruise : with 26 takers, already viable.

More needed for the Cemeteries, Citadel and Dungeness.

Negotiations are well in hand for the winter speakers. JW and JL agreeing on dates for hall booking.

10. EDITOR

ML returned to the project of publishing collections of Newsletter articles in book form, discussed at the April meeting : e.g. " Memories of Old Dover ".

It was agreed (with two against) that this was a suitable use for the Publishing Fund.

Agreed : To seek the expert advice on marketing of Doug Welby

Sponsorship for the Newsletter :

The Chairman continues his efforts : Pfizers, D.H.B. , Seafrance ? SAGA ?

There is the rival need to sponsor the historic plaques, as well as the Newsletter.

A.O.B.

BA listed the Norwegian contacts during the summer.

The meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.

Date of the next meeting : Thursday 10 June '99 at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.

APOLOGIES : Mr and Mrs Gordon.