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THE DOVER SOCIETY

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The MINUTES of the 124th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.  
on Thursday 10 June 1999, at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : LG and HG BA GH JL ML

PRESENT : Chairman, both Vice-Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer,  
Membership Secretary, JW, JO SS MMcF

The MINUTES of the 123rd meeting of the Committee, of 13 May '99  
with two corrections were passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING :

\* The information panel for the Zeebrugge Bell

Jon Iveson's comments were noted and it was decided to consult  
Clive Alexander and John Clayton about the remaining decisions.

\* The historic plaques

JC reported progress regarding Barclay's Bank.

The plaque on the TSB building may be the first as it presents fewer  
problems.

Christine Waterman is checking the proposed plaque for the Museum.

The wording for the Bronze Age Boat plaque was reduced from 36 words to 20.

It was confirmed that lettering should be Roman throughout.

The Chairman was congratulated on progress to date.

\* Norman Brooks' request for financial help for meteorological equipment:

Agreed : that we make a conditional offer of £50 , as and when the  
total sum needed is attainable.

MW

MW adds the rider that, given the configuration of our  
coast, the location of the readings is vital

Brooks had also reported that DHB had discontinued publishing  
sea temperatures.

Agreed : Letter to DHB, copy to DTC, DDC, and TS.

JC

MMcF suggested a rider that the Harbour should - and could -  
attain BLUE FLAG status.

\* Newsletter binders

In the absence of BA : deferred.

\* The proposed publication : Memories of old Dover in book form :

In the absence of ML : deferred.

2. CHAIRMAN

The Chairman reported attendance ( with TS ) at the Mayor-making.

A card from the Gerrards was passed round.

The Chairman reported on the Harbour Board's Annual Performance Review.

It aims to show that the Board is concerned about local matters and  
interests.

2. CHAIRMAN contd.

Our "link" with the Harbour Board is to be Bill Fawcus.

Still no reply about the Twinning Association.

LW will request to see the DTC Minute :

' To consider progress by the Twinning Association ' LW

The Folkestone Water Performance Report had been received.

LW will study it in conjunction with L.E.A.P. ( see below.) LW

3. SECRETARY

The Environment Agency has distributed a draft for a Local Environment Agency Plan = L.E.A.P. Although the Dour is the shortest river in Kent it gets complete coverage.

Comments are invited : Agreed : that we should comment : in particular :

Praise for the measures taken to ensure the flow in the Dour and a suggestion that, in the long term, the pipe from the Alkham Valley to Bushey Ruff should be buried.

LW

Conservation groups are requested to encourage a sense of ownership of the River Dour by local people, through liaison with local bodies.

(River Conservation Society to be informed, in answer to their recent enquiry.)

4. TREASURER

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement in writing and drew attention in particular to donations and profitable functions :

The AGM ( £20.75 ) and the Medway Cruise ( £95.00)

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Two new members : Mr and Mrs MANTON of River. ( Introduced by MW )

Total membership : 415 ( Highest number allotted : 733 )

It is at this time of year that some memberships lapse.

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

J.W. reported the Planning sub-committee meeting of 2 June ( Minutes enclosed.)

In particular he drew attention to the following :

London Road re-habilitation : no information yet.

G.P.O. Planning : rebuke to J.Moir and J. Clayton will be in the Newsletter.

Temple Ewell Nursing Home : We have no objection to the much amended plan.

We support in principle Brian Ward's efforts to re-habilitate the old London Rd. Wesleyan Chapel. Visit to be arranged.

DDC Concordat on Good Rnforcement : a useful reference document.

JW contd.

Turning to his contribution to the Social programme:

JW outlined the winter dates and suitable speakers.

Speakers will include BA, DL, John Gerrard, JW ( on Life in the year 1000 )  
Mike Dixon.

Agreed that Lorraine Sencicle should be invited to speak.

Also Agreed : that the A.G.M. should be open to the public - non-members  
would of course not vote.

#### 7. EDITOR.

Deadline for the August Newsletter : Monday next, 14 June.

In her absence the Editor was congratulated on her efforts to secure  
sponsorship for the Newsletter. ( Replies awaited from SAGA and Norwegian  
Cruise Liners.)

#### 8. SOCIAL SECRETARY

In her absence JL was congratulated on the choice and success of the  
Medway Cruise and the cemeteries tour - where we had an excellent guide-  
and many thanks to the Copes for the splendid strawberry tea. ( The  
occasion was given excellent coverage in the Dover Express by TS. )

Only 11 takers so far for the Citadel visit : could be up to 20.

Request to share cars : meet at 2.30 at the Citadel gates.

14 July : Visit to Dungeness Power Station : Only 10 takers so far.

30 July : Earls Court : ALL tickets taken. ( 2 p.m. start from Pencester  
1.55 p.m. from Frith Road. )

#### 9. PRESS SECRETARY

Nothing to report. TS was congratulated on the quantity and quality  
of his contributions to the Dover Express.

#### 10. PROJECTS.

No news re TRANSCO. Sponsorship may not be forthcoming but we shall  
do the project at Emmaus.

Gooseneck crane : We are keen. DHB decision awaited.

Pageant : 29/30 Aug. (Two afternoons.)

Maximum help needed from Committee and members : Tent : Refreshments for sale  
Membership recruiting. Tombola. Tables and chairs.  
The Newsletter will carry information and recruitment information.

#### A.O.B.

TS raised the question of whether Buckland Mill is listed and urged that  
it should be. For the next Planning sub-committee.

The meeting ended at 9.18 p.m.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 8 July '99 at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.