

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 125th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 8 July 1999 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : BA JO JL

PRESENT : Chairman Both Vice-Chairmen Secretary Treasurer
SS IG HG SC ML MMcF GH JW

The MINUTES of the 124th meeting of the Executive Committee were
passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING : Ongoing :

* The information panel for the Zeebrugge Bell.

Agreed : that the sub-committee should decide the length of wording,
the preferred material, ascertaining the cost. We would then
approach DDC for approval and possible funding.

* The historic plaques

Consultation with Christine Waterman continues. The wording
for the Bronze Age boat/plaque agreed.
A quote will be sought and the plaque erected by 1 Nov. if possible.

* Norman Brooks' and Dover's sunshine hours.

The situation is as reported in the Press. MW reported that
Brooks now strongly wishes to withdraw. The Committee reluctantly
accepts his withdrawal. JW emphasised the long-term desirability
of such a service.

* Sea temperatures and Blue-Flag status : JC and MMcF action still pending.

JC MMcF

* Newsletter binders and the proposed book publication : No progress
for the moment but strong get-well wishes to BA.

BA ML

* The Twinning Association

The Secretary reported that the DTC Twinning and Civic Functions
Committee was clearly critical of the lack of achievement by
the Twinning Association. Currently, Town Council links are
very healthy - particularly with Calais and Zeebrugge and
also with Split. Civic relations with Huber Heights (USA)
(favoured by the Association) will be very limited.

2. CHAIRMAN

The Chairman announced that Ken Wraight had resigned from the Planning
sub-committee. JC had written expressing our regret and thanking and
praising him for his services.

The Editor requested that thought be given to recruiting a co-editor
and ultimate successor.

Agreed that an invitation to candidates could be included in the December
Newsletter. 7

The Victoria Crescent Award : Possible arrangements are becoming clearer.
The Town Mayor would favour a Saturday in September. 18 Sep proposed.

JC will contact John Moir.

JC

The residents propose to lay a gravel path. Projects' help ?

JO

The Chairman had written to congratulate DDC on the St. George's
Day Zeebrugge ceremony.

3. SECRETARY : Nothing further to report.

4. TREASURER

The monthly statement was presented in writing.

Very welcome and appreciated were Pfizers' donation of £400 towards Newsletter costs and also a donation from a member.

The Social functions continue to show a profit.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Total membership has fallen below the 400 mark - just : 399.

This is the low season. (Highest number allotted 733) No new members.

129 members pay by standing order. A suggestion (by the Cabin Restaurant) that advertising could be paid for by standing order .

ML

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

The MINUTES of the Planning sub-committee of 29.June were presented in writing.

JW reported the Dover Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme meeting of 8 July. After three years there could be consideration of extending refurbishment to the other side of the London Road. The Chairman could not envisage the Society taking on the running of the project. Further consideration referred to the Planning sub-committee of Sep.

The Dover Express had referred to DDC failure to reply to letters, as experienced by JW.

Co-op/ B. and Q. river-bank site : still no reply.
JW will contact again (and also confirm ownership)
MMcF can offer assistance - after the Pageant.

JW MMcF

The Methodist Chapel : no invitation to visit, so far.

The three proposed super-markets :

Agreed : to write to DDC backing ALDI and urging development of higher standard at MFI site.

DTC willing to lend their larger video when requested.

The proposed listing of the Paper Mill:

After interesting discussion and varied opinions a decision was deferred and referred to the Planning sub-committee.

DOVER EXPRESS

17.6: Christine Waterman MBE: CONGRATS!

23.6: Weatherman Norman Brooks gives up: DSOC £50: LEADER with rebuke to DDC for not replying
: Bellamy to open Saga Gateway to White Cliffs @ Langdon: Tues Jul 5 @ 11.00
: W. Hts website @ www.member.tripod.com/JeffHowe.

1.7: 2nd Channel Tunnel?: mandatory proposal: Watkins queries A2 dualling, A258 improvement & better rail link: Leader predicts drive-through tunnel
: Workers to fight 110 yr old Buckland Mill closure?
: "Duty-free" alternatives:
: Employment threat to Royal Mail + MFI + Duty-Free + Buckland

8.7: Lord Warden "reopens" Jul 19: customs, freight clearance etc

: Buckland Mill workers fight closure, challenging closure statistics
:* German Aldi wants Cherry Tree Avenue shop, French Lidi wants MFI site: decision deferred for more information: town centre v. local regeneration
:* TS is "shedding some of his voluntary roles"
:* DDC to await Eurotunnel decision report on 2nd Channel Tunnel
: Heritage Regeneration scheme inaugurated

7. EDITOR

The meeting gave a strong reassuring vote of confidence in the Editor.

A co-editor will be sought but there are no doubts about the excellence of the Newsletter and every effort must be made to support the Editor : by submitting reports and by complying with deadlines and presentation requirements.

8. PRESS SECRETARY

The Committee added warmly to the many congratulations on Terry's fifty years of Dover Journalism.

9. PROJECTS

The coming Pageant predominates.

Volunteers were listed and members should contact JO about participation and duties.

10. SOCIAL SECRETARY

In the absence of JL there was high praise for the Citadel walk as a very successful and enjoyable event.

JW reported that, subject to one or two final confirmations, the speakers and arrangements for meetings up to the AGM 2000 were complete.

A.O.B.

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 9 September 1999 (09 09 99)
at 7.30 p.m. at the royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.