
THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 128th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 11 Nov. '99 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

PRESENT : Chairman Vice-Chairman DL Secretary Treasurer Membership Secretary
JL ML JW JO BA HG LG GH SS

APOLOGIES TS MMcF

1. MATTERS ARISING

Ongoing :

(i) The historic plaques

The Bronze Age boat plaque was passed round and admired.

Negotiations continue with Durrant for fixing but there should be no difficulty in keeping to a date in the week beginning 29 Nov. for unveiling by the Town Mayor. (Christine Waterman will ensure protocol as between DDC and DTC.)

The Taswell Close plaque awaits the formality of a residents meeting but the unveiling could be 24 Dec. - the date of the first bomb.

Negotiations continue with TSB.

BA has photos of the site before and after the bomb. He will present to TSB. BA

Agreed : to add a plaque for Burgess (the painter not the architect) but not to Elgar's father.

(ii) The proposed book publication.

Doug. Welby, consulted, had reported that there is always a market for books on Dover and that an initial run would cost ± £1500.

ML requested assistance for aspects of production.

Agreed : BA DL MW and ML, together, to continue examining the content and finance and to produce figures for the next meeting.

(iii) No progress on Newsletter binders.

(iv) The Life and Times of Lillian Kay.

Copies will be available from 12 Nov. 16 advance orders so far and publicity in the local Press.

From 14 Oct. '99

(i) A memorial to Philomena.

Suggestions were so numerous and so varied that it was decided to vote, after due consideration.

A voting form is enclosed and Committee members are requested to bring their vote to the December meeting of the Committee.

Further suggestions may of course be forthcoming from members at the November members meeting and from recipients of this document other than Committee.

(ii) The Victoria Crescent award.

It was a successful occasion and the numerous Committee members who attended were thanked. It had good Press coverage.

From 14 Oct. cont'd :

(iii) The KCC "CICK" Festival roadshow.

DL had attended on 1 Nov. when some 20 voluntary organisations were represented. He reported the discussions and recommended a wait-and-see policy. If Dover joins, then the Dover Society should be represented.

(iv) The prize presentation for the essay competition at DGGS :
6 Dec. a possible date.

(v) The Unitarian Church building :

HG agreed to approach the Tourist Office. Tourist signposts in the town were one suggestion.

HG

(vi) Residents-only parking in the Saxon Street/ Norman Street area :

John Clayton DDC Planning (retiring) cautiously approving in his reply. Decisions would be easier when parking becomes a DDC function in Jan. 2001.

Residents-only parking can raise the quality of an area and it could come about if the residents and the Council wanted it.

2. CHAIRMAN

Wed. 24 Nov. 12.30 : Lunch with the President at Eight Bells.

The following agreed to attend, to update the President on Society matters :

JC DL LW MW ML JW GH

3. SECRETARY

The Secretary drew attention to two articles in the current Civic Trust newsletter concerning two listed industrial buildings, very similar to Buckland paper-mill, which environmental societies have refurbished and found a use for.

4. TREASURER

The Treasurer presented his financial statement in writing, as always, and commented and explained it.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

No new members so that total membership remains at 388

6. KFAS, Planning and Local Government

AJW focussed on the most important items in the Planning Committee Minutes, in particular the Buckland Village project. Also, we had criticised the architecture proposed for the Kearsney Abbey tea-room. The planning application has been turned down by English Heritage as inappropriate for a listed building.

7. PROJECTS

The only imminent event is the 25th Esso National Tree Week and Committee members are again invited to join in marking this :

Sunday : 5 Dec at 10.30 in Lousyberry Wood.

Parking in The Avenue, in the wood, approached from Green Lane.

8. PRESS SECRETARY

in absentia and no written report but plenty of cover for the Society in the Dover Express.

9. SOCIAL SECRETARY

A full printed programme up to Sep. 2000 was presented.

The Christmas Feast 1999 : Only 50 takers so far.

Guests : The Town Mayor (= 3)

Suggestions are requested for the entertainment.

TS was warmly thanked for stepping into the breach to talk at the October meeting.

At the November meeting :

Announcements by the Chairman :

The historic plaque ceremony

The monument to Philomena

Lillian Kay will be signing copies of the book during the interval.

10. EDITOR

The Newsletter is with the Printers.

D.O.N.M. Thursday 9 Dec. at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.

After the above business the Committee was addressed by Mike Webb, the recently appointed manager of Town Centre Management.

His talk was confident and reassuring. He approached his task with a breadth of vision increased by experience also across the Channel.

His aims coincide with a large part of our aims. He answered a number of questions and left an impression of energy and determination.