

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 130th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.  
on Thursday 13 Jan. 2000 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : ML MW MMcF

PRESENT : Chairman, Vice-Chairmen : DL and TS , Secretary, Membership Secretary,  
JL JW JO BA HG IG GH SS

The MINUTES of the 129th meeting of the Executive Committee of 9 Dec 1999  
were passed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING :

Ongoing :

(i) The historic plaques :

1. Bronze Age Boat

Fixing still in abeyance. Account now received. ( £194 ) and included  
for payment by Treasurer. MW

2. Last shell.

Order placed Dec. '99. Anticipated delivery date Jan/ early Feb.

3. First aerial bomb.

Confirmation received from DDC that there are no planning requirements.  
Anticipated delivery dates Jan/ early Feb.

4. Instruments of Punishment

The proposed design was circulated and approved. There was doubt about  
the quotation marks. The order to manufacture will be placed when  
Barclays have approved the design.

5. Zeebrugge Mortuary Plaque.

Listed building planning permission awaited. Christine Waterman dealing.

6. Lord Warden Hotel.

Jonathan Sloggett verbally agreed to fund this plaque to the extent of £50.  
Reminder sent with a description of the plaque and the conditions that  
apply : i.e. that DHB will take on the ownership and care of the plaque.  
Of famous visitors to the hotel, Napoleon III was the most favoured for mention.

7. Dickens in Dover : 10 Camden Crescent. Once the first plaque is in  
position the property owner will be approached.

8. Maritime Hall. Philip Yorke. Once the first plaque is in position  
an approach will be made to the property owner : NUS RMT.

9. William Burgess. DTC offices. Robert Bailey and Christine Waterman  
are looking into the matter.

10. Dover's place of execution : Site : Adjacent to the Eagle Hotel,  
at the bottom of Tower Hamlets.

Finance : The application for millenium funds with DDC : there will be no  
final decision until 16 Feb.

Robert Bailey has confirmed that DTC funding can be spread over two years.  
( The scheme will not be completed until well into 2000 / 2001.)

|| Congratulations and warm thanks were expressed to SC for the very  
|| considerable work which this project entails.

(ii) The Life and Times of Lillian Kay

A success story. First edition sold out. A second ( modest ) reprint agreed. 75 orders to hand including 5 for British Library.

(iii) The Philomena memorial.

The wording ( by JW ) warmly approved.

The siting : BA had conferred with Philomena's sister ( not yet with ML who is away ) and a plaque in St. Mary's churchyard is proposed. A free-standing plaque, some one yard inside the fence on the S.E. side. The Vicar can foresee no difficulty nor objection at the P.C.C.

The Committee unanimously endorsed the plan and thanked BA and JW for their efforts.

A formal letter will be addressed to the Vicar.

LW

BA

From 9 Dec. '99

(i) Support for Town Centre Management

Mike Webb had invited the Society to join.

LW

It was agreed to join; Paying the subscription ( £25 plus V.A.T. ) as well as offering volunteer manpower when appropriate.

MW

(ii) Additional ( reserve ) Newsletter deliverers.

None had been forthcoming so far. The Chairman will invite volunteers at the next meeting.

JC

(iii) Buckland Village project meeting.

Very successful. ( Thanks to HG. ) A residents' association could well emerge.

(iv) Lorry parking.

JW reported on this under 9. PLANNING.

(v) Roadside trees in Dover.

The Chairman reported :

MW is pursuing tree- replacement with DDC.

Basically KCC has been responsible for roadside trees but has cut out replacement. ( some £400 per tree ). John Moir not hopeful.

JC is pursuing and the next stage is to interest the public and lobby KCC.

DL reported that, exceptionally , trees are being replanted in River.

(vi) The listing of Buckland Mill.

DL reported that the sub-committee had met and was very well equipped with information. A letter will be prepared presenting historical, architectural and aesthetic grounds.

2. CHAIRMAN

It was agreed that DDC and Christians Together both deserved warmest congratulations on the Millenium processions.

JC

3. SECRETARY

A very warm Thank You letter had been received from DDGS for the essay prizes. The letter will be forwarded to ML.

LW

Attention was drawn to the excellent exhibition of Philomena's drawings and paintings at the Museum.

The periodical briefings from CPRE and Civic Trust were available

#### 4. TREASURER

In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman read the written comments on the printed accounts and added his own.

In particular Joan was praised for the Christmas Feast financing, helped by the successful raffle.

Agreed : to refund £ 13.50 ( the cost of the meal ) to members who were unable to come because of illness.

#### 5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

5 new members : Mrs J.B. VARDON of Temple Ewell

Mrs DOROTHY BUSHELL of St. Margaret's.

Mr and Mrs Bevan and the Rev. Crowdy of Park Avenue.

Current Total : 395

Highest number allotted : 743

#### 6. SOCIAL SECRETARY

There was discussion and comments about the Christmas Feast and suggestions for entertainment / a speaker ? next time.

Agreed : to bring these subjects forward again at the Feb. meeting, after reflection.

The remaining meetings of this season are in hand. Still some room at the Wine and Wisdom : 14 Feb.

JW had not yet completed speakers for the Oct/Nov meetings and various speakers were proposed and considered. There was also some support for a members' discussion meeting.

#### 7. PRESS SECRETARY

TS was thanked for the very considerable support which the Society is getting from the Dover Express.

He had nothing further to report.

#### 8. PROJECTS

JO would like the Society to assist with the planned Souvenir Programme in July to celebrate the Queen Mother's rôle as Lord Warden.

Our contribution could be to assist by distributing supplies to distributors.

It was agreed that we should participate. JO will report again in more detail.

#### 9. PLANNING

JW had provided very detailed Minutes of the Planning sub-committee's meeting, in particular the insight into the Draft Local Plan afforded by Mike Ebbs' talk.

JW especially requested ( by 30 Jan ) any additional suggestions for the Dover Local Transport Plan.

Of planning applications, the re-submission for LIDL in Woolcomber Street, in view of our earlier intervention, was considered a matter of some priority. JC who had conducted the earlier protest agreed to examine the new proposals. JC

#### 10. EDITOR

The only message from the Editor was the request to submit contributions as early as possible.

There was no other business. Date of next meeting : Thursday 10 Feb. at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.