

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 131st meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 10 Feb. 00 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : ML

PRESENT : Chairman Vice-Chairmen TS and DL Secretary Treasurer
Membership Secretary Social Secretary JW JO HG LG GH BA MMcF SS

The MINUTES of the 130th meeting of the Executive Committee of 13 Jan. 00
were passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING :

Ongoing :

(i) The historic plaques

SC reported the very generous anonymous donation of £50 from a member
and she thanked Terry for the cover in the current Dover Express.

The application for Millennium funds is with DDC and a formal response
is awaited.

Progress Report

1. The Bronze Age Boat plaque is of course still in abeyance owing to
the closure of the underpass.

2. The first aerial bomb.

To be unveiled Wed. 16 Feb. (Taswell Street) 11.00 a.m.)

Maximum attendance by committee members is requested.

(SC expressed special thanks to HG for his liaison work.)

Members will also be invited at the 14 Feb. meeting.

3. The last shell.

To be unveiled Sat. 19 Feb. (Lloyds TSB) The Bank is donating £30.

SC thanked BA for the pictures donated to Lloyds.

A similar three-line whip to the Committee

4. Instruments of Punishment.

Barclays confirm that we may go ahead. Plaque now ordered. Plaque committee
propose President to 'unveil'. Agreed.

5. Zeebrugge Mortuary plaque.

Listed-building planning-application made by Christine Waterman,
decision still awaited.

6. Lord Warden Napoleon III

Jonathan Sloggett happy in principle to accept but he requires further
information which we are putting together

7. Dickens in Dover and 8. Maritime Hall : Phillip York

Once the first plaque is in position then an approach will be made to
the property owner.

9. William Burgess- Dover Town Council Offices

Response awaited from Christine Waterman on information which might help.

10. Dover's place of execution - bottom of Tower Hamlets.

The precise siting of this plaque is still to be decided.

The Copes were again thanked for all the considerable work involved.

(ii) The Philomena Memorial

The Vicar has not yet replied to our letter- presumably awaiting the
decision of the PCC. TS will speak to him.

TS

(iii) Reserve Newsletter deliverers.

There were some volunteers at the January meeting and SC reported two more. BA regards the situation as satisfactory.

From 13 Jan. 00

(i) Entertainment/Speaker at the Christmas Feast.

An entertainment was preferred and there were several suggestions.

(ii) The planned Souvenir Programme in July.

JO said that there was no further information.

(iii) JW/JC had submitted further reservations about the revised proposed design for LIDL in Castle Street.

2. CHAIRMAN

With the AGM approaching, the Chairman drew attention to the need to look ahead and keep the Committee up to strength. He and the Secretary will be retiring at the AGM of 2001.

JO and SS will be standing down at this year's AGM. (SS will continue the functions at the Planning sub-committee and DTC.) Both were thanked for their years of service.

BA may decide to stand down. He will consider and report within a week. BA

The Committee was asked for any suggestions for recruits. JC to be informed. First proposals were B.J. Late who might take on Projects when he retires from the DHB. Other suggestions were Dr. Hinton and Mr and Mrs Francis.

The Chairman had pursued the matter of replacing roadside trees with DDC and the three Dover County-councillors but without encouraging results. DL said that the River replanting showed that exceptions can be made.

The willow on the river fronting B and Q : MMcF agreed to write to the DDC tree officer.

MMcF

The Underpass : The Chairman reported (i) that DDC had been advised against a temporary cover for the underpass and (ii) that there is provisional planning permission for re-building the demolished buildings as they were.

Databox 2000 is collecting information on life in Dover: call for volunteers to help compile. TS will examine the request.

TS

3. SECRETARY

DTC had written seeking our support for the proposed historic flagged path in Pencester Gardens.

JW had already considered this and decided that the Society must support. There could even be a flagstone commemorating the founding of the Society.

Agreed : that we should contribute.

BA and JW would consider the list of "Date/Events" and the selection will be made at the March committee meeting.

Agreed : Financially : to finance one flagstone : (£220-250)

: to inform members at the next two meetings and in the Newsletter and to invite them to subscribe.

N.B. The above estimated cost is erroneous. The only lettering which would be charged for would be "The Dover Society", as the donor, so that the cost would be £130.

4. TREASURER

The Jan. meeting was in credit for the first time : all praise to the speakers, who clearly drew in the high attendance.

DL asked whether the subscription should be increased. (It has been unchanged for four years.)

SC was doubtful of the possible effects of an increase.

JW reported that our subscription is one of the highest in Kent.

It was suggested to sound opinion at the AGM on whether members would pay 50 p. per meeting.

Agreed : We review the situation again next year.

The Treasurer stressed the importance of sponsorships - particularly in relation to the cost of the Newsletter.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

We have regained the total of 400.

5 new members : Tessa George

Councillor Ken Tranter and Mrs Jan Tranter

Mr and Mrs John Clayton

6. SOCIAL SECRETARY

The programme was presented, complete up to September.

Of speakers : JW reported that speakers for Mar. and April are confirmed.

Looking ahead :

16 23 Oct. : Clive Alexander 99%

DL : Dover in the First World War
plus Questionnaire

20 Nov. : DL prefers.

Clive Alexander : Buildings under threat
in Dover.

PFIZER ? (Housing requirement in Kent)

Long-term : BA offered an evening of old-fashioned magic-lantern show. This was welcomed : for Jan ?

7. PRESS SECRETARY

TS was pleased to have placed an article also in the Mercury.

At a later date TS and JW will talk on Radio Kent on the Dover Society

8. PLANNING, K.F.A.S. and Local Government.

TS was asked to note the Buckland Project proposals in the Press. TS

Minutes of Planning sub-committee of 1 Feb (para 5) JW reported that he is happy to join the DTC Transport sub-committee but is aware that it will have very little power.

9. EDITOR

in absentia

Contributions awaited from SC and JW are now ready

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THE SELLER THEATRE
OR DOVER*

10. PROJECTS

Nothing to report.

A.O.B.

The Unitarian Church will be open to the public again next summer and they are grateful for the attention we have drawn to them.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

From the DOVER EXPRESS :

10.2: Alan Thompson chairs CoC

- :*Protest meeting for E. Cliff lorry parking Sat Feb 12
- :*DHB awaits KCC permission for quayside retailing/restaurant for Marina
- : Pfizer merger
- : DHB acquires "new" storage & repair bldg from Blue Cross
- :*24, not 48, houses for Tower Hamlets chalkpit
- :*Bunker's Hill Community Centre in 2-bedroom house for 3 yrs
- :* DSOC plaques & picture: Taswell 1st bomb & Castle St last shell
- :* 100 commemorative flagstones round Pencester Pavilion: bricks £1