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THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 134th meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 11 May 2000, at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : JL

PRESENT : Chairman, Both Vice-Chairmen, Secretary, Treasurer,
Membership Secretary, Editor, JW, BA, MMcF, LG, HG, GH and, welcomed
at their first official attendance : Barry Late and Mrs Audrey Wood.

The MINUTES of the 133rd meeting of 13 April, with three corrections (a record)
were passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING : from 13 April and ongoing :

(i) The historic plaques.

1. The first four plaques (now installed) :
Response awaited to our request for grants from DDC and DTC.
2. The Zeebrugge Mortuary plaque :
Listed-building planning permission now awaited.
3. The plaque designs of the remaining five are awaited.

There is still discussion with the property owner of the Maritime Hall and it will almost certainly be necessary to relocate the plaque at the bottom of Tower Hamlets (Dover's place of execution) on the other side of the road - in view of the uncertain future of the Eagle.

(ii) The historic flagstones.

Thanks to an anonymous gift Of £145, which covers one flagstone, we are on the way to financing three.

The sub-committee to proceed to allocating inscriptions and a note in the Newsletter requesting further donations. MW

JW considered that we ought to " reserve " the third paving stone (to secure the chosen inscription.)

This was voted on and carried. There is an ongoing invitation to Committee members to subscribe.

(iii) The Philomena memorial.

BA presented an entirely satisfactory progress report.

Greenheart timber available, design and erection agreed. The final plan will be presented in due course. BA BL

(iv) The ' White Cliffs ' painting. Temporarily housed chez Copes. Sloggett consulted re possible ownership, restoration and display. Reply awaited.

(v) The water-sports centre.

John Peall will not at present be addressing the committee as there is no further information.

We remain in favour in principle but there is still only an outline planning application. While awaiting a new application by DHB to DDC we could opportunely make a suggestion.

e.g. The whole (or an additional part) of the present RCPYC block to serve as the proposed centre ?

This might turn out to be the most acceptable in the politico-economic situation as we deduce it ? JW and the P.s=c

2. CHAIRMAN

HG and MW will attend (and represent the Society) at the Royal Navy Day (18May)
We were well represented at the very moving Zeebrugge memorial service.

(Congratulations to DTC on the administration.)

JC

The Chairman thanked all who had worked to make the AGM a success. He had also written to thank Donald Sykes, who will also make photos available and a copy of the film.

SS and JO had both written their thanks and appreciation for their presentation pictures.

The Chairman had gratefully accepted the lectern.

3. SECRETARY

No personal report.

4. TREASURER

A printed Financial Statement was presented as usual and the Treasurer commented as follows :

Last months figures are made up as follows:

£1144 in subscriptions have been paid.

Donations last month brought in £251.50. £10 of this were normal small donations. £231.50 were donations sent towards buying "Heritage Flagstones". Out of this sum one person gave £145 for a flagstone in memory of her father. We have now paid £145 for the purchase of a second flagstone. The special donation was money given towards the retirement gifts for Sybil and John. If you look at Awards and presentations further down on the financial statement you will see the sum of £120. This was the cost of the retirement gifts. This cost was matched exactly by donations.

The Newsletter account benefited by £19 in advertising revenue and a further £1.50 came as a donation towards the cost of sending newsletters. £858 was paid out to Adam Printers for the April Newsletter. This was £58 more than usual as this being the Millennium newsletter there were more pages and therefore greater production costs.

Postage, photocopying costs etc. were £10.12 last month and room hire for the April committee meeting was £10.

£10 was paid out for our affiliation fee to KFAS

The miscellaneous figure of twenty pounds was the cost of the Society's wreath for the Zeebrugge memorial service.

At the end of April we had no financially completed functions. Our AGM meeting was still awaiting some final payments. However I can now tell you that the figures are completed and that I will be reporting a deficit made on the evening when I report next months figures of £7.22.

The various summer outing bookings are coming in slowly but we still need more takers to make them viable.

ML drew attention to advertisers who are slow to pay - including Clive Taylor. JC undertook to pursue him.

The following agreed to seek further advertisements :
JC will write to Pfizers (congratulations on their bird sanctuary)
ML will approach SAGA and Seafrance.
JC will approach Best Western.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

8 new members, bringing the current total to 414.

New members are :

Mrs Margaret HAIG The Gateway.
Ms C.R. BENNETT and Mr M.N. ROBERTS . Walmer. (intro. by JW.)
M. et Mme Georges FAUQUET (Calaisis) willing to write articles. (intro. LW.)
Mr W. and Mrs E. VEALE (Walmer , intro. ML)
Mrs Alice WILMESHURST Weavers Way. Social events, projects, clearance, reports.

6. SOCIAL SECRETARY in absentia

There was now no possibility of the Goodwin Sands trip.

More support still needed for Losely Park and Faversham.

JW has draft programme for indoor meetings up to Nov. 2001. There was some discussion of detail and it was Agreed that the finalised version should appear in the Newsletter.

7. PLANNING

JW repeated invitations to the KFAS conference : 20 May.

He went through the sub-committee Minute which had been distributed, elucidating and commenting.

The Annual Town Meeting had been fully reported by TS who also supplied the information that the Planning Committee of DDC will be continuing.

JW will write a full response to DDC re Prospective "Prime Minister and Cabinet ", and the Local Government Commission review.

From the DOVER EXPRESS

- 11.5: Woodbridge for Chair: Wendy Hansell Vice: Ldr Terry Birkett:
Deputy Eileen Rowbottom: Community Janet Birkett: Bannister Env & public protection: Hood Tpt, opportunity, access: Rees Agenda21 & planning: fortnightly cabinet mtg public
: Pavilion opening
: CLA v. Central Rlwy Liverpool-Tunnel project
: May 4 DDC Town Hall community planning event: TS
: Admiral Ramsay fund-raising Gurkha concert @ Cruise Terminal Wed May 24: £8.50 by s.a.e to c/O M. DFadf, Port of Dover Police, E. Docks CT16 1JA: cheques to Dover Harbour Police GP Fund.

8. PRESS SECRETARY

Nothing further to report but, as always, Terry was thanked and praised for his ongoing efforts on our behalf.

9. EDITOR

The Editor is making a formal request, with target dates, for news from all regular contributors.

Our regular link with DHB will be with the Public Relations Officer.

Our new member Tessa George is already writing a contribution ; this time the subject is the new bistro.

A.O.B.

* The Chairman drew attention to the need to replace JO as Projects Chairman and invited a search.

* MMcF drew attention to the newly published (60,000 copies) of the Town Centre map and visitors' guide.

* JW reminded members about the (paid) Line Welcomers organised by H.G. Tiltman.

* BL, MMcF and ML will look at methods of publicity for the arts.

Congratulations will be sent, on Music 2000.

MMcF
JC

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 8 June 00 at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.C.