

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 141st meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30. p.m.
on Thursday 11 Jan. 01 at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : HG

PRESENT : Chairman Both Vice-Chairmen Secretary Treasurer Membership Sec.
Social Sec. Editor. Chairman of Planning BL IG AW MMcE
Also W.L. (Bill) Naylor : Secretary Elect.

Before the business of the meeting the Chairman welcomed member Bill Naylor and then spoke as follows :

Budge Adams. Most of us were able to attend Budge's funeral which I think did him justice. I think that all of us who were present felt that the three addresses were all that they should have been. In particular Merrill spoke of the Budge we all knew. Robert Adams asked me to thank those who acted as carers at the reception afterwards whilst the family were at Barham.

For the record, the Chairman proposed the following :

We record with deep regret the death of A.F. (Budge) Adams, a Vice-President and member of this Society and of this Committee and made a very substantial contribution to the Society, in particular the newsletter, his talks, the Rolls Memorial Statue and the Zeebrugge Plaque. We, the Committee members will greatly miss our colleague and friend.

Budge Adams was a man with a deep and lasting love of Dover.

The Chairman will say something on Monday night and will ask members to stand in memory of Budge, a meeting at which he would have presented a magic lantern ^{Show.}

Attention then turned to Budge's Society responsibilities to be taken over. Some are already covered :

Members Database : JVC SRC

Newsletter distribution , including stuffing : JVC SRC ML JO

Inserts and leaflets : The professional cost would be considerable

Archives

The Philomena memorial

At this point discussion arose as to whether the proposed memorial in St. Mary's churchyard is the most appropriate and various alternatives were proposed.

The relevant Minute of the decision (Committee meeting 13 Jan. 2000) reads as follows :

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

Formal written agreement to the siting was later received from the Vicar. Terry will re-confirm this with the new Vicar.

TS

The Newsletter will include a tribute by TS and a personal note and tribute by the Chairman.

First thoughts on a memorial to Budge included that we should offer to catalogue and publish his records and papers. Other suggestions are invited but decisions must await the opinions of Budge's children and whether Budge had made any plans. The basic intention is to offer help to the family and ascertain what they wish to do.

The Newsletter will carry a tribute incorporating Bob Adams' and Merrill's addresses as well as a report on the funeral by Terry

The meeting then turned to the Agenda.

The MINUTES of the 140th meeting of 14 Dec., with one deletion, were passed and signed as correct.

1. MATTERS ARISING : From 14 Dec. and ongoing :

(i) The historic plaques and the Zeebrugge information panel.

The Chairman and SC reported as follows :

1. All plaques now installed except for Place of Execution - to be part of the HERS scheme.
2. The Lord Warden, Dickens in Dover and Maritime Hall plaques.
DTC and DDC asked for grants.
All other plaques, including Place of Execution, grants received.
3. Account awaited from Durrants for installation. DDC grant to be applied for.
4. Plaque Tour to be set.
5. DDC Millenium report to be written. JVC and SRC
6. Zeebrugge information panel on the Town Hall : still hoped to be in time for St. George's Day.

Our aim is to get the existing stone inscriptions restored as well as the plaque. If this can be done it will work wonders for our credibility. The drawing may be inspected by committee members.

We have agreed with Sarah Dee and wording with Jon Iverson (being amended.)

DDC are behind the project and have signed as landlords. We are applying to DTC for £500.

Costs : about £1500. Invoices must go through the Town Council in order to reclaim V.A.T.

Likely funding : DTC £500
 DDC £250
 Zeebrugge : £100
 Dover Society
 Royal Marines ? Navy ? English Heritage? British Legion ?
 Private individuals : JVC & SRC
 President
 David Atwood
Other members : Members will be asked at 15 Jan. meeting.

On a related matter : DTC will probably be moving the grappling-iron, as suggested by David Atwood.

(ii) The Philomena memorial : See above.

(iii) The Waterloo Mansions flower-beds.

Still no reply from DHB. BL will try another approach.

BL

(iv) Additional copies of The Hidden Fortress.

The Treasurer had contacted Doug Welby who still holds 50 copies which he considers will last until March.

The Treasurer will re-discuss in Feb/ March whether or not to order a further 500. Agreed : that the price should remain unchanged.

(v) An internet site for the Society ?

GH was not present. MMcF urged the advantages of a web-site to the Society : publicity to our members and prospective members, etc.

Discussion was again inconclusive.

BL offered to consult with DHB Internet experts and with MMcF and they will report back.

BL MMcF

2. CHAIRMAN

Street Trees : a meeting with DDC had been deferred. MW and the Chairman will meet with Robert Bailey of DTC and the DDC tree-man.

The Chairman had written our congratulations to DTC Management on the Christmas lights.

We would be represented at the Mayor's Good Will Fund Wine and Wisdom.

The Chairman wrote on behalf of us all giving condolences to Peter Johnson on the death of his wife. Four of us, including the President, attended the funeral.

JC and SC are giving a talk about the Society to Rotary. Funds for the Zeebrugge Bell will be mentioned.

Arrangements were in hand to ensure publicising the correct date of the AGM.

The Chairman also reviewed the future composition of the Executive Committee.

He considered that there should be a maximum of only ten Vice-Presidents at any one time. It was unanimously agreed that Martin Wright who left Dover some years ago should be removed. It was warmly agreed that JW should be made a V-P for his very considerable contribution to the Society.

Consultation had shown a unanimous consensus that TS should succeed as Chairman at the forthcoming AGM. Terry for two years. The hope is that Derek can organise his very busy life so that, all things being equal, he will be available to be the next Chairman to succeed Terry.

Having tested the temperature of the water, it is hoped that member W.L. NAYLOR will agree to be the new Secretary. If Tessa George joins the Committee and LW and the Chairman stay on, with JW as a Vice-President, the Committee numbers will remain constitutional.

3. SECRETARY

Nothing to report.

4. TREASURER.

As usual, the accounts were circulated in writing and MW commented and explained.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Two new members in January :

Mrs Sue TIMMINS Albert Road

Mrs Margaret EVANS Heathfield Avenue Interested in social events, projects,
writing reports, reviews , articles.

6. PROJECTS

BL reported as follows :

Letter, fact sheet and volunteer availability-slip being sent out 19 Jan. 01.
Mail shot to 30+ members who had either voiced interest or completed
application/ renewal forms.

Liaison with WCCP - final site-meeting in Feb.

Two teams working each month all year.

Second Thursday or third Saturday, commencing in March 01.

Teams leaders are : Weekday : Derek Leach/ Jeremy Cope
Week-end: Hugh Gordon/ BL

We shall always be looking out for additional members in the future
at any time.

Team leaders will meet for a site meeting with Melanie and Paul
on Thurs. 15 Feb. at 1400 h. (It is a WCCP works day.)

7. SOCIAL SECRETARY

The Social Secretary was warmly congratulated on the Christmas Feast which
was also financially successful. Thanks were expressed to Gordon Cowan.

Booking is slow for the Wine and Wisdom. Support is still needed for the
London Eye and MV Pocahontas.

Reminders will be given at meetings.

Chairman.

There is already a table of 6 (or 7) at the Mayor's Wine and Wisdom.
JW will try to recruit a second table.

Ken Wraight and Ivan Green are in line as future speakers.

8. PLANNING, KFAS and Local Government.

JW had distributed Minutes of the Planning sub-committee meeting of 9 Jan.

Particularly encouraging was the progress with the " Buckland Village"
project which, with the Museum exhibition in Sep. and the converging interest
and support could take off.

8. PLANNING etc. contd.

2. The Watersports Centre.

Still no reply from DHB.

BL will try his reserve approach.

BL

3. It was agreed that we should support the concern about the Castle St. drop-in for drop-outs. We would recommend that it should be adjacent to Health Centre or Hospital.

4. Port of Dover : DHB proposals.

DHB to be asked to clarify some details.

JW had sent a copy to the MP who wishes to be kept informed.

5. While welcoming changes from commercial to residential use in the town centre : JC called for better quality in the replacements. Recent bad examples were in the Folkestone Road/Lascelles Road area.

9. PRESS SECRETARY

Nothing to report but Terry was congratulated on the good coverage for the Society and especially his tribute to Budge.

10. EDITOR

The Editor expressed her thanks and satisfaction for all the praise of the December number and she confirmed the dates for future contributions.

The AGM notice and agenda will have to go out in Feb. She invited contributions on the Christmas Feast and on JW's coming talk.

A.O.B.

* The Buckland Mill listing : DL reported that there is no decision yet and that the ground floor of the Mill is flooded.

* David Atwood had suggested William Crundall as a possible subject for a historic plaque.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 8 Feb. 01. at 7.30 p.m. at the R.C.P.Y.G.