
THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 142nd meeting of the Executive Committee held at 7.30 p.m.
on Thursday 8 Feb. 01 , at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club.

APOLOGIES : BL MMcF

PRESENT : Chairman, Both Vice- Chairmen, Hon. Sec., Hon Treasurer, Membership Sec.
JL ML JW HG IG GH AW.

1. MATTERS ARISING from 11 Jan, and ongoing :

(i) Arising from the death of Budge :

(The Society had been formally thanked for its assistance at the funeral.)

A meeting with the family is arranged for 26 Feb. to discuss a suitable memorial
and, above all, to ascertain their wishes. Report to the March meeting.

JC
TS
DL

Of responsibilities :

* Members data-base : already in hand

* Newsletter inserts : Adams have quoted. Expensive. Other possibilities
being explored. AGM notices must go out by mid-March. JL would be happy
to replace booking-slips with notices given out at meetings in addition to
the printed programme, published in the Newsletter.

* Archivist duties : Dr Hale offered his services which were warmly and
gratefully welcomed.

(ii) The historic plaques. Millenium project.

The place of execution plaque still awaits the HERS development of the
London Road/ Bridge Street corner.

BL has produced an initial draft of the plaque guide: to be discussed by
the sub-committee : Monday 12 March, 7.00 p.m.

The Zeebrugge plaque

Project split into two parts :

1. The existing stone tablets :

To be put through DDC.

Costs £540 approx.

To be financed : £250 DDC

Society members/donors £300

2. The plaque :

To be put through DTC

Costs £950 approx.

To be financed : £600 DTC

£100 Zeebrugge

£250 Society members/donors

The listing application result anticipated : Mid/late Feb.

(iii) The Philomena memorial.

It was agreed to reconsider what is a suitable memorial. The consensus favoured
a prize cup/rose-bowl for annual award at DGGs.

Agreed : to consult the present headmistress..The school to decide the
inscription.

JC

(iv) The Waterloo Mansions flower-beds.

BL had used the DHB intranet. The reply defended the proposals as fund-saving and suggested waiting until the planting matures before judging its merits.

(v) An internet site for the Society ?

In the absence of BL and MMcF, Dr Hale stressed the importance of a site being under the right web-site heading.

The web-site Dover Town Guide ?

BL had proposed one such site. MMcF is working very satisfactorily in this field.

The Committee awaits their proposals.

2. CHAIRMAN

Committee matters :

Bill Naylor had formally agreed to stand for election as Secretary.

Tessa George would be happy to join the Committee.

Jack Woolford to be nominated for Vice-President at the AGM.

Street trees.

JC had had a meeting with Council officers. DDC can produce some funding. DTC may be able to in some years time. Robert Bailey hopes to get the Committee on side and IG will seek to persuade Cllr. Tant. IG

We will continue to pursue as an ongoing policy the maintenance of road-side trees as a feature of the townscape.

The Mayor's charity ball : more guests invited.

South Foreland Rotary : JC's talk. There are ongoing requests for talks on Neptune : TS is speaking.

The Crabble Mill Trust is seeking trustees. Agreed it would be appropriate to have trustees from the Society.

Ken Wraight and Mike Bailey were suggested from the Society. The Chairman will approach them. JC.

Bob Hollingsbee had questioned the quality of cataloguing and conservation of the Newspaper Archive at the Dover Public Library. The Chairman will speak to the Librarian. JC

3. SECRETARY

Member Mrs Jukes had asked whether the Society would support her efforts to upgrade the condition of the single-lane London-Road end of Green Lane Temple Ewell. She had approached the Parish Council (Chairman Miss J. Parkin, also a Society member) and they would welcome our support for her proposals.

Agreed : We wish to support. LW will, with Mrs Jukes, draft a letter (with diagram and map) to Parish, DDC and perhaps KCC.

4. TREASURER.

There were no questions on the monthly Financial Statement which had been distributed. Joan was again congratulated on the success, financial as well as social, of the social programme. It was agreed that, as on previous occasions, any gain on the Wine and Wisdom will be split equally with the Mill.

5. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

SC reported two new members :

Mr D.K. and Mrs R. BENTON (St. Margaret's)

This brings the total membership to 411 (with 778 as the last number allotted). Sheila was warmly congratulated and we approach the AGM in an encouragingly strong position.

6. PROJECTS

BL (not present) henceforward to be entitled Projects Co-ordinator: Reported that he had circulated 47 members re the Cowgate Cemetery project. There were 16 volunteers so far.

7. PLANNING, KFAS, Local Government.

JW reported that KFAS is going onto the Internet. He also reported a book recently published on the subject of his recent talk : the history of civic concern and responsibility.

He commented and explained as necessary the Minutes of the Planning committee.

The question of the quality of shop/house replacement remains pending.

Recent investigations by Mike Bayley of ill-maintained properties (Castle Street and Buckland Village) revealed that several were Municipal Charities properties.

Postscript to the sub-committee Minutes :

Barry Sheppard re RCPYC, Co-Chair, Vice Commodore.

LOCAL AGENDA 21 PLAN : good intentions again; no resources.

LIDL : closure rumour : no MFI demolition.

The Planning application for 7 houses on the site of the Buckland Mill Bowls Club. There was considerable discussion about this and opinions were divided. By a majority vote the Committee was opposed to the development. JW will write. JW

The application for a license for a sex-shop in London Road was referred to the Planning sub-committee and a decision will have to be reached before their March meeting. JW will arrange. JW

8. SOCIAL SECRETARY

More takers still needed for the London Eye.

The programme as published (except 12 Mar. : see below) remains.

There was further discussion about the future format for information in the Newsletter about meetings. ML and JL will collaborate about extended programme information in the Newsletter.

Of future speakers : JW reported that Councillor F. Woodbridge was unexpectedly unable to speak on 12 Mar. The most varied possible alternatives were proposed : In order of popularity :

Ian Dixon of Shepherd and Neame
Nadim Aziz

Stoker : archeologist
Christine Waterman

JW was of the opinion that Nadim Aziz is such a good speaker that if he is not invited in this slot he should be invited for Jan. 2002.

JW was congratulated on his continuing recruiting of a first-class programme.

9. PRESS SECRETARY

Nothing to report.

10. EDITOR

All contributions are to hand punctually. The next issue will be 40 pages.

A.O.B.

AW drew attention to the subscription to the White Cliffs Tourism Assn. MW

MMcF requests that consideration be given to Society participation in celebrations of :

Jubilee : 2002

Coronation : 2003

We will support the Council arrangements : i.e. the Jubilee.

The meeting closed at 21h. 52.

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