

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 51st Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday 12 Nov. 1992 at 19h.30 at Cambridge Terrace.

Apologies : M.McF.

Present : Chairman Vice-Chairman Secretary Treasurer
SC JC JL SS KW JO ML AFA PK MR AG JeO

1. The Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No. 50 , with two corrections, were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising :

From 14 May

3(a) Peverley-Welby publication

Sponsorship :

- * Architecture Grant Scheme AG JG
Thought to be not applicable to our project.
- * Meeting with Ladkin, Eurotunnel Development Ltd JG KW LW
Mutual understanding reached and some sponsorship likely.
- * Chairman reported donation of £100 by D. Ryeland of Hammonds.

From 10 Sep

Brigadier M.A. Atherton had been approached by PJ re Presidency.

Agreed : that if he is willing to serve he be proposed for President at the AGM.

9(a) The Vice-Chairman reported a successful meeting with Mrs Sensicle and was congratulated.

3. Planning sub-committee.

(a) Impact.

The Chairman enumerated the areas and eyesores which had been named in the Press as already under consideration by Impact. Some of these were discussed and commented on.

It was agreed :

- * That Committee members who have suggestions must send them to KW within one week.
- * That we should invite suggestions from Society members in the Newsletter and from the general public, as well as from Society members, in the Press.
- * That members be given a further opportunity to make and to discuss suggestions at the March " Members " meeting, working in small groups.

The Society's recommendations will be collated and forwarded to Impact in tempore opportuno.

We expect to play a leading rôle, with other societies and associations, in the "Forum", but caution was expressed (JO) about possible long-term residual responsibilities in the post-Impact period.

(b) The Rolls Memorial

JG has raised the matter with DHB. Decision awaited.

- (c) The Minister's reply to our letter about Dover's roads adds nothing to what has appeared in the Press.
- (d) KW asked the sub-committee to examine three current planning applications.
- (e) Renewed anxiety in the local Press about the future of the War Memorial at Marine Station. We had a previous, unsatisfactory, correspondence with BR about this.
- (f) " Maining" of the River Dour. (Information telephoned by MMcF.)

DDC had at last taken up with the NRA the possibility of re-designating Dour as a " Main river". This would have advantages and we have pressed for it. It is at present classed as a "Sewer".

After due consultation and discussion the possibility was ruled out.

MMcF has an alternative plan. The Committee was grateful for his information and awaits to hear how the Society could help.

- (g) The Chairman reported that David Elms had transferred £130 of the funds of the now extinct River Dour Society to the Dover Society.
The Chairman wished this money to be held in reserve for River Dour purposes.. Together with the £1000 already anonymously promised it could be used in conjunction with any plans arising from para (f) above.

4. From the Chairman

Our representation at the inaugural meeting of the St. Margaret's Bay Society 2 Nov : The Vice Chairman and PK represented us and reported favourably.

Two small but necessary modifications to our constitution:
(N.B. Notice of such proposals must be given 28 days before the AGM.)
para. 2 : del. S.Margaret's at Cliffe.

para. 4 : del. the first sentence and substitute :

" The subscription for members will be reviewed annually."

5. Secretary's Report

- (a) Crabble Mill. Supportive letter sent to Trustees, at their request, for their use.
- (b) Congratulatory letters sent to A.Cawsey and C. Waterman.
- (c) Invitation to Dover Tourist Information Centre 13 Nov
JG JeO and ML (?) will attend.

6. Treasurer's Report

Current Credit Balance	
(excluding expected outgoings)	: £517.81
Project Fund : £611.84	Peverley Pub.
	(including promised) : £1364.68
Dickens Evening : £50	

7. Membership Secretary

Highest number : 444 Actual Total : 352
Lapsed : 92 New members : 6

8 Projects

All goes well. Some publicity. Lydden now aware of its pond.

Meetings : Lydden Pond : 27 Nov. 13 Dec
 Lousyberry Wood : 5/6 December (National Tree Week)
 All : 10.00 - 12.00 a.m.

9. Press Secretary and Archivist

The usual hand-outs with the usual results.

Recommended : A policy of inserting small paid ads. Agreed by the Treasurer.

AG and BA stressed the advantages of using our news value whenever possible - even " engineering" news situations.

BA negotiating with two professional PR men who might give their advisory services without charge. This initiative was welcomed.

10 Social Secretary

- (a) 12 Oct Impact meeting . Successful and profitable.
Collection raised £85 for the Split Appeal.
Very little "public" attendance because of lack of publicity.
- (b) 17 Oct. Visit to post - Impact Ramsgate. In the absence of KW not reported.
- (c) 23 Nov Dickens Evening
Props. and Sound BA Publicity BA LW
Valuable Raffle Prizes
Snacks after ? - for 20 ?
Final decisions to be made with George Curry after 17 Nov.
- (d) Christmas Feast :
 Guests : Dover College Headmaster The Town Mayor
 Christine Waterman David Ryeland
 Brig. Atherton David Elms
- (e) Jan and Feb meetings as arranged.
22 March " Members Meeting " to include illustrated talk by BA and discussions in small groups about Impact.

11. Editor

Newsletter No. 15 should appear 1 Dec.

12. A.O.B.

13. Date of next meeting : 10 Dec.