

THE DOVER SOCIETY

MINUTES of the 52nd Executive Committee Meeting : Thursday 10 Dec
at 19h.30 at Cambridge Terrace

Apologies : JeO JC PJ PK

Present : Chairman Vice-Chairman Secretary Treasurer
SC JL SS KW JO ML AFA MMcF

1. The Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting No 51 passed and signed as correct.

2. Matters arising :

From 10 Sep.

Brig. M.A. Atherton had expressed to PJ his willingness to serve as President. He will be proposed at the 'general meeting', 18 Jan.

9(a) Mrs Sencicle correspondence reported : JG JW

Agreed : no action at present.

From 12 Nov.

3(a) KW had received from Committee members a number of suggestions for small projects, to be forwarded to Impact.

3(b) The Rolls Memorial : may well be included in DHB refurbishment of the Marine Parade. (JG) The Society might organise fund-raising if appropriate. (AFA)

3(d) The three current planning applications had been examined and were considered acceptable.

3(e) With so much uncertainty about the future of the stations it was agreed that no action was called for at present concerning the War Memorial at Marine Station.

3(f) J.O. presented the alternatives and conclusions set out in the attached paper.

Agreed that he should forward his recommendations to DDC,
Copy to Impact and NRA.

5(c) The Party at the Dover Tourist Information Centre 13 Nov
reported by JG

3. Chairman's Report

(a) County Support Network : but rural communities only, despite our drawing attention to urban.

(b) Civic Trust.

1. Hard up : Registration fee to remain but poss. indiv. membership;

Friends of Civic Trust : say £10 : D Soc to distribute letter to members in April Newsletter with explanation and backing.

2. NCCS inf on traffic lights location at dangerous crossroads

3. NCCS Tpt Working Party request for information

4. NCCS traffic calming & sleeping policemen

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to
KW

(c) SAVE BRITAIN'S HERITAGE : JP letter re DESERTED BASTIONS report:

JP etc material available via Xtine : JP suggests contact w.

Anthony Peers of SAVE re W. Hts. publication and launch : consult CW : funds ? speaker ?

(d) Local Govt: no home rule for Deal and parishes : cost curtailment ?

Agreed : Letter to John Moir : What is the future of local govt. so far as DDC is concerned ?

Nine recent items from the local Press passed to KW for consideration.

7. Social Secretary

- (a) 23 Nov. Dickens Evening reported (other than financial)
Our appreciation and indebtedness to Budge was expressed.
- (b) 12 Dec. Christmas Feast : Take-up 75 for 90
Guests' acceptances 3 -5 :
more guests would therefore be invited.
Canterbury Waits
Carol singing : DB and Waits' pianist.
- (c) 18 Jan 1993
The archeology of the A 20 and the Bronze Age boat.
Keith Parfitt
- (d) A meeting of the Programme sub-committee may be called
in the New Year.

8. Membership Secretary :

Highest number : 451
New members : 7 2 Overseas members : N.Z. and U.S.A.
Actual total : 359

9. Projects

- (a) Satisfactory work-parties reported, Lousyberry Wood, 5,6 Dec.
- (b) Lydden Pond : holding, and not overflowing. Work party 13 Dec.
Money in reserve needs to be dedicated to the pond.
- (c) Plans for Spring 1993 :
4th Cadets' project on the Dour
St Mary's schoolchildren : gilding the leopards'
heads on bollards.

A rain-gauge has been presented to Lydden School.

10. Press Secretary and Archivist

Je O has been approached to be Press Secretary

11. Editor

Congratulations on Newsletter No 15. Also, in writing, from John Peverley " on both the content and the appearance. "

- (a) Items for the Agenda of the AGM must be made in writing
by 12 April. (28 days notice must be given to all
members of any proposed amendments to the Constitution.)
This means that only a "provisional" agenda can appear in
the April Newsletter.

There was no other business.

Date of next meeting : Thursday 14 Jan.

4. Secretary's Report

- (a) Conversation with Julian Owen, Impact, reported :

Julian Owen more than endorses , he welcomes, urges that we should take a prominent part/parent/ compère the Forum. (He will contact such as Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Hoteliers etc.)

He stressed : No danger of being left with unwelcome residual responsibilities. All such are voluntary.

A letter, welcome now, saying what we are willing to do.

Agreed : A letter saying that we wish to be included immediately and asking how the Forum will be constituted.

Also urgent now : any large projects we would like to see included, which might be eligible for the hoped-for extra European funding.

Agreed : We would like to see the 1950's developments on the West side of the Market Square demolished.

Minor/ long-term projects could be notified later (improving sad triangles / riverside-walk etc .) e.g. after our Feb. meeting.

- (b) PJ had drawn attention to the new concessionary for TV : Meridian, and their notice in the local Press of the appointment of a liaison officer to local communities. Relevant information passed to SS/ Je 0

5. Treasurer's Report

Current Credit Balance : 501.97
Projects Fund : 600.94
Peverley Publication : C.I.H. 350
(Promised) D.H.B. 650
Eurotunnel Devt. Ltd. (Ladkin) : Awaited.

Dickens Evening : Profit on balance : 63.95

Agreed to donate £75 to the St. Martin's Fund for the homeless of Dover and Deal.

6. Planning

- (a) The Royal Victoria Hospital site. A listed building, the detailed plan for development for housing would seem to meet Mrs. Wiggins' (member) requirements. She to be informed.
- (b) P & O awards , for best conservation project. Documentation to be passed to Chris. Lean by MMcF , in hopes.
- (c) Civic Trust Awards : KW AJW ELW to consider applying : by 26 Feb.
- (d) KW reported on planning applications which had been examined, including the Castle Hill House hoarding and the devt. of the old gasworks site, Coombe Valley.

KW wished to put on record that he planned to withdraw from the chair of the Planning sub-committee early in 1993.

THE RIVER DOUR

Reference: TDS 51 Exec Comm Mtg Minutes dtd 12Nov92 Item 3(f)

A MMcF (DDC) alternative plan following:

- a) no maining - ruled out on cost (£0.5M mentioned)
- b) River Dour Assn folding

B MMcF makes the following 4 points:

- 1) set up R.Dour Joint Management Committee (JMC) comprising riparian owners, DDC, NRA, TDS, WCCP
- 2) appt part time warden (honorary) - inspection, reporting & liaison duties under JMC
- 3) over to IMPACT
- 4) lobby councillors

C TDS stated view is that:

- a) TDS cannot take on responsibility for the R.Dour
- b) DDC should lead
- c) TDS will continue to help in any ^{way} it can (including modest funding as at present available)

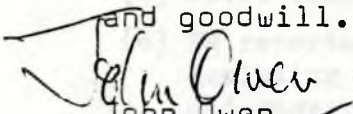
D Comments on above 4 points:

- 1) steering/coordinating committee preferred comprising DDC NRA TDS WCCP (but not riparian owners as such - too cumbersome) to:
 - a) plan & execute necessary action
 - b) inform & make recommendations to riparians
 - c) encourage & publicise good work of riparians and others
- 2) part time warden - no - finance & control problems - DDC unable to commit resources at present
- 3) IMPACT wait and see - a TDS riverside scheme already submitted
- 4) lobby councillors - one dedicated concillor could make a big difference by way of getting the council behind its officers

E SUMMARY

Already DDC TDS & LIONS carry out river care projects most years as well as riparians who clear and maintain their own stretches regularly and well.

It is suggested therefore that to make any headway at all the River Dour Steering/Coordinating Committee be set up to build on the ad hoc present arrangements in the belief that in time more and more may be accomplished through information persuasion and goodwill.


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