

**DRAFT FOR APPROVAL**

**Stockbridge and Inverleith Community Council**

**Minutes of meeting**

**held on April 19th, 2017**

Stockbridge Parish Church

7b Saxe Coburg Street

**Attendance**

Those attending were as follows:

*Community Council Members:*

Gregan Crawford (Chair); Tannis Dodd (secretary); Joan Beattie; Pam Barnes, David Chamberlain; Andrew Morrison; Clive Preston; Duncan Osler; Ian Hooper.

*Ward Councillors:* Nigel Bagshaw; Lesley Hinds, Gavin Barrie

*Members of the Community*

Jack Bannerman; Ian Ferguson; Maggie Ferguson; Ryan McGee; Nigel Clark; Alex Johnson; Roddy Watson; Sheila Warnock; Margaret Hills; Jerry Ozaniec; Mae Douglas

PC Peter Sparrow

*Apologies:*

CC Members – Hal Osler; John Cowie, Penny Richardson;

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Approved

*Matters Arising*

- notification of Blackhall and Craigleith Hustings

**2. Reports**

i) *Chairperson's Report*

We have been notified that the Snakey Path and the kerb stones on Clarence Street whilst not in the current program of works will be inspected and any defects work carried out.

ii) *Secretary*

- Tannis Dodd agreed to write the second instalment for the Stockbridge Spotlight. Mae Douglas suggested we also look at North Edinburgh Magazine to advertise our meetings.

iii) *Treasurer*

Noted currently S&ICC has £2200 on account.

iv) *Police Scotland – PC Peter Sparrow*

House breaking is down. Slight increase in minor road traffic collisions. High levels of cycles being stolen. Number of house break-ins in Inverleith area. Thefts from vehicles which are being unloaded in Raeburn Place. Man with knife seen in Warriston cemetery. A number of fake £50 notes circulating. There are a number of rough sleepers in the Saunders Street block which is causing a bit of a problem.

PC Sparrow was questioned as to what the police were doing about house break-ins and what they felt about the cycle paths as natural getaways for people. He stressed that whilst there had been a few in the Inverleith area that the numbers overall were down and they were working on it.

It was agreed that PC Sparrow would do a more formal talk on home and business security at the next meeting.

v) *Environment*

A resident reported a problem of overhanging trees at back of Dean Bank Terrace and root damage into neighbouring gardens – suggested she go to the land register to find out owner of the land and said trees and also contact the planning department at the council and ask them to assess the trees.

vi) *Transport*

42 Bus Route – all 3 local CC's worked together to reinstate the bus going back into Craighleith. The route is however being changed after that and suggested we work with the other CC's to encourage use of the route and Cllr Lesley Hinds has been working with Lothian Buses to keep the route as is.

vii) *Licensing and Planning*

*Licensing:* nothing to report

*Planning:*

Pam Barnes updated on the Royal High School planning application – number of comments – mainly against the plans.

Botanics cottage – application for retrospective planning permission – technical reasons were the cause of some of the changes from the original plans. A local resident raised concerns about the lack of screening and the problems with the rear elevation. Decided that Pam would send in comment re the planting and the screening.

Development at Canonmills – Earthy – new bit added to the plans has been passed.

viii) *Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership.*

Joan Beattie - No meeting having been held, there was nothing to report.

### **3. Policing 26**

Joan Beattie attended the public meeting. The police Requested that people filled in the online survey about the future of policing in Scotland. Moving back to a more localised way of policing. And one of the things is reinstating a system of neighbourhood watch and building up relationships with communities. Joan and Pam to fill in the survey on behalf of the CC. Noted concerns about armed officers which whilst on the increase are not the norm.

#### **4. Public Consultation -draft supplementary guidance for Stockbridge Town Centre**

Document can be viewed at <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk>

Local trader Roddy Watson raised issues with the suggestions in the consultation. It was stressed that it is important to fill in the consultation so that your views can be heard. The closing date for this is May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

#### **5. Bank of Scotland closure at Goldenacre**

Clive Preston told us that this branch is closing in October 2017. This will have a negative effect on the area which has already lost the post office and the RBS branch which has led to a lack of footfall in the area. Bank of Scotland did not act within code of practice – no public consultation was had. Clive asked that the CC write to the Bank and express concern and disappointment at the decision of the bank. It was agreed that Gregan would do so.

It was suggested that local traders and residents get together to see what grants are available to improve the area as has been done in Blackhall – contacting local councillors was also suggested.

#### **6. AOB**

Joan Beattie thanked the councillors for their help in getting the bins fixed.

Roddy Watson raised the problem with kids and litter in Raeburn Place and not enough bins for them to use. Cllr Nigel Bagshaw has been in touch with the council re looking into putting more bins along the street. PC Peter Sparrow has also been in contact with the local police officer at Broughton re this issue.

Gregan Crawford thanked Cllr Lesley Hinds for all that she has done for the CC and wished her a happy retirement.

It was agreed that the new layout of chairs led to a more inclusive meeting and it was agreed that everyone introducing themselves at the beginning of the meeting was helpful.

#### **7. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7pm, Stockbridge Parish Church, Saxe-Coburg Street.