

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Stockbridge and Inverleith Community Council~

Minutes of meeting

held on October 18th, 2017

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Stockbridge Parish Church

7b Saxe Coburg Street

Attendance Those attending were as follows:

Community Council Members:

Clive Preston (Vice Chair); Tannis Dodd (secretary); Joan Beattie; Pam Barnes, Andrew Morrison; Penny Richardson, Jerry Ozaniec, Nigel Clark

Ward Councillors: Max Mitchell, Gavin Barrie

Members of the Community

Ian Ferguson; Maggie Ferguson; Alex Johnson; Margaret Hills, Maggie Dawson, Jenny Walter, Jeremy and Jacqui Spencer, Shahida Imani, Gillian Doyle, James Simpson, Nick Evans, Catherine Frew, Terry Crossley, Andy Waugh, Cathy Bell

Apologies:

Cllr Hal Osler; John Cowie, Jack Bannerman, Gregan Crawford, Diedre Brock MP, Cllr Iain Whyte

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved – amended number of meetings held per year from 7 to 9

Matters Arising

- Catherine Frew a teacher from Broughton High explained her new role as a coordinator of strategy to improve relationship between pupils and the local community. Plans include tackling litter dropping and teaching respect for the local area. They have started up an eco group which could perhaps have involvement from the CC. Possibility of displaying students artwork in the local library. Alex Johnson suggested possibility of starting a youth community council, other ideas was to invite pupils to come along to the CC meetings- key was felt to be pupil involvement .

James Simpson plans to get together with Tannis Dodd and John Cowie re Stockbridge Town Centre.

Updates from Cllr Hal Osler on previous issues raised - Kimmerghame road adoption – Millers are now finally preparing the roads and making fit for adoption. Biffa – have finally got a contact to discuss early/late pick-ups in Stockbridge/Inverleith area. After agreement with all the Inverleith & City Centre Ward Councillors, Jo Mowat and Hal Osler are meeting with David Jamieson at the beginning of November to discuss the state of the Water of Leith Walkway between Stockbridge and Dean Village. Several valid issue regarding the safety of the path have been raised and need to be looked into.

2. Reports

i) *Chairperson's report – sent in by Gregan Crawford and read out by Clive Preston who chaired the meeting*

1) We are going to invite the Raeburn Place Foundation to give us an update on the development plans. Tannis to organise this. James Simpson commented that there is still legal action in process over the ransom strip.

2) Gregan has been pursuing the quest for a minute-taker for the S&ICC, so far without success. Actions he has taken have included asking other community councils known to pay for minute-takers if their minute-taker would consider being employed by us too; New Town and Broughton's person is already fully stretched and unwilling to take on more work and he has not had any response from the secretary of Old Town Community Council. He has also been in touch with Elaine Lennon who kindly offered to include an item in her latest edition of "New and Events in the North West Locality" - you may have seen it. If anyone here is interested in the job, which would be paid at the living wage rate, please let us know. Short of that, is there anyone willing to take minutes at the November meeting? Suggestion was to advertise in a secretarial college.

3) There has been an announcement of potential closure for the Bield-owned Residential Care Home on Haugh Street. See Minute No 6.

4) Ian Hooper is standing down from the S&ICC after this meeting. Gregan expressed his gratitude for his help as Vice Chair, particularly with his excellent minute taking on a number of occasions. Gregan thanked Clive for chairing this meeting. Clive now takes over as Vice-Chair.

ii) *Secretary*

- Dog fouling in Saxe Coburg – request from local residents for help – Cllr Barrie agreed to pass on message to the environmental wardens and perhaps get them to come along and patrol the area at the times when it happens.

-Buses parking on Henderson Row in front of Edinburgh Academy – Cllr Gavin Barrie to look into this. Cllr Hal Osler to also contact the school.

iii) *Treasurer – no report*

iv) *Police Scotland – no report*

v) *Environment and Transport - Jerry Ozaniec*

Jerry circulated a report on traffic and environment – Various pedestrian islands and crossings are being looked at and consulted on.

Closure of water of Leith path beneath Dean Cemetery – ongoing legal dispute is delaying any repair work.

Sunday pay and display parking will only affect zones 1-4 and will start from 12pm.

Pam Barnes asked the councillors to look into new crossing on Queensferry Road.

vi) *Licensing – Penny Richardson*

Dean Bar, Dean Street: as a result of objections raised by residents and SICC, the applicant has withdrawn the application for a late licence on Sundays. The new Licensing Board has a new much more user friendly venue for its meetings which is a change. result.

vii) *Planning – Pam Barnes*

Application for 30a Inverleith Terrace has been amended but felt still too large.

Edinburgh Academy development in the school. – Local resident Jenny Walker asked for our help in what to do about this planning application. Consultation to take place on October 31st, 2017. Potential new build will overlook their communal gardens and also there will be loss of light and trees. Concerned about the conservation of the area. Clive Preston suggested that they go to the consultation and lodge their views so that the school are aware of residents' concerns. Cllr Max Mitchell suggested they also lodge their opinions individually so that planners are aware of the number of concerned residents. Also follow planning guidelines when lodging opinions. Pam Barnes offered to help them.

viii) *Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership. – Joan Beattie*

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

4. Planning application for extension at Edinburgh Academy Senior School

Covered in Planning.

5. Unsafe pavements on Raeburn Place – Penny Richardson

Penny Richardson had tripped and fallen on the unsafe shoochy pavement in Raeburn Place. She had emailed all the Ward Councillors including photos. Cllr Mitchell had taken this up and the pavements had been repaired outside 8 Raeburn Place. Other uneven pavements should be repaired within the week. PR thanked Cllr Mitchell for acting so swiftly.

6. Planned closure of Stockbridge Residential Care Home in Haugh Street

PR reported that Bield, the charity which runs Stockbridge Residential Care Home, had announced it is withdrawing from all of its Care Homes across Scotland. There are 10 residents in the Stockbridge Home. The charity blames above all cuts in the funding available from local authorities. They are holding talks with other providers to see if some of the homes may be kept open.

Agreed: 1) PR to write to Bield asking them to come along to the next SICC meeting. PR will keep TD informed. 2) Cllr Barrie will take this forward as well.

7. AOB

Inverleith Avenue – Gillian Doyle: no changes but some residents are being harassed. Police Scotland had been informed but no response so far. TD to contact PC Sparrow on residents' behalf to see what could be done about this.

Bin situation has been improved but double parking still a problem. Same people doing it and now harassing locals residents – Cllr Mitchell has taken on their concerns and will try and help.

Edinburgh Christmas Charity Festival – Terry Crossley

Taking place on December 2nd and 3rd in Inverleith Park – 10am Santa Parade through Raeburn Place – Marquee in the park with stalls – charity walks – 5km and 10km runs – Santa Toddle – reindeer pen and golden tinsel walk. They are also trying to get the schools involved and encourage anyone to come along and join in. They help lots of charities and any charity can get involved. Stockbridge Traders are also running the Stockbridge Stocking again on the Saturday and raising money for LifeCare in conjunction with the charity festival. The lights will be turned on at the Christmas Tree in Jubilee Gardens and Stockbridge Primary will be singing carols. Mulled wine and mince pies will be on offer courtesy of the Traders. 3 pm so come along.

Inverleith Allotments centenary at the allotments

Issue of graffiti in the area was raised – agreed to discuss next meeting

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

November 15th, 2017 at 7pm, Stockbridge Parish Church, Saxe-Coburg Street.