

Stockbridge & Inverleith community council

April 2018 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on Wednesday 18 April 2018
at Stockbridge Parish Church , Edinburgh

Present, S&ICC: Gregan Crawford (Chair); Nigel Bagshaw; Nigel Clark (minutes); John Cowie; Tannis Dodd (Secretary) Jerry Ozaniec (Environment and Transport); Clive Preston (Vice Chair)

Members of the Community, including: Nick Evans (Save Stockbridge); Alex Johnson; PC Neville Richardson (Police); James Simpson; Georgia Artus ; Catherine Frew; Hina Hiramani ; Maggie Ferguson; Lisbeth Craig; Emma Bettison

Ward Councillors: Cllrs Gavin Barrie & Hal Osler

Apologies for absence: Deidre Brock M.P.; Pam Barnes (Planning Officer); Penny Richardson (Licensing Officer)

CC Chair Gregan Crawford opened the meeting

1. Minutes of previous meeting 21 March 2018: there were no comments nor observations forthcoming and; there were no matters arising: The Minutes of 21 March were approved.

2. Reports: *(report numbering as per the agenda but minuted in the order reports taken)*

- i **Police Scotland:** PC Richardson outlined aspects of local police work for the past four weeks:
- Attempted house-breaking showed a slight increase and there had been an assault on one of the cycle paths. Local foot patrols are a regular and routine feature in the area.
 - Carrying out speed checks on the local roads. A “day of action” is to be organised on a future date aimed at enforcement of the speed restrictions.
 - Occasional presence undertaken at local shops during the school day lunch hour to deter rowdy behaviour.

Gregan raised the issue of the hazards created by skateboarders on the pavement, especially when they are able to speed up coming down NW Circus Place and along Kerr St. PC Richardson noted the point and skateboarders have to show due consideration for pedestrians.

Chair: Gregan said that he had written to the **Raeburn Place Foundation** (RPF) inviting them to a meeting with the CC but had as yet not received a reply. There had been some ambiguity as to whether it had been originally stated that they would begin trading on site by that date. Tannis said that the RPF had notified her as CC Secretary that they intend to “begin on site” in the Summer of 2018.

Nick Evans (Save Stockbridge) and James Simpson referred to the so-called “ransom strip” (6’ of land to the edge of the site previously occupied by the stone wall) and that this may be a limiting factor in the Trust’s ability to conduct work on the site.

Gregan reminded everyone that under the new **General Data Protection Regulations** (GDPR 25/5/18) you can opt out at any time from the CC mailing list by emailing the CC Secretary.” The “sign in” sheet now includes the sentence: The S&ICC will not give your email address to any other organisation.

Gregan announced that he would be stepping down as Chair at the AGM in June. He added that he had approached Nigel Bagshaw to see if he would be willing to stand as Chair as he did not want to have the CC scrambling to find a successor; he had also sounded out members of the CC about the prospect that Nigel take over the responsibilities of CC Chair at that time and that they had indicated support for this and Nigel had agreed to stand. This would, of course, not preclude others expressing an interest in standing at that time.

- i. **Secretary:** Tannis Dodd reported on correspondence relating to the Foundation and its building intentions on the site.
- ii. **Treasurer:** David Chamberlain was absent so no report was presented.
- iii. **Environment** and (vi.) **Transport:** Jerry Ozaniec presented a written report summarising Water of Leith clean up date (27 May); T & E Committee activities; Proposed Capital Works and Traffic disruptions and Footway improvements. Traffic reports can be accessed directly from the Edinburgh Council Website.
- vii. **Licensing and Planning:**
Licensing
Gregan read out Penny's written report in her absence which included: notice of Edinburgh Licensing Board's continued consultation on its new statement of licencing policy and an evening workshop event on Wednesday 2 May reviewing "overprovision". In addition to Penny attending one other place was on offer.
Edinburgh Licensing Forum Constitution was still being reviewed.
Scottish Government consultation on updating the Licensing (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations was in review with the aim of engaging with the Community more effectively.
Planning: Pam was absent so there was no report
- viii. **Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership:** Joan Beattie was absent so there was no report

3. LifeCare (2 Cheyne St) events: Georgia Artus was welcomed and invited to tell the CC of events of interest that have been planned for the near future:

As part of Stockbridge local community History Month: Andrew Kerr explores the history of Stockbridge at 3.30 on 9th May and; on Wednesday 23 May Caroline Gerard discusses the history of Dean Village and the Cemetery. Gregan said that the CC would publicise these events using the Community noticeboards and ask people interest to contact Joan Beattie directly. LifeCare is a very active community centre and has secured funding to consult with retired people and seek their views on worthwhile activities that might be supported. Two focus groups are scheduled for May this year. There will also be an on-line survey. John Cowie added that Pilton has a newsletter for retired people.
Also – there will be a Scottish Government consultation about social isolation and loneliness and they have set up an on-line survey inviting people to express their views.

4. Activities and connections with Broughton High School: Catherine Frew was invited to talk to the CC about a number of activities that are of interest to our community:

Neighbourhood trail: All S1 PSE classes undertaking a local trail, mainly in Inverleith Park about local wildlife and the placement of litter bins, as well as picking up litter and how they can be better neighbours in their local community.

Stockbridge & Inverleith **Youth Community Council:** Three S3 pupils have become involved in the new Youth Community Council set up by Alex Johnston.

Assemblies: assemblies for every year group were aimed at challenging the school's pupils about their conduct locally, mainly at lunchtime, in the park, in Stockbridge, and on public transport. Also every pupil attended another assembly about the environmental impact of discarding litter presented by Changeworks, funded by Edinburgh City Council. Where the school has been contacted of inconsiderate conduct by pupils, the school invites them to one of their regular after school 'Twilight' music recitals.

Eco-schools accreditation: Senior pupils will be pursuing an award next year and welcome people to partner the Eco-club which meets once a week in school.

Displaying pupil Art work, photography and history in local libraries.

Sharing good news with their neighbours by contributing articles to the Stockbridge Spotlight and Stockbridge Twitter feed, and they were looking forward to being involved in the reopening of the refurbished sundial event in June.

Community café: This initiative was launched a few weeks ago and is run by an inclusive team of keen pupils. There is scope for growth and the school is keen to explore how to advertise more widely.

Subject related project work helping the school's pupils connect with the local area, thus fostering ownership and a sense of belonging.

The school's Senior Leadership Team is fully committed to being good neighbours to our pupils. The Head Teacher, John Wilson, would like to attend a Community Council meeting in the near future, along with some pupils.

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5. **Community Art work** for the Accies site wall - Hina Hirami, resident of Comely Bank Road said she had made contact with the Raeburn Place Foundation about how the history of the area could be told in stories on the temporary grey boards (for one year) . The Foundation were interested in exploring the ideas further.
6. **AoB** Stockbridge Development Trust – James Simpson outlined a number of issues that could be realised through the setting up of a Development Trust in Stockbridge to enhance the shops and buildings in the centre for the benefit of the Community.
7. **Date and time of next meeting:** 7pm on 16 May 2018 at Stockbridge Parish Church (**note:** the CC Constitution requires the CC meet on at least 7 occasions throughout the year. It is likely there will be no meetings in July, August and December)