

# Stockbridge & Inverleith

community council

## June 2018 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 June 2018  
at Stockbridge Parish Church , Edinburgh

**Present, S&ICC:** Nigel Bagshaw (chair); Pam Barnes (Planning Officer) Joan Beattie (Inverleith Partnership); Nigel Clark (minutes); John Cowie; Tannis Dodd (Secretary); Andrew Morrison; Jerry Ozaniec (Environment and Transport); Clive Preston (Vice Chair); Penny Richardson (licensing), Gregan Crawford

**Members of the Community, including:** Mae Douglas; Hina Hirani ; Maggie Ferguson Alex Johnson; PC Neville Richardson (Police); James Simpson

**Ward Councillors:** Cllrs Max Mitchell; Hal Osler

**Apologies for absence:** Deidre Brock M.P.; Cllr Gavin Barrie

**CC Chair** Nigel Bagshaw was welcomed as new chair of the CC and opened the meeting

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** 18 April 2018
2. There were no further matters arising: The Minutes of 18 April were approved.

### 2. Reports:

- i **Police Scotland:** PC Richardson outlined aspects of local police work for the past four weeks:
  - Carrying out speed checks on the local roads - the speed restrictions seem to be making a difference
  - Some instances of low level anti-social behaviour occurring – where skateboarders are speeding ask them to be more considerate; a rubbish bin pushed into the bushes and a neighbour dispute – but no serious occurrences. Street parties in St Bernards Crescent and Warriston Crescent examples of public events running smoothly
  - Licensed premises were checked without problems
  - PC Richardson in response to a query where drug taking was occurring clarified Police responsibilities for cleaning up and the Council’s responsibilities too
  - A resident said she waited 15 minutes with no response to making a 101 phone call. PC Richardson acknowledged that response times were important and the Police were constantly aware to ensure replies made to 101 calls.
  - They are considering a request for bicycle bin stores for example for Dean Bank Lane
- ii **Chair:** Nigel Bagshaw acknowledged James Simpson who apprised the CC that a public consultation is to be held to test the community’s response to a Community Development Trust being set up under the auspices of and provided through the Community Empowerment Act in Scotland to enable the setting up of not-for-profit organisations. That there should be a realistic and sustainable Business plan that works on a voluntary community led basis and where money is raised it is spent locally. An outcome of the public meeting is to form a steering group to take it forward. Nigel Bagshaw asked for and acknowledged the support of the C.C. in advertising and promoting the public meeting and would await a report back of outcomes in due course. The geographical domain of the Trust would centre around the heart of Stockbridge not envisaging hard border.

- iii **Secretary:** Tannis Dodd apprised the CC of a number of issues arising between now and the next CC meeting in September - look out for the posters.  
Advertising 'A' boards would be banned from pavements across the city from October 2018 onwards. Tables and chairs are not defined as Advertising Structures and would be exempt. There would be a charge in future from the Council for pick ups of Brown Bins of garden waste - confirmed through the Council's website on details  
Traffic going into the depot at Inverleith Park was sometimes a hazard for walkers and it was suggested that there should be proper segregation of vehicles from pedestrians  
Cllr Mitchell said planning permission would not be required for the Art work proposed for the temporary wall for the Accies at Comely Bank.  
The Council have budgeted to fix the drainage to address the flooding in Inverleith park from the Council's 2019/2020 budget.  
Bield Housing: since only 4 of the 17 original care staff have been taken on since the transfer of ownership there was great concern of a gap in care provision.  
There is to be a surcharge affecting all residents' diesel vehicles in the future.
- iv **Treasurer:** David Chamberlain provided the CC with a "raw" report head of a finalised report to be published in due course. Account balances at year end were as reported at last meeting in line with accepted levels and that no significant requirements had been posted since then. James Simpson and Hina Hirani suggested that money might be required in the setting up of the Community Development Trust and although no expenditure had been incurred at this time could £250 be set aside. No figure was agreed upon but the C.C. recognised that in principal money might be set aside to support the trust in future.
- v **Environment and Transport:** Jerry Ozaniec quoted from his written report of Cllrs – check on the website for updates.
- vi **Licensing and Planning:** Licensing – Penny Richardson updated the CC on the on-going consultation especially with regard to notifications: how the public are notified; e.g. change from 4 metres to 20 metres could change to 100 metres posts.  
The constitution of the Licensing Forum was being reviewed and it's anticipated it will be effective by October 2018 as all part of the best value review.  
Members will be appointed now appoint members for their first form through C.C. If any licensing come up will pick up and notify CC members during the summer recess.
- vii **Planning:** Pam Barnes updated the C.C. on the following applications:  
The application for partial change of use for storage at a flat in Mary's Place had been turned down. Result: they have refused it and have to "unconvert" the part they have changed.  
Edinburgh Academy – Change to the Science building: (200) people wrote in and a Hearing was posted for August. The Academy has put in an appeal. Pam is seeking clarification on this.  
Applications CLP – Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed – i.e legal detail for: "what I'm going to do" and also used in retrospective cases. Nigel Bagshaw said we should ask the Case Officer to clarify what this means.
- viii Joan Beattie reported back on the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting in May she attended with Gregan Crawford. A series of grants were approved. They are seeking feedback on how effective the Locality Systems are working. Poorly attended by the public it is the intention to appeal to a wider community base and make the most of the community Council contributions.  
Joan raised the issue of having car free days in Stockbridge. Nigel Bagshaw asked what extent there was of interest in trying a car free day, say at Stockfest time. The views of local traders should also be sought especially in regard to ensure continued trade deliveries; public service vehicles have through access and emergency vehicles access but in principal it was regarded as a good idea.

ix **AoB** James and Joan attended Tenant Action Group meeting. This is now a remit taken up by a parliamentary group set up to show good practice for tenants. The onus is on them to maintain and manage tenements.

The Council selling off property in Saunders Street just for AirBnB application for change of use but what do deeds say. Clive – did Glasgow de-legislate - so no short term lets allowed in tenements.

Penny – re do badges for officers S&ICC.

Jerry ask that the CC consider for September agenda to review how many times the CC meet and when.

x Next Meeting 20 September 2018