

# Stockbridge & Inverleith community council

## October 2018 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 October 2018  
at Stockbridge Parish Church , Edinburgh

**Present, S&ICC:** Nigel Bagshaw (Chair); Pam Barnes (Planning Officer); Joan Beattie (rep on Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership); David Chamberlain (Treasurer); Nigel Clark (minutes); Gregan Crawford; Tannis Dodd (Secretary); Andrew Morrison; Clive Preston (Vice Chair);

**Members of the Community, including:** Shahida Meni; Gillian Doyle; Alex Johnson; PC Holly Matheson (Police); Majied Robinson; James Simpson; Andrew Anderson; Bruce Wilson

**Ward Councillors and Member of Parliament:** Cllrs Gavin Barrie; Max Mitchell

**Apologies for absence:** Penny Richardson (Licensing); John Cowie; Alex Johnson; Jerry Ozaniec (Environment and Transport); MP Deidre Brock; Cllrs. Hal Osler; Iain Whyte

CC Chair Nigel Bagshaw welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

1. **Minutes** of last meeting 19 September 2018. There were no comments or observations regarding the previous minutes so the Minutes of 20 June 2018 were approved. There were no matters arising.

2. Brief reports:

a. **Police Scotland** PC Matheson updated the C.C. on the installation of secure cycling parks roll out planned by the Council. Residents to make case for one in their area to the Council. Thomas Haddock was to have addressed the C.C. about this.

Other aspects of regular policing have included: Licensed premises checked;

working on local traffic plan for the area to address speeding and parking issues; engaging with homeless and; engaging with youths gathered in Inverleith Park over weekends.

Police are aware and have visited these large groups to make their presence known to get groups to take responsibility for mess of broken bottles and litter following gatherings.

Some fireworks had been set off frightening dogs being walked in the gardens.

Police are engaging with them too bring excessive behaviours under control. Members of the public witnessing excessive behaviours should call 101 and quote the instances so that the Police are able to build up a picture of what is going on .

Residents of the Saunders Street flats are logging instances of disturbances due to drug addicts and have made Police aware of these. But locks in the building would help make the flats secure.

PC Matheson said that the installation of CCTV cameras could be considered but there would need to be agreement across the flats. There are still a number of flats in the buildings in Council ownership. Police hold a surgery every two weeks at Stockbridge Library see S&ICC website for details

b. **Councillors** (on any local matters/action points): Cllr Mitchell noted that the next North West Locality Committee would take place on Wednesday 14 November 2018.

c. **Chairperson** Nigel Bagshaw said that he planned to attend traders meeting on the 6 November to introduce Summer Solstice plans. Applications have been put in for permission to hold event. Traders and residents to be sent survey. Plan to close road from 10am- 5pm . Event to take place between 12 and 5pm.

Nigel Bagshaw met with Hina to discuss Art Project to put art on the hoardings at the Accies Ground. Lifecare have agreed to be the applicants for the grant application and CC to give letter of support.

Agreed to commit to project and up to £200 to support . Andrew Morrison said that he added some poetry to add to the visuals.

d. **Secretary:** Tannis Dodd - nothing to report.

e. **Treasurer:** David Chamberlain stated that the current balance of the account for the Community Council stands at: £2,600.

f. **Environment;** including Transport: Jerry Ozaniec was absent but his written report was briefly summarised and note of traffic disruptions and Footway improvements and changes have been uploaded to the website.

g. Transport – as above.

h. **Licensing and Planning** - Penny Richardson was absent and so there were no reports for tonight's meeting. The Licensing Board's consultation on its statement of licencing policy - Link to consultation on policy of overprovision. <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cg/overprovision/>

**Planning:** Pam Barnes reported that the Council's Portal on Planning will be down during the month of November to allow for updating technical components for future improvements.

James Simpson update on the recent meeting of Save Stockbridge (2 October) - issue is whether the things they have done so far constitute a start to the development or whether they constitute a material difference to the Planning application in which case they would have to make a fresh application. This could be challenged and pursued through a Judicial Review but such a challenge might be costly.

Tourist Tax – The Edinburgh Council was holding consultation about setting a Tourist Tax for the City . This will be open for comments until 10 December 2018. There was some discussion as to what the money raised should be spent on including spending on tourist facilities and used to clean up and fix roads. Should residents be allowed to vote on the issues they think the money should address? This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Cllr Mitchell update on installation of bicycle hub in Hamilton place and; Cllr Barrie noted that the sponsorship necessary for funding the scheme.

3. Secure cycle parking – covered under police

4. Daisy Narayanon from City Centre Transformation Project was unable to attend but will come to the next meeting. Survey on line will close for consultation on 12 November.

5. Inverleith Avenue: Parking, Bin Collection, Street Lighting - Gillian Doyle there were a number of instances of fly-tipping despite the capacity through the black bins, but good support from Cllrs. to combat this.

Still problems of double parking and illegal parking. Area not zoned. Police made aware of this and Cllr Mitchell said he would speak to the permit department. This is an ongoing problem. Cllr Barrie suggested getting in touch with the local residents via leaflets.

**7. Date and time of next meeting:** 21 November 2018 at 7pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend community council meetings. If you cannot attend the meeting but wish to raise a subject, please contact the S&ICC.