

# Stockbridge & Inverleith community council

## November 2018 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 November 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; Andrew Morrison; John Cowie; Jerry Ozaniec (Environment and Transport); Clive Preston (Vice Chair);

**Members of the Community, including:** Shahida Meni; Gillian Doyle; Majied Robinson; James Simpson; Alan Murphy; Andrew Anderson; Bruce Wilson

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

**Apologies for absence:** Tannis Dodd (Secretary); Penny Richardson (Licensing); Alex Johnson; MP Deidre Brock; Cllr Iain Whyte; PC Holly Matheson (Police);

CC Chair Nigel Bagshaw welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

1. **Minutes** of last meeting 17 October 2018. There were no comments or observations regarding the previous minutes so the Minutes of 17 October 2018 were approved. There were no matters arising.

### 2. **Brief reports:**

a. **Police Scotland** PC Matheson sent in a written report to be read out in her absence:

“Youths have been gathering at the Sundial garden and Inverleith Park to drink at weekends. The Police are doing everything they can to curtail this and thanks go to the Friends of Inverleith Park in helping with this. The Police have a dedicated Operational Support unit on at the weekends who have been “robustly” policing the area. We have seen a positive response from the children in that the groups are getting smaller and more fractured. It is only a small few that are causing the issues as is usually the case with these things. My sergeant and I should be planning a multi-agency meeting very soon to discuss what every person can bring to the table to assist with Inverleith Park. Please let me know if you have any suggestions. If you feel you should be included in this meeting please email me at: [EdinburghinverleithCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EdinburghinverleithCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

“One positive note, there have been very few incidents in Stockbridge. We are always dealing with on-going private issues such as neighbour disputes or mental health issues and are regularly patrolling Stockbridge.

“PC Nev Richardson has left the force and his replacement will soon be able to contribute to the community. Police hold a surgery every two weeks at the Library, see link to Community Council website.”

b. **Councillors** (on any local matters/action points): Cllr Barrie said that street traders were unhappy at the A Boards ban across the City. In response to the point raised about the current waste collection and recycling being a shambles agreed that the shift from a 5 day to four day collection had been poor. No collections are made on a Monday.

Cllr Barrie also responded to the resident who raised the issue about the poor state of the Warriston Playing fields and buildings. He acknowledged the state of dilapidation and that it had the potential for

lots of sports but faced the lack of popularity of other pitches that had been converted to all weather pitches. They would have to find the money to bring the pavilion up to standard.

Cllr Osler referred to a street safety issue at the end of Glenogle Road that she was looking into.

c. **Chair** Nigel Bagshaw said that he met with the Traders Association on 6 November to talk through the traffic free day planned for next year.

d. **Secretary:** Tannis Dodd gave her apologies for absence; no report was submitted.

e. **Treasurer:** David Chamberlain stated that the current balance of the account for the Community Council stands at: £2,800.

Joan Beattie apprised the CC of the progress of plans for the traffic free day next year and the need to print publicity posters and leaflets. It was agreed to pay for these from CC funds: £150 now and a further £150 in due course to publicising the event about May 2019.

f. **Environment;** including Transport: Jerry Ozaniec said there was no meeting of the Transport Committee but Jerry submitted a written report 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 in East Princes Street Gardens 52 trees had been felled in order to put in a new path into the Art Galleries entrance. This, an excessive number of mature trees destroyed, was at odds with the Council's espoused values of its green space and environmental considerations. People should write to Cllr McVey should they wish to complain.

The Botanics have plans to make some changes in the NE corner of their site as part of the refurbishment of the glasshouses and the plant nursery. They are placing information displays at the Botanics on 22 November and again on 10 January from 4.00 to 7.30pm for interested residents to be informed.

There will be a major planned restoration of the Victorian Greenhouses and the 1960s cantilevered houses in order to meet extensive repairs.

**Presentation:** City Centre Transformation Presentation invitation

Will Garratt, manager with special projects gave the CC a presentation on some of the Council's thinking and its consultation aims and objectives as part of its 2050 Vision. Edinburgh: Connecting our City, Transforming our places – Have your Say. Mr Garratt said that although the consultation had just finished the Consultation Hub was still handling thoughts to take through to the next stage.

The City Centre Transformation was about the development of transportation and in tandem with the Development of Low Emission Zones. Mr Garratt gave the CC an insight into the themes underpinning the vision in a chart illustrating how themes were integrated: Fair and inspiring / Healthy Environment / Smart and thriving.

The Council's Preferred approach to taking the Plan forward will be in May next year with targets on Lower emissions and a City Mobility Plan setting out ideas on what sort of vehicles will be impacting on us and; how will this affect the Air Quality (Standards) and how we shall management this.

Mr Garratt invited a range of questions in regard to what the infrastructure development plans at Granton and City Centre would impact Stockbridge in the middle. Mr Garratt emphasised the Key Criterion the City embraces that the centre will not be improved at the cost of the areas around it. He gave the CC his contact email for any further enquiries: [will.garratt@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:will.garratt@edinburgh.gov.uk)

Following Mr Garratt's departure there was some discussion about the prospective Tourist Tax and how it might be used.

Jerry said that he was not able to attend the Association of Edinburgh Community Councils AGM and asked if any CC member was able to go in his stead. Nigel Clark agreed to go.

**7.Date and time of next meeting:** 16 January 2019 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.