

# Stockbridge & Inverleith community council

January 16 2019 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 January 2019  
at Stockbridge Parish Church , Edinburgh

**Present, S&ICC:** Nigel Bagshaw (Chair); Joan Beattie (rep on Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership); David Chamberlain (Treasurer); Nigel Clark (minutes); Gregan Crawford; Alex Johnson; Andrew Morrison; Clive Preston (Vice Chair); Penny Richardson (Licensing)

**Members of the Community, including:** Georgia Artus; Douglas Lowe; Kate Mackay; Maggie Dawson; Alan Murphy; Colin Glyne Percy; Rod Shearer; Bruce Wilson; PC Holly Matheson

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

**Apologies for absence:** Pam Barnes (Planning Officer); John Cowie; Tannis Dodd (Secretary); Jerry Ozaniec (Environment and Transport)  
MP Deidre Brock; Cllrs Gavin Barrie; Cllr Iain Whyte

CC Chair Nigel Bagshaw welcomed everyone and opened the meeting

1. **Minutes** of last meeting 21 November 2018. There were no comments or observations regarding the previous minutes Joan Beattie proposed acceptance and seconded by Gregan Crawford. There were no matters arising.

## 2. **Brief reports:**

a. **Police Scotland** PC Matheson reported on the range of community based duties she and colleagues were carrying out including :

Dealing with on-going private issues such as neighbour disputes or mental health issues and are regularly patrolling Stockbridge on foot and accompanied at times with the Environment warden round Stockbridge Market.

There have been very few criminal incidents in Stockbridge; the police have carried out a “drop-in” session on safety awareness raising on 13 December at No 7 Raeburn Place in addition to surgeries at the Library (next one on 22 January).

As part of their work they were also supporting a charity for kids. Laura Addison will be replacing PC Neville Richardson and hopefully will attend the next CC meeting.

There was some discussion around the effectiveness of the 20 mph speed restrictions and Cllr Osler said she thought there was a marked change to lower speeds locally and in general people thought this was a cultural change for the better. Joan Beattie asked if there were statistics which could prove that the lower speed limits were working effectively.

PC Matheson reiterated plea for any observations about how they can effectively deal with the large congregation of youths in the Sundial Garden. “Please let me know if you have any suggestions. If you feel you should be included in a meeting please email me at:”

[EdinburghinverleithCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EdinburghinverleithCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

b. **Councillors** (on any local matters/action points):

Cllr Osler said she was working with Council Waste managers in trying to address the issue of poor uplift of the waste on behalf of individuals and the neglect in general of clearing the bins. It was noted that the appearance of the discarded Christmas trees was now adding to the chaotic situation. The uplift for householders waste is normally on Tuesdays and Fridays. No collections are made on a Monday.

Cllr Osler referred to the 'fixing' of the Stockbridge Clock (above Pizza Express) and said it was the Council's responsibility and they have been informed that it is not working and they are to repair it.

c. **Chair** Nigel Bagshaw said that he had no specific report for the meeting.

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: £2,600 and reminded the CC that there were two months to the end of the financial year. Nigel asked CC members what if any future plans required funding.

Joan Beattie apprised the CC of the progress of plans for the traffic free day in June and that £4,000 funding may be required to oversee publicising the event about May 2019 and subsequent arrangements for cordoning off Raeburn Place under Traffic Regulation Orders.

Further discussion took place about eligibility for money from either small grants or the Community grant Pot for 2018/19. Examples from neighbouring areas were cited as may be appropriate for Stockbridge to claim from the Locality budget of £11,000.

f. **Environment;** including Transport: In Jerry Ozaniec's absence Nigel gave the CC a verbal update from Jerry's report uploaded to the website including on-going feasibility study for the Water of Leith Valley Improvement Proposals and the Dean Water of Leith diversion landslip investigations.

A 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 apprised the CC of two licensing applications going through by the 10<sup>th</sup> January deadline: there were signage issues raised about Mirienda of NW Circus Place which is applying for a license extension to midnight (currently 10pm); this is designated as a delicatessen and wine shop though functions as a restaurant; the CC agreed to oppose this license extension because Merienda is in a mainly residential area. The Ferranti Bowling Club, whose lease is up shortly and whose facilities might usefully be shared by visitors to Inverleith Park, wishes to change from a club to a public house.

Additionally Penny briefed the CC that The Licensing Board's consultation on its statement of licencing policy and Annual Action Plan was going for approval in March.

Nigel thanked Penny on behalf of the CC for all the hard and thorough work she has put in persevering with, at times, a complex process of arrangements.

**Planning:** Pam Barnes provided a detailed report in which Nigel read out aspects on three items of note:

1. The Botanics have made their plans to make some changes in the NE corner of their site as part of the refurbishment of the glasshouses and the plant nursery for which they consulted local residents. There will be a major planned restoration of the Victorian Greenhouses (£70m) and the 1960s cantilevered houses in order to meet extensive repairs. There will be an application at the end of January for erection of a proposed biosphere to replace glasshouses and likely remove some green space.

2. Changed plans of use for the site of the former public toilets at Canon Mills, a site very close to the river's edge for proposed restaurant. An architect's preview is given and it seems the new building is to be cantilevered over the river.

3. The site of the Accies Rugby Club at the west end of Raeburn Place on what are legally contested issues as to whether changes made to the plan are of a "non-material nature" from the original application. Additionally, since the on-going clearance work on site suggests an increase in size of the bases of the units to be constructed. The CC has sent in objections to the large numbers of changes proposed. It was suggested that the Raeburn Association be invited to the next CC to keep residents up to date with the important development. Nigel said he would write to them with an invitation.

Further to this report on the Accies ground, Douglas Lowe spoke from the floor to say that his company The Grange Trust owned the “ransom strip” fronting the development on Comely bank Road and that the issue of land rights in this case is being contested in the Court of Session.

Dementia Project: Georgia Artus from LifeCare informed the CC of the project aiming to create a Dementia friendly Stockbridge by running a series of events in the spring raising awareness. Additionally Georgia mentioned that there would be a calendar of local history lessons and they would take place on the last Tuesday of each month. She asked if members of the CC knew of anyone who could speak on the history of Stockbridge for a slot on either the August or December meetings. David suggested proposals and recommendations to the next meeting.

Also involving a number of people in the community, John Cowie, Penny Richardson and Alex Johnson were working towards partnerships aimed at getting more support for people with Dementia.

**AoB** – Penny raised the issue of problems of Parking at the Western General and suggested it be raised as an issue at the next CC.

**Date and time of next meeting:** 20 February 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.