

# Stockbridge & Inverleith

community council

## February 2019 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 February 2019  
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; John Cowie; Andrew Morrison; Jerry Ozaniec (Environment and Transport); Clive Preston (Vice Chair);

**Members of the Community:** Maggie Ferguson; James Simpson; Alan Murphy; Margaret Hill; PC Holly Matheson (Police); PC Laura Addison

**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;

CC Chair Nigel Bagshaw welcomed everyone and opened the meeting;

1. **Minutes** of last meeting 16 January 2019. He read out a change to previous minutes requested by Penny Richardson - the Minutes of 16 January were then approved. There were no matters arising.

2. Brief reports:

a. **Police Scotland** PC Matheson introduced PC Laura Addison, response officer funded by Edinburgh Council and updated the CC from observations of the routine patrols in the Stockbridge area. There has been a reduction in anti-social behaviour in Inverleith Park and with youth patrols in the holidays this has now settled down. There have been no calls received about unruly behaviour. Patrols at night have been carried out at the Saunders Street flats in response to complaints about people sleeping in the bin areas and stairwells here and people have been moved on and referred to partner agencies that offer support.

Licensing checks have been carried out and there are no issues outstanding. There are regular foot patrols carried out and "Roadside Education" proposals are being considered to survey the roads for speeding.

PC Matheson takes part in the two weekly surgeries at the Stockbridge Library.

If members of the CC have any observations or to be included in future meetings email:

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b. **Councillors** (on any local matters/action points): Cllr Mitchell said that the Council was seeking savings through curtailing the opening hours of the public toilets. This was greeted with dismay at the meeting where the lack of toilet facilities is an on-going issue. The only pub in the area (paid £500 / year) to allow members of the public access to use the toilets is The Orchard at Canon Mills.

Cllr Osler reported on progress with the Water of Leith landslip: a procedural hearing is going through the courts and the next stage will address compensation, seeking reinstatement and subsequent opening of the path.

Bin emptying in the local area: streets that are being missed. Cllrs ask that they be kept informed where the bins are not being emptied so that they can raise this on residents' behalf and so they can track problem areas. Cheyne Street was one such area where bins have not been emptied.

The drainage problem in Inverleith Park had originally been budgeted for but money has no longer been provided for this in the 2019 budget.

Pam Barnes enquired about an amount of money (£100,000) which had been originally pledged for the Park with the original application for the Accies site development. Do Councillors know what the situation is here?

c. **Chair** Nigel Bagshaw said that the Invitation sent out to the Raeburn Place Foundation for an update on the Accies site had not been responded to. It was suggested to make an invitation to the Head of the Foundation.

d. **Secretary:** Tannis Dodd gave her apologies for absence; no report was submitted. It was raised that the CC had an opportunity to send someone to attend the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Jerry Ozaniec said he was prepared to go and report back to the next CC meeting.

e. **Treasurer:** David Chamberlain stated that the current balance of the account for the Community Council stands at £2,500 and financial year ends at the end of March. No new calls on the fund were lodged.

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 which have been uploaded to the website.  
Jerry handed out his report.

Joan Beattie noted that some vehicles, particularly the brewery drays mount the pavement in St Stephens street and as a consequence mark and break up the pavement tiles in the street. This is a risk to pedestrians tripping in the street. It will in the end incur cost for repairs of expensive tiles hard fought for. It also is detrimental to the pleasant amenity the new tiles give the aspect to the street.

g. Transport – as above.

h. **Licensing and Planning-** Penny Richardson was absent and so Nigel Bagshaw read from Penny's report for CC information which included the extension of The Accies license and approval of The Ferranti Bowling Club license though they have only a small number of active bowling members. Also approved was the extension of the licencing hours for the Merienda Restaurant; the CC had objected to the latter two applications.

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 on the go-ahead for the conversion into a café of the former toilets at Canonmills, 4-5 Brandon Terrace. The conversion would involve the addition of a storey which would overhang the Water of Leith.

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.

Botanics Planning Approval Notification opportunity for people to have their say. Whilst the development work is being carried out, they will establish an entrance on the northern side of the gardens.

Pam reported on the updating of the scheme of delegation and the way in which decisions are made.

Cllr Osler appraised the CC. about the future of the Edinburgh Partnership and the NW Locality Plan and the effect on funding projects in the future. Locality Manager (Peter Strong) had still to sign it off current funding bids and when this is done it will confirm the grant of £5,000 for the Summer Solstice event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. Part of the grant monies will be used to pay for an events manager.

Jerry Ozaniec noted that there was too long a gap between meetings over the summer months and at Christmas too. After a short discussion it was agreed to hold an extra community Council meeting this year during July.

John Cowie, Alex Johnson and Penny Richardson are all working on making Stockbridge a Dementia friendly community. John described for the CC. the discussions taking place with LifeCare and the dementia Arts Festival in May. Broughton High School will also be involved with a full programme of events planned for May.

**7.Date and time of next meeting:** Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 7.00pm.

Please note **the meeting will take place at the LifeCare Centre, 2 Cheyne Street (EH4 1JB)**

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 - [stockbridgeandinverleithcc@gmail.com](mailto:stockbridgeandinverleithcc@gmail.com)