

Stockbridge & Inverleith community council

March 2019 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2019
at LifeCare, 2 Cheyne Street, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Present, S&ICC: Nigel Bagshaw (Chair); Pam Barnes (Planning Officer); Joan Beattie (rep on Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership); David Chamberlain (Treasurer); Tannis Dodd (Secretary); Nigel Clark (Minutes); John Cowie; Gregan Crawford; Andrew Morrison; Jerry Ozaniec (Environment and Transport); Clive Preston (Vice Chair);

Members of the Community, including: PC Laura Addison (Police); Maggie Ferguson; Alan Murphy; Rona Carson

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

Apologies for absence: Penny Richardson (Licensing); Alex Johnson; Majid Robinson; Cllr Max Mitchell; MP Deidre Brock;

CC Chair Nigel Bagshaw welcomed everyone and opened the meeting;

1. **Minutes** of last meeting 20 February 2019. The Minutes of 20 February were approved. There were no matters arising.

2. Brief reports:

a. **Police Scotland** PC Laura Addison, response officer updated the CC from observations of the routine patrols in the Stockbridge area.

Littering: along with the schools link officer, police were talking to the schools about the rising amount of litter being left in the streets.

Laura also notified everyone of the planned crime prevention event at Stewart Melville's College where there will be information about security particularly as it relates to house breaking. There will be a Q and A session and an opportunity to learn more about protecting against bike theft There would be a demonstration of bike marking.

Although there has been a reduction in anti-social behaviour in Inverleith Park they were going to continue with youth patrols in the Easter holidays.

As part of the Community Alcohol partnership addressing underage drinking the Police were speaking to shops and schools and the students (4th April).

Licensing checks have been carried out and there are no issues outstanding.

As part of the "Roadside Education" patrols a number of vehicles had been stopped locally and a number of traffic violations were issued.

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

Bin emptying in the local area was still inconsistent said Cllr Osler and that some streets are being missed off the rota including communal bins, especially in the colonies and the Dean Village. Cllrs ask that they be kept informed where the bins are not being emptied so that they can raise concerns on residents' behalf and so they can track problem areas.

The number of bins in George V Park has been reduced but more frequent lifts are to take place.

An Information/explanation of the development at Canonmills is to be released on Friday.

There will be a briefing soon concerning the Water of Leith landslip which should spell out its resolution.

There is to be a public meeting next week on the Water of Leith Dean Valley improvement proposals consultation.

Cllrs were seeking to remedy the situation where the lowest level category of Council provided Evening Classes concessionary prices has been removed.

c. **Chair** Nigel Bagshaw sent an invitation to the Raeburn Foundation for an update on the Accies site but was informed that no one was available. It was suggested to send an invitation to the Head of the Foundation.

Nigel read out an email from Louise from the Raeburn Foundation updating the CC about the Accies development and explained the Foundation head David Newlands was not available for comment.

Nigel said the invitation was always available. The CC would post up the link on the website (Gregar keeps the website up to date) www.raeburnplacefoundation.org

The project to build the outlets is to be finished this October 2019.

Pam reiterated her request from an earlier CC as to whether substantial monies to be made available to the Inverleith Park part of the "Community pay off" on the back off the development was ever made.

Cllrs present at the CC meeting thought that the monies were spent in the improvements to the drainage in the park. They said they would seek clarification from the department concerned as to what was spent and where.

David Chamberlain understood that residents of North Park Terrace were to have their car parking places reduced by five. Could Cllrs please clarify that this is to be the case.

Chair report: Nigel Bagshaw clarified that resources that the CC can access from the NW Locality Community fund include £11,500 of which at least £5,000 would fund an events manager and other aspects of the Summer Solstice event in Raeburn Place. It was suggested that monies not used in the course of staging the events should be allocated to priorities of the Blackhall and Inverleith communities but that would require approval from the City of Edinburgh Council.

Nigel went on to say that volunteers were need to help with erecting and maintaining barriers on the day of the event.

d. **Secretary:** Tannis Dodd said that there was nothing to report.

e. **Treasurer:** David Chamberlain stated that the current balance of the account for the Community Council still stands at £2,500 with the run up to the end of the financial year ends at the end of March.

f. **Environment;** including Transport: Jerry Ozaniec said there were two meetings of the Transport Committee and Jerry submitted a written report and note of traffic disruptions and Footway improvements and changes have been uploaded to the website.

g. **Transport:** Jerry was able to report that The Transport and Environment Committee has met twice this year and has decided on a number of issues including:

The approval of the extension of the tram to Newhaven.

Also "particular attention for our Council should be paid to the following:"

Inverleith Row is one of the "Air Quality Management Areas" in Edinburgh where NO2 air pollution from road traffic has consistently breached legal safety limits.

The annual Review of the Parks Manifesto is due in May. This will cover Inverleith Park and; the Public Spaces and Parks Manifesto is due in December.

Cllr Osler said that a budget review was to take place with regard to Council assets such as the depots in Great Hill Road / Avenue and also the depot in Inverleith Park will in turn be reviewed. The results would be set out in the Edinburgh Community Plan.

Cllr Osler said that Inverleith Park would in the future see more commercial use of its space to host events and this in turn will bring greater wear and tear on the park. We need to allow for this protection in the long term through ensuring adequate budgets are made available.

Joan Beattie said that a meeting to review use of the Inverleith Park was to be staged at Broughton High School on the evening of 26 March hosted by the Council and Edinburgh University.

A Community Study concerning Water of Leith Valley Improvement Proposals (Dean to Stockbridge Section) is underway and the outcome will be reported when available.

There is a plan to implement **electric vehicle charging points** and the proposed sites in our areas are: India Street/Circus Gardens; Fettes Avenue and Comely Bank Avenue.

Cllr Osler said that there was to be a review of parking and emission zones which might result in some zones becoming smaller should the Council extend its "Parking neutral" policy.

h. Licensing and Planning- Penny Richardson was absent and so Nigel Bagshaw read from Penny's report for CC..

The Link to consultation on policy of overprovision is as follows:<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cg/overprovision/>

Planning: Pam Barnes updated members on the go-ahead for the Botanic plans to make changes in the NE corner of their site as part of the refurbishment of the glasshouses and the plant nursery. Pam showed an illustration of the new glasshouses structures to replace the old ones

Pam was to write on behalf of the Community Council on its impact on Inverleith Row and send a link to the CC Secretary.

Cllr Osler apprised the CC. about the future of the Edinburgh Partnership and the NW Locality Plan. The NW Locality Plan will be the last one next Thursday and a new paper on replacement structures will go to the next full Council.

Jerry reported back on his attendance of the Association of Edinburgh Community Councils (EACC) meeting on Thursday 21st February. He said it was very useful and he would attend meetings in the future and keep the CC up to date with issues raised.

John Cowie updated the CC on the up coming events during May on raising awareness of **Dementia** in the community. He and Penny Richardson and Alex Johnson are all working on making Stockbridge a Dementia friendly community. John described for the CC. the discussions taking place with LifeCare.

Nigel Clark gave a short update on the progress the steering Group were making in forming the constitution for the **Stockbridge Development Community Trust**. There was to be a public information and consultation event planned for 26 June. Joan Beattie asked that he send on the publicity for this so she could include it in the CC publicity.

This also included project work members were undertaking on the Dementia friendly community partnerships; Shop front improvements and the creation of a nature corridor along the Deanhaugh Path Water of Leith.

The Water of Leith Clean up planned for May - Nigel C reported that he had been in contact with the Water of Leith Conservation Trust and he said he would coordinate the clean up on behalf of the CC. with other partners for this year – a Sunday in May still to be decided.

7.Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 7.00pm.

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.