

# Stockbridge & Inverleith

community council

## April 2019 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on Wednesday 17 April 2019  
at Stockbridge Parish Church, Saxe Coburg 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; Alex Johnson; Andrew Morrison; Jerry Ozaniec (Environment and Transport)

**Members of the Community, including:** PC Holly Matheson (Police); Maggie Ferguson; Margaret Hill; Alan Murphy;

**Ward Councillors and Member of Parliament:** Cllr. Hal Osler

**Apologies for absence:** Gregan Crawford; Clive Preston (Vice Chair); Penny Richardson (Licensing); Cllr Max Mitchell; MP Deidre Brock;

**CC Chair** Nigel Bagshaw welcomed everyone and opened the meeting;

1. **Minutes** of last meeting 20 March 2019. The Minutes of 20 March were approved with the extra note about the Accies ground notices and reminder of the contact address:

[info@raeburnplace.org](mailto:info@raeburnplace.org) and the link on the CC website: [www.raeburnplacefoundation.org](http://www.raeburnplacefoundation.org)

Matters Arising

Cllr Osler said that the variance in planning application for the site at Canonmills had been found in favour of applicants as the changes had been made within the allocated time frame.

John confirmed the information leaflet had now been produced for the (Dementia) events planned for May. An electronic version will be put on the CC website.

2. Brief reports:

a. **Police Scotland** PC Holly Matheson, updated the CC on a number of on-going issues arising from observations of the routine speed checks and patrols in the Stockbridge area.

This included a summary of things raised at the fortnightly surgeries at the Library and Costa Coffee in Raeburn Place. 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.

PC Matheson asked if there had been any issues regarding safety walking in the Warriston Cemetery. No safety concerns were raised.

There will be someone there at the Summer Solstice event to security mark bicycles.

PC Matheson was able to pass on advice to members' queries regarding Dementia for someone who catches a bus on a regular basis, and regarding what can be done about vehicles obstructing the pavements – particularly large trades' vans parked all day. Saxe-Coburg Street was particularly affected. Police will ask drivers to move where this is excessive. Members should phone 101 plus email the police where there are problems.

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

Public toilets across the city are to be kept open. (note: Network Rail have dropped charges for using the public toilets at the stations)

Cllr Osler reported that the on-line system of parking permits was still a problem for residents trying to access permits for their vehicles.

Communal waste bin uplifts are still problematic and there is no schedule for lifting the bins with stairwell bins often left full. There is no system for tracking in place that shows which bins have been emptied.

There was a discussion with regard to the Dean Valley Regeneration phase two improvement proposals and what should happen next.

The Dean Valley Regeneration Ltd claim community support for their plans but there are general concerns of the removal of trees and restoring the bank. There is also the plan to take invasive plants out of the structures but there is no overall control because land is owned by different groups. There are the private gardens (Moray Place gardens) coming down to the path and their responsibility for addressing flooding that occurs from time to time.

It was suggested setting up a working group to establish community support.

Money was previously set aside for the resurfacing of the Snakey path coming down from Saxe-Coburg but it is not currently specifically earmarked to be done.

The utilisation levels of Council depots within the City's parks are shortly to be reviewed and this will include the one in Inverleith Park.

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 stands at £16,550.

f. **Environment;** Jerry Ozaniec had prepared reports circulated.

The Deanhaugh Path Water of Leith annual clean up date is now set for 2 June 2019 and everyone is encouraged to get involved. It was suggested a poster be created to publicise the event.

There was an invite from Living Streets' Edinburgh Group to join them in a street walk round Stockbridge to identify fixed 'clutter' especially permanent items e.g. redundant poles etc. with aim of having items removed. Nigel C said he would assist Jerry in arranging a date for this.

g. **Transport:** Jerry submitted a written report and note of traffic disruptions and Footway improvements and changes have been uploaded to the website.

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.

Nigel C said that the meeting to review use of the Inverleith Park staged at Broughton High School on the evening of 26 March hosted by the Council and Edinburgh University was very useful. It was attended by local councillors and a number of members of the CC.

h. **Licensing and Planning-** Apologies for absence were received from Penny Richardson.

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 Botanics plans to make changes in the north east corner of their site as part of the refurbishment of the glasshouses and the plant nursery. Pam reminded everyone of the artist's illustration of the new glasshouses structures Pam was to write on behalf of the Community Council on its impact on Inverleith Row and send a link to the CC Secretary.

Pam sent in an objection to aspects of the Bio project; there were three main concerns: Collision of shapes, the shape, scale and height will dwarf the A listed 1967 glass houses. In addition the 'Lozenge' style shape doesn't fit the context with the existing building.

The entrances are planned to be amalgamated into one entrance on to Inverleith Place Lane.

The work will involve removing 48 mature trees.

Joan Beattie updated the CC on how plans for the Summer Solstice events were progressing including listing some of the day's participants:

Including: The Yard; The RSPB will provide activities; Sustrans and a Dementia friendly Community stall will be set up.

A skip on the street for removal of waste after the event has been arranged.

Posters advertising the events are to be distributed for display in the windows

Andrew and Alex will publicise events on the website and Twitter feed.

The Steering group launching the Stockbridge Community Development Trust will have a stall informing residents of their activities.

Warriston Residents Association have shown an interest in attending the next CC meeting.

**7.Date and time of next meeting:** Wednesday 15 May 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.

The Community Council AGM is planned to be held at the start of the next scheduled meeting in June (19/6/19)