

# Stockbridge & Inverleith community council

## June 2019 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on Wednesday 19 June 2019  
at Stockbridge Parish Church , Edinburgh

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

**Members of the Community, including:** (Police); PC Laura Addison

**Ward Councillors:** Max Mitchell; Hal Osler

**Apologies for absence:** Nigel Bagshaw (Chair); John Cowie; Penny Richardson (Licensing); Alex Johnson; MP Deidre Brock; Cllr Gavin Barrie

CC Vice Chair Clive Preston welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. **Minutes** of last meeting 15 May 2019. Clive read out a change to previous minutes requested by Penny Richardson in an updated licencing report and with this noted the Minutes were approved. There were no matters arising.

2. Brief reports:

a. **Police Scotland** PC Addison gave a summary of recent activities including a successful sequence of speed stops and cautions given to drivers parking on the zig zag markings at the school. Also they had a presence at Comely Bank Avenue to deter speeding there. There have been no serious problems and no serious instances of anti social behaviours to report. Further traffic surveillance is planned in the area in the near future. A number of instances were reported where speeding cyclists on the pavements have nearly caused accidents. PC Addison acknowledged the concerns and reiterated that cycling on the pavements is against the law.

PC Addison said she was transferring to another division within the Police Force and members thanked her for all her work on behalf of the community and wished her well in the new job.

If members of the CC have any observations or to be included in future meetings email: [EdinburghinverleithCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EdinburghinverleithCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

b. **Councillors** (on any local matters/action points): Cllr Osler said they are taking up a number of concerns raised by residents particularly over double parking and speeding vehicles especially around Comely Bank Avenue. Near accidents have been reported. The council's approach in reducing overall speeding under the twenty miles an hour signage on the city's roads shows a drop in the number of accidents. Members asked whether there were actual statistics on the number of accidents throughout this period and Cllrs said that they expect statistics to be published in due course.

Cllrs were also taking up frustrations over inconsistent bin collections including where they are still being missed around Comely Bank Avenue. Parking permits purchased on line are still proving problematic and a number of members said they still had difficulty procuring their permits on line.

c. **Chair** Clive Preston welcomed the comments and thanked the Councillors for their hard work on behalf of the community.

d. **Secretary:** Tannis Dodd said Community Council elections are to be held by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

e. **Treasurer:** David Chamberlain referred to his written statement as of 31 March 2019 which he had distributed at the AGM just held previously.

f. **Environment:** Jerry Ozaniec said the Water of Leith annual clean up supported by the local communities was very well attended and remains a worthwhile undertaking on the annual calendar.

Jerry said that the Dean Valley Improvement implementation group were due to report on their proposals due later this month. He added that there were other reports due this month that includes a Parks manifesto and one on the usage of communal bins.

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

h. **Licensing and Planning-** Penny Richardson was absent and so Gregan Crawford reported on behalf of Penny that an application for a late license by Whiskers on Raeburn Place had been refused, but they were told they could apply for the occasional late licence. Penny indicated she intends to stand down from the licensing Forum though continue as a member of the Community Council.

**Planning:** Pam Barnes said that there were no local applications to report on, but confirming the Planning Bill was going through Holyrood going against the public's right of appeal; that only developers have right of appeal. With regard to the big plans for Edinburgh's future said that there were various surveys online and we should log on to Edinburgh Changes. The Cockburn Association have concerns about Scottish Government plans and there was to be consultation later this month at McDonald Road library on Wednesday 26 June.

**Sumer Solstice:** Joan Beattie listed the number of events planned for the day and that they are all well supported by the local traders on Raeburn Place and the day promised to be a very lively one. Jerry Ozaniec said he would help with a stall promoting the Community Council at the Sumer Solstice event and Cllr Mitchell promised to look out the Council's publicity leaflets on Community Councils to hand in to the stall on the day.

Jerry Ozaniec said that he was still waiting to hear from Living Streets Edinburgh about fixing a date to do a joint survey of the local streets. He would inform the CC in due course once a day was fixed.

A member of the Parent Council at the Broughton High School said they were still waiting to hear if the Council would install a traffic island from Broughton High School to Inverleith Park to alleviate safety concerns at this busy crossing. Cllr Mitchell said he would pursue this issue and the reason for the delay and report back on progress.

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

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