

Stockbridge & Inverleith
community council

October 2019 Draft minutes

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

Present: Clive Preston; Pam Barnes; Joan Beattie; Nigel Clark; Gregan Crawford; Tannis Dodd; Andrew Morrison; Penny Richardson; Jenny Bute; Carolyn Hutchinson; Aidan Dennis; Patricia Harrison; Shirley Ellis

Ward Councillors: Cllrs. Iain Whyte; Max Mitchell

Apologies for absence:

PC Ros Milne; John Cowie; Alex Johnson; Jerry Ozaniec; Rona Carson; MP Deidre Brock; Cllr Hal Osler

Cllr Whyte took the chair as Electoral Returning Officer in order to establish the membership for the new Community Council and confirm the election of new members

He welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the announcement of the validated names that had been forwarded to him for elected membership of the Stockbridge and Inverleith Community Council. They are as follows:

David Chamberlain; John Cowie; Clive Preston; Gregan Crawford; Andrew Morrison; Pam Barnes; Tannis Dodd; Nigel Clark

Registered local interest group The Inverleith Society Secretary: Rona Carson

All above names for membership were agreed at the meeting.

Cllr Whyte asked for nominations from these names for the posts of Chair; Secretary and Treasurer.

Nominations for the (essential) posts of Chair; Secretary and Treasurer of the Community Council were as follows:

Chair of the Community Council:

Clive Preston - proposed by Tannis Dodd; seconded by Gregan Crawford

Secretary of the Community Council:

Tannis Dodd - proposed by Gregan Crawford; seconded by David Chamberlain

Treasurer: David Chamberlain - proposed by Penny Richardson; seconded by Gregan Crawford

It was agreed that the above officers would serve in the capacities proposed.

Clive stated that in agreeing to take the office he made it clear that he did not use a computer or have an email address and requested that correspondence be sent by post or contact be made by telephone. This was agreed.

The role of "Engagement Officer" is an optional post. This is a new post recommended in the new scheme for Community Councils. The meeting was asked whether there were any nominations for the post. None present came forward but it was suggested that Rona Carson (who was not present) be approached to see if she would be interested. The Community council agreed to hold over the nominations for this post until the next meeting. Cllr Iain Whyte to be informed once this post is filled.

Clive Preston took the chair. Nigel Clark agreed to take the minutes. Co-opted members nominated by Clive Preston and seconded by Gregan Crawford are as follows:

Penny Richardson; Jerry Ozaniec

The role of Vice Chair was discussed and nominations were invited to fill this important role. No nominations were put forward from the public meeting but it was suggested that Jerry Ozaniec be approached to see if he was interested. Clive Preston agreed to approach Jerry and report back at the next meeting.

Clive Preston asked whether the frequency of meetings should be kept the same as previously. i.e. The Community Council meet on every third Wednesday of each month excepting August and December. This was agreed.

Clive Preston asked if the members who had carried out set roles in the C.C. previously i.e. Environment and Transport (Jerry); Licensing (Penny); Planning (Pam) were happy to continue doing so, this was agreed.

Joan Beattie said she would continue to attend as rep for the North West Neighbourhood Network Locality Group even though no longer a Community Councillor. She said she would also continue to place Community news information in the public noticeboards in the community.

Gregan Crawford said he would be happy to continue to place updates and appropriate community links on the CC website.

Clive Preston thanked everyone for their continued work in support of the Community Council.

1. **Minutes** of last meeting of September 2019. Clive asked whether the previous minutes be agreed. Penny referred to correct the wording of the relicensing report: which should read "for extended opening hours up till 1.00 am". Clive noted the correction as requested the minutes be appropriately reworded and with this noted the Minutes were approved. There were no matters arising.

2. Brief reports:

a. **Police Scotland** in the absence of PC Ros Milne Tannis Dodd read out to the meeting a statement prepared by PC Milne as to the police work over this period in following up on public complaints and their patrols addressing antisocial behaviour and parking infringements.

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

Cllr Mitchell said there was going to be considerable disruption in Raeburn Place and Deanhaugh street in the near future with SGN preparing to renew gas piping. The work is scheduled to commence on 6th January 2020 and last until 26th July 2020.

Gregan Crawford was able to elaborate on this having made contact with Matt Ferguson of Scottish Gas Network about their plans.

The work is to be carried out in two phases: Phase 1 of 8 weeks which will see road closure and temporary traffic lights in Deanhaugh Street.

The second phase of 22 weeks will see Raeburn Place closed to traffic for westbound vehicles over this period.

It was suggested that the CC invite a SGN manager to one of our meetings but the timing of this would mean that information would not be time relevant. There will be an drop in

information session at the Stockbridge Library on Monday 11 November at 4.45 and 7.45pm however and a website set up devoted to update of information. (A note from their correspondence is posted at the end of these minutes)

It was suggested that the Community Council has a role in engaging with the traders and residents to promote the message of “business as usual” in the affected streets. It was hoped that there was coordination in all of this that ensured that on the completion of the work there was no immediate call upon more disruption from further utility upgrade requirement! It was suggested that a public meeting be arranged by the CC to which Matt Ferguson and reps from the council roads department could give further information – to which traders and residents could be invited. Gregan Crawford agreed to contact Matt Ferguson.

Cllr Mitchell referred to work ahead from the Council’s Streetswork Team dealing with the Roads and Pavements upgrades. Joan Beattie asked about the promised improvements to the ‘Snakey’ and the crossing at the Botanics as well as the planned crossing on Dean Park Crescent. Cllr Mitchell said that they were definitely delayed given the sizable cuts required and the impact this would have on local services.

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 there was nothing to report.

e. **Treasurer:** David Chamberlain reported that the accounts being drawn up still had regard to the tidying up of receipts for the Summer Solstice events outstanding.

f. **Environment:** In Jerry Ozaniec’s absence Clive read from Jerry’s written report.

g. **Transport:** Jerry Ozaniec’s report referred to traffic disruptions and Footway improvements and changes have been uploaded to the website.

h. **Licensing and Planning:** Penny said they was a licensing extended recruitment to 9th November 2019. Penny, with a view to secure a smooth role continuation when she steps down asked that during the course of the next year someone work with her on the licensing cases as they emerge. This was agreed.

Planning: Pam Barnes referred to two local planning applications for the same site at the Accies Development site on Comely Bank Road. One had been agreed already regarding the Amarone restaurant and its enclosed outside area. Pam reminded the CC of the original publicity accompanying the planning application which stated that the community and traders would gain a public plaza (public realm) of active space of significant value. The frontage would form a synergy of units to compliment this design and now these applications represented significant encroachment and were contrary to the local authorities plan.

Any other Business –Lady Bute said that the planting of silver birches on the Rocheid Path had gone ahead with no regard to their maintenance and they had died. This had been a waste of public money and planning. CC agreed to take this issue forward. Gregan Crawford said how unsatisfactory it was that new legislation still allowed trade vehicles to park on pavements (20 minutes) and how inconsiderate this was for pavement users and it caused cracking and damage to pavement tiles.

7.Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 20 November 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.

Scottish Gas Network note of the Raeburn Place Plans

This essential work involves the replacement of old, metal gas mains with new plastic pipe to ensure a continued safe and reliable gas supply.

In agreement with the City of Edinburgh Council and local authorities, our work in the Raeburn Place area of Edinburgh will begin on Monday 6 January 2020 and last approximately 30 weeks. Some road closures will be in place, but we've split the work into two phases to minimise disruption.

Phase one - approximately eight weeks

Our project will start in Deanhaugh Street on 6 January. The road will be closed and a signed diversion route will be in place for motorists. We'll also have temporary traffic lights in place at the junctions with Hamilton Place and Haugh Street for approximately four weeks.

Phase two - approximately 22 weeks

Our engineers will then progress into Raeburn Place and the road will be closed to westbound traffic for the duration of this phase. A signed diversion route will be in place for motorists.

For the duration of our project, there will be restricted parking on Deanhaugh Street and Raeburn Place. Other parking suspensions will be in place at times in surrounding streets. You'll find further details, such as where we'll be working, in the attached leaflet.

We'll have a dedicated person onsite throughout our project to help co-ordinate bin collections and deliveries for businesses.

We'll also have a designated person from our Customer Service team on site for the first few weeks of our project - you'll find them in Deanhaugh Street.

To help you understand more about our project, we're holding a drop-in session at Stockbridge Library on Monday 11 November. Come in and see us any time between 4.45pm and 7.45pm.

During this project we'll be working Monday to Friday between 7am - 5pm. We'll work extended hours and weekends when possible. We are mindful of those people who live in the area and will try to minimise noisy activities as much as we can.

We know that this is a busy area and wish to assure you that work will progress as quickly as possible and we'll be doing everything we can to limit delays and disruption.

The dedicated webpage for Raeburn Place is now live and there is a link to that from the card on one.network:

If you have any specific enquiries about this project, please call us on 0131 469 1718 during office hours (8am to 4.00pm) or 0800 912 0804 and our customer service team will be happy to help.