

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held on Wednesday 21st June 2023

in person only

a) In Attendance:

S&ICC Community Councillors: Clive Preston (Chair), Pam Barnes, David Chamberlain (Treasurer); Gregan Crawford (Acting Minutes Secretary);

Others: Joan Beattie, Sally Davies, Jerry Ozaniec

Ward Councillors: Cllr Jule Bandel, Cllr Max Mitchell, Cllr Vicki Nicholson

Apologies for absence: MP Diedre Brock, Tannis Dodd (Secretary), Cllr Hal Osler

b) Minutes of last AGM:

September 2022 AGM minutes were approved

c) Report of the Chair of the Community Council:

"Since the last AGM on 21st September 2022, the Community Council (C.C.) has met on eight occasions in person and on Zoom.

"Specific issues discussed have been: Flooding in various parts of the area, particularly in Eildon Street and the surrounding area; bin hubs; access to Veitch's Square; discontinuation of bus services; East/West traffic flows; Police input to C.C. meetings; antisocial behaviour, especially within Inverleith Park; planning applications at The Grange Club, 525 Ferry Road, Krem Karamel, Eyre Place, 5 Hamilton Place, George Heriots playing fields and Dean Bank House. Licencing applications have been monitored and comments submitted where appropriate.

"A second Public Meeting was held on 24th May, 2023 in collaboration with Home Energy Scotland (HES) to provide information on how to reduce heat loss from domestic properties, new techniques and possible financial support. Between 50 and 60 residents attended and I would like to thank Geoff Calder and HES for the time and effort they put into this venture.

"The C.C. made donations to Stockbridge Primary School's 'Safe, Slow, Stockbridge' campaign which was launched on April 28th, 2023 and which I and Ward Councillors attended. We also made donations to Broughton High School's 'Essential Kindness' project and to Warriston Residents Association for its Coronation Street Party and planting along one of the local walkways.

"Presentations were made by the architect and developer of the 525 Ferry Road site, and by Kirstie Warren on the 'Safe, Slow, Stockbridge' Campaign. Since March the C.C. has taken a page in Stockbridge Spotlight highlighting issues of note in the area and raising the C.C.'s profile.

"I attended Inverleith Neighbourhood Networks meetings and meetings of the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils meetings on zoom when I was able to

do so. In addition, I attended meetings organised by the Clean Heat Edinburgh Forum.

“At the last AGM I was confirmed as Chair, Tannis Dodd as Secretary, David Chamberlain as Treasurer. Again, no Vice Chair or Engagement Officer was appointed. Pam Barnes continued to look after planning issues, Gregan Crawford continued with management of the website and Ryan McGee continues to look after the Facebook page. Joan Beattie represented the C.C. within the Neighbourhood Network until she stepped down in October. No Licencing Officer was appointed. Alex Johnson, who contributed significantly to the C.C.’s meetings by overseeing our Zoom provision left the C.C. in April to continue his training in the Ministry. On behalf of the C.C. I would like to thank him for his invaluable contribution to the smooth running of our meetings and to wish him well in the future.

“I would also like to thank all of my C.C. colleagues, once again (especially Tannis), for their continuing support of the C.C. There are not many members of the C.C., but it is due to their time and effort that they give that allows the C.C. to continue to provide representation to the City of Edinburgh Council on behalf of residents of the area. My thanks also go to our Ward Councillors for their support and advice and to P.C. Holly Matheson for her Police reports.”

Cllr Nicholson reported to the meeting that Home Energy Scotland (HES) and Changeworks are moving from Newhaven Road to the former Scotsman offices in Orchard Brae House, Orchard Brae.

- d) Report of the Secretary – none, Tannis was absent
- e) Report of the Treasurer – David Chamberlain had provided details at the May meeting but stated that the account balance stood at approximately £1300 and that this year’s council grant had not yet arrived.
- f) Election of Office Bearers (Cllr Max Mitchell chairing this section):

Chair – Clive Preston (proposed by Gregan Crawford, seconded by Pam Barns)
Vice-Chair – (no applicants)
Secretary – Tannis Dodd (proposed by Pam Barns, seconded by Clive Preston)
Treasurer – David Chamberlain (proposed by Pam Barns, seconded by Clive Preston)
Engagement Officer – (no applicants)

Other (non-office bearer) positions:

Planning – Pam Barns
Licencing – (vacant)
North West Neighbourhood – Clive Preston
Website – Gregan Crawford

- g) AOCB:

There was a brief discussion on whether to move the C.C. meetings from the 3rd Wednesday of the month to the 2nd Wednesday of the month to allow attendance of some who find the 3rd Wednesday a problem. This is to be discussed further at the July ordinary meeting. The meeting was reminded that there will be no meetings of the C.C. in August and December, as usual.

Date for next AGM:

19th June 2024 (or possibly 12th June if meetings move to 2nd Wednesday of the month)