



April 2026 Draft minutes

of the meeting on April 15th, 2026
Stockbridge Parish Church, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Present, S&ICC: John Edward (Vice Chair); Gregan Crawford; Christian Low; Peter Wilson; Nigel Clark; Geoff Calder; Gregan Crawford; Devon Magliozzi.

Members of the Community: Dan Thompson; Amanda Adamson; Sandy Clark; Niamh Donellan (Lennox St Residents Association).

Ward Councillors and Member of Parliament: Cllr Max Mitchell; Cllr Hal Osler.

Apologies for absence: Clive Preston (Chair); Tannis Dodd (Secretary); Pam Barnes; Holly Harrison CC; Peter Chalmers.

S&CC Vice Chair - Welcome from John Edward

Minutes of the last meeting – approved.

Matters Arising

Local Improvement Fund

Peter Wilson put in application from this fund for a build out at the junction of North West Circus Place and India Place and the Council have approved this application. Scheduled for 2027/ 2028 but if the money comes available earlier then it will happen sooner. However, it is important that the designs are put forward earlier in case funds become available. The road narrowing outside the Pantry has been delayed rather than cancelled.

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Police - no report

Councillors Update

Cllr Max Mitchell

Scottish Power – power outages has written but has not yet had a response

Police were out in area doing speed checks. Warnings were given.

Consultation going on about Edinburgh having a drug consumption room where people can take drugs in a safe space – possibly in the Old Town but anyone can respond to the consultation.

Stockbridge Tap – full planning application granted and full building control was granted. Have been working flat out and should be finished this week. Christian has been monitoring the rubbish being left on the pavement and they have been moving it.

Cllr Osler

Ann Street and Upper Dean Terrace – have been talking about how to improve the area with residents – the hedgerow has been cutback however more can be done as it is a route to the Water of Leith. Need better understanding of how to manage the riverbank and the wall. Have been in conservation with Water of Leith Conservation. They are working towards a scheme to help improve the area and make some parts of it safer.

Councillors – The Council had a FOI request to ask all 63 City Councillors to tell them all of their case work. This information has been put on the Councils website. Two of our Councillors come in the top 10 for the number of cases they deal with. They have a lot of work, and they try their best to deal with all requests but as they have no support to help them it may take a few days to deal with it so bear with them. This is a very high generating ward for work. Ward work is only one aspect of their job.

Our ward is very high for voter turnout.

Chairperson – Clive Preston – no report.

Secretary -Tannis Dodd –

A survey was sent out to Community Councillors about Community Grants funds.

Treasurer - David Chamberlain

We have processed the grant money to LifeCare for their lighting renovations in one of their function rooms. They sent us a nice letter back to say thank you.

Roads and Transport – Geoff Calder

Raeburn Place work about to start for fibre optics – will last about 8 days.

EACC – Geoff to join a group set up by EACC regarding roadworks/ upgrades and how Community Councils get notified about them. TEC papers made a report that went to committee which set out that Community Councils should be better informed about roadworks/upgrades. Will try to populate the Council website with planned roadworks and improvements so people are aware of them. There are currently a lot of roadworks in the Davidson Mains area which has caused a fair bit of issues on the Queensferry Road.

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Planning and Licencing – Christian Low

Soto planning application was rejected. Christian hasn't checked to see if the refrigeration has been removed yet.

There are no contentious planning applications – just as stated last month - small applications.

Portgower Place – Neighbourhood Market – parking in the area becomes very difficult. Sandy would like representation to ask that the access to the site is by the gate at the end of Portgower Place and not the entrance by the hotel. Representations can't be made formally as temporary licences however last year there were complaints about the noise so they now look at issues separately.

No problematic licencing applications in this period. Christian will be keeping a close eye on outdoor seating licences and the temporary licences which are granted for the summer period. There will be extended licences granted for the World Cup.

Foodies – application for use of Inverleith Park. What can be done if there are noise complaints? If you have a noise complaint, then it must be logged asap in order to gather the appropriate information. Foodies do say that they monitor the noise throughout the festival. Perhaps ask where the site readings for the noise are done.

Environmental Issues – Peter Wilson

Scottish Forestry asked CC to comment on proposal to fell a lot of Ash trees on Fettes College grounds that run along Ferry Road. Most of these trees are dead or dying due to disease and the plan is to replace them with more suitable trees. Peter has agreed to send comments back on this matter. He has had a look at it and has no concerns re their plans.

Bins – Niamh Donellan – Lennox St residents association – they have been monitoring their presentation of the gull proof bags (GPS) waste – confused as to why the councils numbers which monitor this are different from the figures presented by the residents on a weekly basis. Cllr Osler and Cllr Mitchell have been very helpful in guiding them through this process. Also confused as the bin men have told them that they haven't been asked to do the count so not sure who is counting them. There is great support for the GPS scheme on the street. Suggested important to pose your questions into an email as to why there is a disparity?

Bin hubs – still a few contentious bin hubs causing upset – report about them has been released today – but looks like nothing will be done about them until 2027.

Inclusion and Engagement – John Edward

The noticeboard has gone from outside Franca Manca and has been passed onto Warriston Residents Association.

Police said there was spate of people trying doors and cars along Eildon St and up to the Warriston area. Also there have been incidences on the Goldenacre path - kids throwing things from bridges. There have been other incidents with bikes etc around the city. Hoping it will calm down again as school will start soon. Seems to be young teenagers involved.

Café Andaluz has offered their space for community use and John is to go and meet them to discuss what they can offer.

AOB

150th anniversary of Stockbridge Primary School in January next year.

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday May 20th, 2026, at 7pm.

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