



January 2026 Draft minutes

of the meeting on January 21st, 2026
Stockbridge Parish Church, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Present, S&ICC: Clive Preston (Chair); John Edward (Deputy Chair); Christian Low; Devon Magliozzi; Peter Wilson; Holly Harrison; Tannis Dodd (Secretary); Nigel Clark.

Members of the Community: Amanda Adamson; Sandy Clark; Dan Thompson; Morag Murray; Bill Keil (Warriston Residents Assoc); Niamh Donnellan (Lennox Residents Assoc).

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

Apologies for absence: Gregan Crawford CC; Geoff Calder CC; Dan Thompson; Peter Chalmers

CC Chairperson - Welcome from Clive Preston

Minutes of the last meeting – approved. Comment was made about the caravan parking on Fettes Avenue – Cllrs are continuing to try to find solutions to the problem of the vans overhanging the pavement and extending into the road – some options are extending parking bays or turning them around and also looking at payment options but no progress so far.

Matters Arising

Participatory Budgeting – no further progress on this. It was suggested we look at Community Grant Funding.

Plinths – they have been found and are safe at the depot. They have been put aside and may be able to be used in the plan for the new depot.

Police – No report

Councillors Update

Cllr Mitchell

New signage for dog fouling – still not ready to go up yet. Further requests from other streets have been received.

Bin uplifts – problems from Christmas still causing some delays and issues.

Glenogle Road – flooding on street caused by gullies and the camber of the road – they thought it was fixed but it is not yet.

Bin review – report is going to TEC next Thursday 29/1/26. Information is now available online. Several bin hubs that have been challenged are being moved to more suitable places

such as on the other side of the road. Lennox St is trialling gull proof bags and if this doesn't work, they will get bin hub on part of road where there are no properties.

Re reviews from phase 3 and 4 – only 5 hubs have been moved from their original site to what was requested by residents - disappointing.

Royal Circus is to trial gull proof sacks.

Cycle Hangars – some are in bad repair – they are supposed to be monitored but if you see one that needs attention then contact the relevant part of the Council or email our Councillors.

Christmas Trees – collection dates are still to come for collecting them.

A few bin hubs are prone to fly tipping – contact the Council and/or Councillors to report.

Niamh Donellan from Lennox St Residents Assoc updated us on the current situation there – there is to be monitoring of the use of gull proof sacks (GPS) on the street and she would like noted the number of people resident on the street as some houses are infrequently used and also to ensure that everyone on the street has a GPS as it has been difficult to acquire them. Cllr Mitchell said that anyone that needed a GPS but had been unable to get one should contact him.

City Budget due end of next week. Officials will be presenting what they will suggest for it on Friday. This includes changes to Council Tax etc.

Cllr Osler

Transient Visitor Levy – there is a paper on what it is going to be spent on. Town Centres is one of the options which could help Stockbridge / Raeburn Place. There is the possibility that some of the money could go to the Water of Leith and Inverleith Park.

Tram consultation – there has been a large number of responses and a further report will probably not be available until the summer.

Cllr Vicky Nicholson sent in some things she has been dealing with. Local Traffic Improvement Plan – was suggested that Peter Wilson put forward a proposal for widening of pavements at India Place junction.

Lighting at Edinburgh Academicals Playing Fields – the school has done testing and adjusted the lights – the situation is still ongoing.

Other things she has been dealing with are Saunders Street scaffolding, housing issues in Bedford Court, bins not being emptied on St Stephens Street and bin chute issues in Saunders Street, the Pend at Veitch's Square.

Chairperson – Clive Preston

EACC AGM – new Chair and Treasurer appointed. Advisory Board nominated fully.

New Powers for Scotland's Community Councils – received a newsletter from this group asking us for our views on Community Councils.

Clive is to attend a meeting with the new Director of Edinburgh World Heritage to see what direction they will be going in

Secretary -Tannis Dodd - nothing to report

Treasurer - David Chamberlain - no report

Roads and Transport – Geoff Calder

Geoff was not in attendance but asked that the blocked gully on the corner of Glenogle Road be looked at. It has been reported at least 24 times – with heavy rain flooding making it difficult for pedestrians.

Licencing – Christian Low - nothing to report

Planning – Christian Low

Retrospective Planning application for outdoor refrigeration and condensing unit for Soto on Deanhaugh St. Local resident Morag Murray asked us to note and look at this. Unit at back of the building impacts on her in both outlook and noise as it is very close to her bedroom window. The wider issue is that it is a retrospective planning application and there is no guidance on outside refrigeration and the impact on local residents. If this goes through it would open up a wider issue of restaurants being able to use outdoor space for refrigeration. Environmental protection group have been involved in this for months because of the noise coming from this unit but nothing has been resolved. There was comment as to the waste of time and money in a cash strapped Council in spending time on this. There is a report available on the Planning Hub – they did not need listed building consent for this but do need planning consent. The comments are due in by 2/2/26 and decision to be made 16/2/26.

It was noted that this was like the problems the local residents had with Cata. The reality is that the Council has limited powers to enforce decisions in these circumstances.

It was agreed that the S&ICC would send in a comment/objection. This would be based on quality of life for neighbours – noise of unit, staff going in and out of the fridge unit.

Environmental Issues – Peter Wilson

SEPA – have been active and produced a consultation on safeguarding Scotland's water – open until beginning of March.

They have also published a flood report.

Scottish Water have done work on Eildon St to help prevent flooding.

Inclusion and Engagement – John Edward

We are now on Instagram - stockbridgeicc if you want to follow us, and he is also posting on the Facebook page. The Edinburgh Botanics have not got back to him yet about coming and giving us an update on their plans

AOB

Nothing to add.

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday February 18th 2026, at 7pm.

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 at

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