



July 2024 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 July 2024

at Stockbridge Parish Church, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Present,

S&ICC: Clive Preston (Chair); David Chamberlain (Treasurer); Pam Barnes (Planning Officer) ; Nigel Clark; Holly Harrison

Members of the Community: Ruth Smith

Apologies: Tannis Dodd (Secretary), Cllr Hal Osler, Cllr Max Mitchell, Peter Chalmer; Gregan Crawford

Ward Councillors and Member of Parliament: Cllr Max Mitchell

CC Chair Clive Preston welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

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Minutes of last meeting 12th June 2024: The Minutes were approved.

Community Councils Review: Clive asked what stage the Community Council Review was at. Cllr Max Mitchell noted it is to go onto final consultation and a meeting is to take place on Teams. The final version of the document is out.

Poor state of the **public toilets in Hamilton Place**: Cllr Mitchell stated the toilets are supposed to be cleaned daily when opened and closed. If there is a more serious issue, then it is to be flagged with the appropriate department. Regarding a refurb, this decision is with a man who is currently on holiday, so we should know more when he has returned. Nigel Clark noted that there is only one cubicle opened in the men's toilet and asked if the other two will be opened again soon.

Visit to Broughton High School: Clive Preston stated that the Community Council had spoken to the students during their Citizenship class. There were 6 different classes and each were given the same presentation. We explain who the councillors were and what we do; the teachers were helpful and encouraged the students to contact us. There will be another set of meetings in November during the Citizenship class.

2. Brief reports:

a. **Police Scotland:**

PC Holly Matheson, local community officer, was not in attendance however a report was produced.

There was anti-social behavior taking place under the Health Care Center, however the family living in the carpark are now gone. There was ongoing mess and noise and if residents are scared then they should call 999. The issue is now youths, and PC Matheson is aware of this. Cllr Mitchell noted he is aware the family has now been moved after a particular incident was raised a few months ago.

Known anti-social behavioral areas are regularly patrolled.

A break-in took place at Learmonth Terrace. A letter from MSP Angus Robertson has been sent regarding this offence.

Café Gallo has been the target of a paint attack.

The door of Artisan Pasta has been smashed in and thieves were looking for cash, however they did not find any.

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

Transport and Environment:

Crewe Rd South has been reopened. There are now no delays on the 24 and 29 bus routes. Scottish Water is to begin works on Monday for 6 – 7 weeks, therefore Carrington Road and South Goathill Avenue will be closed.

There may be a frontage change to the **Marks and Spencer's** shop as it may emit too much ambient light. So far, there have been no complaints. However there were complaints at about Starbucks and the orthodontist premises at Canonmills.

Resurfacing is taking place on **Comley Bank Road**.

Dog fouling has been taking place at **Warriston Estate**, and so stickers have been put on to lampposts.

Bin Issues: There are currently still staffing issues and threats to strike, whether this occurs is down to the Scottish Government and the City of Edinburgh Council. The staffing issues occurring at the end of May/beginning of June are now starting to be resolved.

Ping On: A new restaurant on Dean Hall Street which is taking over the location where Ping On previously stood asked for a license from 11 am – 1 am on Tuesday to Sunday. The CC stated that not contesting these licensing hours would set a precedent and whilst it would be acceptable on the weekend, it was unacceptable during the week. The flats above the restaurant were consulted. The new restaurant has since been given a license for a cap of 30 customers; no audible music; ability to stay open until 11pm Sunday to Thursday; ability to stay open until 12am Friday and Saturday (there will be no seasonable variations to this); and there can be no smoking.

c. **Chair:** Clive Preston advised that there was nothing to report.

d. **Secretary:** Tannis Dodd was absent and advised through CC chair that Tracy Gilbert is the new MP for the area and Tannis Dodd is to extend an invitation to her, as well as thanking the outgoing MP Dierdre Brock.

e. **Treasurer:** David Chamberlain was absent and through the CC chair advised there was nothing to report.

f. **Roads and Transport:** There are issues on Leslie Place, India Place and Circus Place and it was thought that applications had to come through the CC but instead a limited amount of information had to be given to the CC and it is the CEC that will decide on costing.

EACC meeting in May it was noted that the bus trackers should begin working again at the end of June, however there are still issues being worked through. Cllr. Mitchell noted that the cost to get these fixed is still in the budget, however the work is just behind schedule. The updates on Google Maps are working and correct.

g. **Licensing and Planning:** see **Ping On** section.

h. **Planning:**

A third application for the listed building **Lancers** was submitted with an LBC included. The LBC was quite scrappy. Pam Barns asked if an LBC and FUL application are needed and the response was that both were necessary. Cllr Mitchell noted that the LBC is different to the FUL application. Sometimes the Scottish Government needs to consider whether a listed building can be given planning permission. They may grant the FUL application but not the LBC, however, if there is no LBC granted then they cannot submit a FUL application for conservation reasons.

A planning application for a change of antenna has been submitted near the Heriots Rugby Ground. The top of the new proposed antenna is 19.77 meters. It was discussed as to whether the CC would object to this new antenna. However as the old antenna will be removed and their stands will be boxed together, the net area covered decreases. Therefore, we do not need to object. Cllr Mitchell noted that they have been given the development rights.

The **Heriots Playing Fields** application on Ferry Road may have been withdrawn.

Nok's Kitchen: Residents who attended a previous CC meeting noted that the new extractor fan is an eye-sore, as it is bigger than the previous one and makes noise despite it being new. Additionally, it is attached to a listed building. The fan begins at 8:30am and will continue until 11 pm, this occurs 364 days a year. This information has been given to the Environmental Health Agency and they need to inspect the levels inside the nearby properties. It was noted that the issues caused by Nok's Kitchen may contravene the Public Health Act 2008.

i. **NW Localities:**

j. **Parks and Amenities:**

The Friends of Inverleith Park are deeply disappointed and have some concerns about the proposed plans for the parks' **public toilets**.

k. **Environment:**

Nok's Kitchen: the addition to the restaurant was attached without the correct permission. Cllr Mitchell has noted the appropriate enforcement body and asked residents to write to the relevant body.

AOB: Nigel Clark noted that the Arboretum path is rocky and has tree roots showing. The tree roots are making it difficult to walk and there is no sign stating that the public should be careful. Cllr Mitchell stated that he is aware there is significant erosion on the path, a new path is being considered but a decision has not been made yet. The focus of the new path will be on safety and not just aesthetics.

7.Date and time of next meeting: There will be no meeting in August and we are waiting on Stockbridge Parish Church to confirm if the meetings can take place during the third week of the month.