



July 2025 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on July 16th, 2025
at Stockbridge Parish Church, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Present, S&ICC: Nigel Clark; John Edward (Deputy Chair); Devon Magliozzi; Andrew Naughtie; David Chamberlain (Treasurer); Christian Low; Geoff Calder; Holly Harrison

Members of the Community: Ewan Easton; Sandy Clark; Peter Chalmers; Dan Thompson; Amanda Adamson; Charlotte Gore

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

Apologies for absence: CC Peter Wilson; CC Tannis Dodd; Pam Barnes; CC Clive Preston.

CC Chair – Welcome from John Edward – Deputy Chair.

Minutes of the last meeting

These were approved.

Matters Arising

Clive Preston attended the World Heritage meeting.

Holly Harrison noted that the notice boards were up-to-date.

Police –

There was a similar call volume to last month's report.

There have been recent incidents of vandalism at Warriston Cemetery.

Reports have been made of a male is approaching lone female, at this moment nobody has been traced but use well-known routes and carry a phone.

Inquiries are ongoing into a number of house break-ins.

East Warriston had seven attempted break-ins over the course of one day.

Councillor Updates

Cllr Max Mitchell and Cllr Hal Osler

Phase 6 of the Bin Hub meeting has taken place. There was concern from the terrace houses about where the bins hubs were going to be placed. Adjustments have been made and hoping this will be pushed through soon – however if there are individuals who have concerns over the bin hubs then they can still contact Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Osler.

The legal process of the TRO requesting the change of road markings has been significantly delayed as more requests have come in and therefore reviews need to take place. Stage 2 will commence in a couple of weeks and may need committee sign off on 6th November. In theory the works will take place before Christmas 2025.

There have been several requests for on-street cycle storage – this is an issue as there are a limited number the council have. The council wanted to start in areas where they did not have permit parking or in lower SIDN areas. There is a page on the council website where individuals can request cycle storage.

The tram consultation is coming out in August. There is some controversy about the route the tram will take. Individuals can respond to the consultation plans.

The toilets in Inverleith Park are delayed. An electricity meter is being installed next week and the toilets will be opened as soon as possible.

The boardwalk going over the pond was repaired on 16th June.

The toilets on Hamilton Place are going to be refurbished beginning 17th June – There is going to be some quality and cosmetic improvement.

Short-term let (STL) applications – Any comment on planning applications needs to go via the Planning Portal. Applications are always looked at in isolation.

Van parking issues on Fettes Avenue have begun again and the council are currently limited as to what they can do to intervene. There is a sign stating parking can only take place for 9 hours, however the parking fees on Fettes Avenue are low and people can park there continuously without having to move.

Previously a smaller bus connecting the Orchard Brae and Craigleith communities was mentioned, there is a report on this coming in September. Attached to this is a report on the £1/hour parking, to see if it is being utilised for parking.

A consultation regarding parking in the Fettes area has just finished and there has been some pushback from the Western General hospital.

There are a number of rough sleepers around and if you believe an individual is in distress then call the police. You can also contact the councillors as Edinburgh Council has a duty to house everybody.

There have been a few minor complaints about the Neighbourhood Market, including about noise.

Some East Lothian pavements are having electric vehicle chargers put in for on-street charging

Chair

Clive attended a meeting with the Edinburgh World Heritage.

Secretary

There was no update as Tannis Dodd was absent.

Treasury

The submission of the accounts is complete. At present we have £1270 with the prospect of another £950 to come in. We are able to fund projects in a small way.

Transport

The outside seating on Raeburn Place is increasing, however pavement space is being lost.

Cllr Osler noted there is a report going to TEC in September about tables and chairs license.

Extending the pavement space was a proposed solution, however there are issues with this plan including the bollards which are anti-terror bollards and therefore hard to remove. The removal of parking impacts the residents and business owners.

On a nearby street near a mini roundabout there is a place where the pavement is extended cyclists cannot get out of the cycle lane once they are in it. A consultation has happened, and the report is due back in November.

Licencing and Planning

There was confusion on Malta Terrace as there were two applications put in. This has now been sorted.

The Community Council placed objections to the four Colonies applications.

As a reminder both Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Osler cannot comment on applications as they sit on the Planning Committee. The Stockbridge and Inverleith ward has two other councillors who do not sit on planning and can be contacted regarding planning applications.

Regarding The Grange, there has been correspondence between Cllr Nicholson and MSP Angus Robertson. MSP Angus Robertson will put in a complaint to the DEPA and begin the process of review. He has asked the Community Council to provide a specific summary of the objections.

Environment

A member of the Depot Consultation Team will be attending the meeting on 17th September.

The plan has now been published on the Thriving Green Spaces website. This will not be a fast-moving project.

There have been some general complaints about overflowing bins on Hamilton Place, Saunders Street, St Stephen Street and various other areas. Cllr Osler has lodged a complaint, and it is currently being investigated. If members do report an overflowing bin on the website, then please can they forward the reference number to Cllr Osler and Cllr Mitchell.

Engagement and Inclusion

There has been some engagement with the biggest landholders in the northern area, including Warriston Cemetery, the Royal Botanical Gardens, Broughton high school, Fettes, Edinburgh Academy and Stewart Melville. There is a meeting with the Royal Botanical Gardens next month as they are keen to engage with the community.

Friends of Warriston Cemetery are proposing a secondary southern gate to the site as there are issues at the main gate.

An engagement email address has been set up.

There was a suggestion that some of our fund could be used to print off an A5 flyer with a QR Code and the email address and give these to local businesses to put up.

Cllr Osler and Cllr Mitchell attended a meeting run by MSP Ben McPherson regarding the Warriston playing fields and the lack of facilities. Officers will look at the immediate medium and long term through process towards potential facilities.

Scottish Water will be conducting works in Warriston in 2027.

Community Grants

A report was circulated after the last meeting. Recipients included Stockbridge Primary School; Blackhall Primary School; and a drumming program at Ferry Hill Primary School.

There is still £9000 left in the fund.

The Comely Bank Girl Guides may be a potential recipient of some grant money. They would like litter pickers and bin bags, they may also need gloves and high-vis vests.

AOB

None

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday September 17th, 2025, 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 stockbridgeandinverleith@gmail.com or visit our website www.stockbridgeandinverleithcc.org.uk