



June 2025 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on June 18th, 2025
at Stockbridge Parish Church, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Present, S&ICC: Clive Preston (Chair); Nigel Clark; John Edward; Devon Magliozzi; Tannis Dodd (secretary); Andrew Naughtie

Members of the Community: Dan Thompson; Amanda Adamson; Pam Barnes; Joan Beattie; Iain Affleck; Rob Shearer

PC Colin Cursiter; PC Paul Gunderson

Ward Councillors and Member of Parliament: Cllr Max Mitchell

Apologies for absence: Cllr Vicky Nicolson, CC Peter Wilson, Cllr Hal Osler, CC Alex Martin, CC Gregan Crawford, CC Christian Low, Peter Chalmers; Jean Grier, CC Geoff Calder

CC Chair – Welcome from Clive.

Minutes of the last meeting

These were approved

Matters Arising

Clive still hasn't been able to get in touch with Broughton High re presentations at the school for the 5th year. He will try to get something organised in August.

Police – PC Cursiter and PC Gundeson

Call volumes have been consistent. There have been a few calls about inappropriate behaviour in Dean Village. There has been a disturbance in St Stephen Street and vandalism at the St Stephen Street Theatre. There have been a few calls about people hanging out in Centrum House. A prolific shop lifter has been identified. There is a continuous problem with motor bikes and e scooters on the cycle paths – please report to the police if you see this.

He mentioned they have a personal safety booklet available.

There have been a couple of bike marking events recently and more will happen throughout the summer.

Information boards in Warriston Cemetery have been vandalised.

Councillor Updates

Cllr Max Mitchell

The tennis courts gate has been fixed.

Roadworks and gasworks at Comely Bank have finished.

The toilets in Inverleith Park should be finished by the end of July.

Hamilton Place toilets – graffiti has been removed, and action has been put in place to repaint and see to minor repairs.

5G Mast on Inverleith Row update – the investigation has been concluded and no further action to be taken. The time limit for starting work was adhered to.

Work at Accies on the Astro turf – grievance about notifications being sent to local residents and the boundaries involved – a complaint is to be submitted.

Consultation about new CPZ – zone N9 which will be in the Fettes area.

Belford Court – there have been complaints about the usage of the green space – in fact it does not belong to Belford Court.

Learmonth Terrace – complaint received about the number of bikes attached to railings in front of the hotel. The hotel is used to house asylum seekers and there are no alternative spaces to store the bikes. The Council is unfortunately not directly responsible for this though has tried to help.

Chair

Clive attended a meeting with the Edinburgh World Heritage who have in the past been criticised for their lack of communication and for not doing enough to keep the World Heritage site intact. The meeting was held to try and get Community Councils and local residents associations on board with them and encourage goodwill. Terry Levinthal is the new director.

Reminder to Community Councillors to fill in the online survey.

EACC meeting on the 26th of June. It was suggested that Andrew and John, as joint engagement officers, might like to attend as well as one of the topics for discussion is community engagement. They are also looking for members to stand on the Board.

Secretary

There has been some confusion with the noticeboard, but we have now clarified with the Music Hub at Stockbridge Parish Church that the noticeboard is primarily for Community Council notices and other local charities. We are happy for them to have one poster in each of the boards.

The Grange – a response has been received from MSP Angus Robertson suggesting he could raise an official complaint investigation on behalf of the local community to the DPEA. Alternatively, the local community could raise an action themselves. He also sent a link to the appeal. This information has been passed on to Geoff Calder.

One of the main issues appears to be with the noise from the padel courts which are very busy whilst the covered tennis courts are less frequently used.

Geoff is to take this forward and pass it through the CC before sending it on.

Transport

A TRO, which includes proposals for 58 cycle hangars throughout the city including some in Stockbridge and Inverleith, has been advertised.

TEC (Transport and Environment Committee) meeting is at end of June will include discussions about bin hubs and the proposals for the potential changes to George St.

Licencing

It was confirmed that tables and chairs licences need to be displayed by the business. Also one business in Raeburn Place had been asked to decrease their footprint on the pavement.

Planning

Alex was not in attendance but sent in a report – as follows

This is a summary of notable planning applications and decisions in the Stockbridge and Inverleith area from mid-May to mid-June 2025

Residential Alterations

- **6 Malta Terrace (25/02737/FUL)**
Single-storey extension, dormer additions, and roof lights.
Notable due to existing community council engagement. I submitted a neutral comment on the applications requesting greater environmental impact provisions. I informed the residents. There is a mislabelled planning application from 5 Malta Terrace now too, which I have used the same neutral comment for as well as they are of a similar design. I was asked to look at this by the residents too.

Short-Term Let (STL) Applications

- **13 STL applications** submitted in this period, all proposing **change of use of existing flats** to short-term let.

Approved

- **8 STL applications** – Approved for existing flats, with no commercial origin.

Refused

- **2 STL applications** – Refused (details not disclosed in bulletin but likely linked to policy on amenity or overprovision).
- Continued STL application volume reinforces the importance of monitoring local impact, particularly in tenement settings.
- Extensions are being approved where design respects conservation guidelines.

It was questioned as to why STLs are being approved when it was thought that is was Council policy to not allow them.

He has also decided to stand down from planning due to time commitments. Christian Low has offered to take it on along with licencing.

A new planning portal has been launched - <https://www.city-scope.co.uk/>

The latest application for the development at the bottom of Dundas St is to include student accommodation and flats.

Environment

Peter's report

- Inverleith Park –
 - toilet block construction continues. As I understand it, the next step is to connect the block with services (electric and water)
 - the community council's comments in support of a mural on toilet block remitted to city council staff and welcomed
 - proposals for development of the Depot area have been published. Clive, Tannis and I inspected the site with city council staff. A very large area and lots of potential. Council staff invited to present the proposals to the CC during the consultation period

- Ferranti bowling site tidied with hedges and grass cut. Various options being considered by council. A private individual has proposed the use of site for padel and has approached CC for support.

Update on the depot in Inverleith Park. There is a consultation to take place in September, and the Community Council has invited members of the Council involved in the project to attend September's meeting to give us a presentation about the proposals. They seem to be moving forward with concrete plans, and they are keen to get the views of local people.

Tannis mentioned that Edinburgh Wheels, who are working on a project at Coalie Park, might want to get involved and she would pass on the information to the Council.

Peter will be our link with Friends of Inverleith Park who are involved in the plans for the depot.

Pam told us that there is a consultation on the pond and the idea of floating islands may be considered.

Two exercise stations have been removed from Inverleith Park as they need repairs but there is no funding for this now.

Bins – There was a question as to what happens if a street wants gull proof bags but gets bin hubs then how does the process work. Will there be consultation about where the hubs will go? How much input will the residents have? This is to be discussed at TEC next week.

There were thanks for the new flowerpots outside of the library and the notice for the clear up of the streets.

Engagement and Inclusion

John and Andrew had a meeting and came up with these points

What are they communicating with the community about ?

They have identified lots of groups and local associations that they will endeavour to communicate with.

Feel it is important to make the CC more visible

Suggestion of using local businesses to advertise and make people aware of the CC

They aim to divide the area between the two of them as it is quite a big area.

AOB

Clive is to be away for the next meeting and John Edward as the Vice Chair will chair it. There will not be a meeting in August.

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday July 16th, 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