



May 2026 Draft minutes

of the meeting on May 19th, 2026
Stockbridge Parish Church, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Present, S&ICC: Clive Preston (Chair); Gregan Crawford; Nigel Clark; Tannis Dodd (secretary)

Members of the Community: Amanda Adamson; Sandy Clark

PC Holly Matheson, PC Paul Gunderson

Ward Councillors and Member of Parliament: Cllr Max Mitchell

Apologies for absence: Pam Barnes; Holly Harrison (CC); Peter Chalmers; Christian Low (CC); Peter Wilson (CC); Devon Magliozzi (CC); Dan Thompson; Cllr Hal Osler; John Edward (CC)

S&CC Chair - Welcome from Clive Preston

Minutes of the last meeting – Sandy Clark asked for a correction to be made to the minutes re the entrance being used for the Neighbourhood Market. The residents of Portgower Place were asking that the entrance/exit to the market be through the gate between the Hotel and the EARFC stand and NOT as stated in the minutes through the either of the gates on Portgower Place. Apart from that the minutes were accepted.

Matters Arising

Anti-Social Behaviour – there has been a rise of anti-social behaviour in Victoria Park and the Cycle Paths.

Police – PC Holly Matheson and PC Paul Gunderson

PC Holly Matheson is now back from maternity leave.

Stockbridge CCM Report

April 16th to May 20th, 2026

152 calls to ward area

Proactive Work:

- Traffic – I stopped a car with no insurance, charged with offence.
- Have done a few speed checks, no tickets issued, no high speeds detected.
- Warning zig-zaggers on high street
- Licensing issues – Have submitted 5 Innkeeper forms regarding licensed premises not adhering to guidelines, three regarding good work despite challenging incidents and two negative that are likely to be sent to Edinburgh Council
- Youth patrols

Incidents of Note

- Amazon driver ran over dog on high street – some social media attention – driver has been traced and charged with 4 offences
- Youth's drinking and setting small fire – youths playing chicken with vehicles – throwing stones at bus – electric bikes on cycle path – cycle patrols organised, some already carried out, plan being put in place for summer in wider area
- Tourists on VOI bikes going wrong way down street
- Opportunistic thieves in area ('theft slip in' to homes)
- Occasional theft from shops
- Male trying car door handles
- Sexual offence – male exposing himself in public - please report any knowledge at all
- Vandalism to cable outside church building
- We policed a peaceful protest at public building – no crimes but residents understandably frustrated with noise. Likely to be more protests in future.
- Usual concern-fors and neighbour disputes, some new some ongoing, domestic incidents, sudden deaths

There have also been peaceful protests outside Black Rock on Brandon Street and Perth Street – these will be ongoing and whilst annoying to residents they are allowed.

There will be Bike Marking sessions throughout the summer – see their social media for dates and times. There will be one at Craigleith on May 30th – 3-6pm.

Councillors Update

Very sadly Scott Hastings has died – he was the Chair of the Warriston Residents Association. There is to be a Book of Condolences in the Warriston Bowling Club.

Raeburn Street – the pavements have been completed.

Vans on Fettes Avenue – overhanging the pavement can't be enforced against. The lines of the parking bays have been extended which has helped a bit with the overhanging. Also looking into the possibility of increasing the tariff charge to make it more expensive to park there.

Bins – Phases 3 and 4 – the changes that were agreed legally still have not been done but hope to be completed by end of next month. Phase 6 – they are still in the process of creating the Legal Orders. It is taking longer as they are trying to get it all right before submitting them.

Gull Proof Sacks – the project manager is still working on Royal Circus and Lennox Street. A point was made that more information should be given to residents (especially new ones) regarding the use of the gull proof sacks to ensure proper usage of the system.

Tram Consultation – the results will be out next month.

Chairperson – Clive Preston

EACC meeting – two things discussed. Community Grants – a review as to how they will be given out and there was talk about how the panel will be formed moving forward. Tram Trains – there was a proposal to open up the Southern Railway line for tram trains. This would obviate much of the reasoning for the southern tram line. A study is being looked at by a group of students who are looking for support for their project. Max said that the

Southern Train line is currently used for freight and that the idea of tram trains is being discussed but that there are a lot of the things to be investigated to see how feasible it would be.

Sanne Dijkstra-Downie was elected as the MSP for Edinburgh Northern – we would like to invite her along to our meetings. She is also still currently a City of Edinburgh Councillor for Forth Ward.

We have had a request from a Community Governance Degree student from England to attend our CC meeting in June. They would like to observe how the governance system works in Scotland. It was agreed that they could attend the meeting.

Secretary -Tannis Dodd –

Lifecare have completed the work to the George Young Hall and would like to invite members of the Community Council to view it and perhaps use as a photo op for social media. Both Clive Preston and Peter Wilson indicated a willingness to go. Tannis to organise.

Treasurer - David Chamberlain

No report

Roads and Transport – Geoff Calder

A local resident reported a portable toilet in their street. There seems no obvious reason for the toilet and they don't know who has rented it. If it is on the street it should have a permit. Local resident to investigate further.

Planning and Licencing – Christian Low

Report from Christian

Planning - nothing of note, consistent thematic

Licensing - nothing of note other than application for occasional license for Latina Festival in Inverleith park on 21st June. Worth noting as Foodies was raised at last meeting and confirm noise complaints should be raised on day of problematic.

Tables and chairs

Issues with Stockbridge Tap, enforcement officer reviewed and barriers moved in line with permissions. The new windows at the Stockbridge Tap are in line with planning but noise should be monitored. Will continue to review tables and chairs and raise to endorsement officers as and when problems arise!

Clive questioned the progress of the development 525 Ferry Road – Max is to ask for a status update for the site as nothing seems to be happening

Neighbourgood Market – all appropriate licences have been submitted and granted. There was a request for a licence for a big screen to show the World Cup games but this has been shelved for consideration. Max is to look into this.

Environmental Issues – Peter Wilson

No report from Peter but it was reported that there is a live petition to request for the upgrading of the play park in Inverleith Park. Pam Barnes and Joan Beattie to be interviewed by a local TV station regarding this.

Inclusion and Engagement – John Edward

No Report

AOB

We will be holding our AGM at the start of the next meeting in June. The ordinary meeting will follow on from that

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday June 17th, 2026, at 7.15pm.

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