



November 2024 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th November 2024
at Stockbridge Parish Church, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Present, S&ICC: Clive Preston (Chair); David Chamberlain (Treasurer); Gregan Crawford; Tannis Dodd (Secretary); Geoff Calder.

Members of the Community: Ruth Smith; Daria McDonald; Ian Affleck (on behalf of Amanda Adamson); Paul Gunderson (Police); Colin Cursiter (Police).

Ward Councilors and Member of Parliament: Cllr Hal Osler; Cllr Jule Bandel.

Apologies for absence: Nigel Clark; Pam Barnes (Planning); Peter Chalmers; Cllr Max Mitchell.

CC Chair – Welcome from Clive.

Minutes. Minutes from meeting in October 2024 were approved.

Matters arising:

Meetings at Broughton High School took place on 18th November 2024. Clive Preston and Geoff Calder presented the meetings and the meetings were well attended. They had good contact with the students and various issues were addressed such as the Park and planning and other areas of interest to the CC. Potholes which cause issues with cyclists were also discussed.

Concerns were raised about feeding bread to the ducks in Inverleith Pond and they would like to see better signage to discourage this. Hal has asked about better signage before but has not been successful because of logistical issues. Hal said she was happy to bring up with the Parent Councils of the various local schools to discuss ways to make people aware that feeding bread to the birds is not good for them.

The students also asked if there could be furniture in Inverleith Park where they could sit down to eat lunch. It was suggested that they might apply through Community Grant Funding to fund this and that they should speak to Friends of Inverleith Park as a way to apply for funding.

Hal encouraged the students to email the Councillors with issues they have, and Clive said he would try to pass on this to the groups of students they met.

2. Brief reports:

a. Police Scotland

PC Paul Gunderson and PC Colin Cursiter were in attendance. They pointed out that car thefts and vehicle security are an ongoing problem in Edinburgh. They warned that crime increases in the winter months. No house break-ins have been reported in the last 30 days though David pointed out that there had been one in North Park Terrace recently. There were no problems during the bonfire night period in NW Edinburgh. Road safety checks continue within the area, and they asked for suggestions of where to carry them out; Comely Bank Avenue was noted. There have been intermittent issues of antisocial behaviour near McKenzie Bridge.

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

Cllr Jule Bandel

Update on new tram route – consultation happening in February 2025.

The second round of the Future of the Libraries is going on. The consultation closes on 25/12/24. It is important to take part in this consultation if you can. <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/futurelibraries>

Merchiston Tree Survey – Clive has already been in touch through the EACC on the issue of Tree Conservation in Edinburgh. He has written a brief note about Tree Conservation which the EACC has circulated around its members.

Cllr Hal Osler

Bin Hubs – amendments were agreed on Monday 18th November. The workshops highlighted the problems to members of the Committee that the bin hubs have raised. Changes will be made, and the next phase will be implemented under the new criteria.

City Plan 2040 is now underway.

The Ward Councillors met with MSP Tracey Gilbert. One issue raised was prohibiting the sale of fireworks. This has to be addressed on a nationwide basis in order to work.

Glenogle Residents Association AGM – continuing issues with pick up and drop off for the Edinburgh Academy pupils at their back gate and the amount of traffic on Glenogle Road.

Flora Stevensons will be having their litter pick which is part of their Give Back Day.

Cllr Max Mitchell – in his absence Tannis Dodd read out his report

Communal Bin Review

After several years of trying, on Monday, the Transport & Environment Committee finally agreed to allow much greater flexibility in terms of travelling distances, crossing a road, where residents can be in relation to bins. It was a hefty cross-party effort on Monday and I'm very glad it was achieved. This is positive for moving forward into Phases 5b and 5c, but provides an opportunity for those unsuccessful in Phases 3 and 4 to revisit.

Work at Leslie Place / Deanhaugh Street / Haugh Street

The work on the Leslie Place section has made great progress. The kerbs have been lowered and the setts relaid. The direct route over the setts across Leslie Place is now open and useable for pedestrians. It's looking great so far.

CATA

Enforcement process is still underway.

Loos in Inverleith Park

The new design for the loos in the park has been circulated to stakeholders and a new target delivery time of mid-spring.

Grange Club

Have received a handful of complaints about the inflated tent on The Grange. Environmental Health aware and have visited as well as connecting the club with those who have raised concerns. One resident asked why the Council granted this. As the S&ICC knows, the Council refused this application following a site visit, but the DPEA (Scottish Government) overturned it and granted it.

c. Chair

EACC – The Chair Steve Kerr has resigned, and Ken Roberston is currently the Acting Chair. A new Chair will be appointed after the CC elections in March.

CC Review – resolved to promote public awareness in CCs and promotional events have been arranged.

Edinburgh World Heritage – They have produced a new management plan, and Clive was invited to attend a meeting about this. A new oversight group is being set up. The management plan is looking at how the Old and New Town aspect of the city is managed in order to keep Unesco World Heritage Status.

Visitor Levy Consultation - please look at and give your views.

The ETRO cycle lanes consultation is still available to be accessed.

d. Secretary: Nothing to report.

e. Treasurer

The accounts are now sorted out and our grant has been received. We have currently £2,200 in our account so there is availability for small grant requests. Perhaps encourage schools to see if they have any small projects.

f. Transport

We were encouraged to report potholes on the Council website and if any problems re responses, then do get in touch with the Councillors.

g. Environment: - Bins – Daria McDonald attended the Bin Hubs Workshop on behalf of S&ICC. She thanked everyone for their work towards the review. She asked when the new Bin Hub Framework is to come into action. And what about the retrospective issues? Hal said they are still trying to work out how this is going to be managed. There is still a process and there are criteria to work within.

Studies have been done into gull proof bags – mainly used in New Town and World Heritage Site. Daria wondered about the next steps – how it will be managed and who to contact?

h. Licensing and Planning

Nothing for licensing.

Planning - There has been a request to potentially put Paddle Courts on the Feranti Bowling Green site – it was suggested that they send their request to Thriving Green Spaces. Orchard Brae application is coming to committee.

NW Localities: - nothing to report.

Parks and Amenities: Hal made a request for people to close any gates going into and out of Parks after a distressing incident when a dog ran out of a Park where the gate had been left open.

Rocheid Path – a section of the route has been blocked off because of dangers of subsidence and exposed roots. Part of the Rocheid Path is being resurfaced.

AOB – nothing to report.

7.Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday January 15th, 2025, at 7pm.

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