



November 2025 Draft minutes

of the meeting on November 19th, 2025
Stockbridge Parish Church, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Present, S&ICC: Clive Preston (Chair); John Edward (Deputy Chair); David Chamberlain (Treasurer); Gregan Crawford; Christian Low; Devon Magliozzi; Alexander Martin

Members of the Community: Amanda Adamson; Elizabeth Moreno Alberca; Peter Chalmers, Sandy Clark.

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

Apologies for absence: Peter Wilson CC; Holly Harrison CC; Tannis Dodd CC; Nigel Clark CC; Geoff Calder CC; Dan Thompson; Jean Grier; Mairi Buchanan.

CC Chairperson - Welcome from Clive Preston

Minutes of the last meeting – approved.

Matters Arising

Broughton High – there has been no further contact so we must assume that we will not be continuing with our initiative with the school.

Police – PC Paul Gunderson

This report was sent in and summarised for the meeting.

Call volume: Year-on-year, call volume for this month's report has reduced slightly.

Trends: It is common around this time of year to see an increase in frauds/scams in the lead up to Christmas. The link below to the Police Scotland website has advice around different types of scams/fraud and what steps you can take to stop yourself becoming a victim:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/scams-and-frauds/>

As always around this time of year with the darker nights upon us, it is important to remain vigilant around vehicle and home security.

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/your-home/>

If visiting populated areas like the Christmas markets or shopping centres at peak times, be mindful of your valuables and the opportunities these present to opportunists:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/advice-and-information/your-valuables/>

Notable incidents/pieces of work:

Vandalism to public toilets in Inverleith Park

What your Community Team has been involved in:

The past month or so has been spent doing preparatory work for Bonfire Night and then the policing of the night itself. Alongside this, we have been on foot & mobile patrols in the area and have been assisting across the city at football matches and the Christmas markets.

What is planned for the coming month:

We have received a couple of complaints about speeding around Comely Bank/East Fettes and plan to set up road checks in the coming weeks.

Other matters: Nothing of note

Please note that any figures provided in this report are not verified and are my interpretation of Police systems only

Re the vandalism to the toilets one of the changing areas was vandalised.

Councillors Update

Cllr Osler

Bin Hubs – have had more meetings with residents and officers – they feel that they have made progress but can't update as yet. Clearing of some of the vegetation growing along the sides of roads has been started to facilitate better placement of bin hubs. Vegetation has also been cleared along the Water of Leith and this is an ongoing action in consultation with Water of Leith Conservation and the Moray Feu.

Tables and Chairs Licenses – there have been several complaints about the number of tables and chairs on Raeburn Place – met with officers on site and will be looking at the bigger picture of the number of tables and chairs rather than just at individual situations. Usage of residential bins by traders in the Stockbridge Market for their waste is also being checked out. Vendors in the Market should not be using residential bins but some have been doing so recently.

Stockbridge Colonies – plinths by the bridge – removed when the works were done some time ago to protect against flooding. Plinths had been stored at the depot and there was concern they would be lost in the move however they have been found and meeting with Colonies residents to see what can be done with them.

Caravanning outside Fettes. – Parents of school are upset about the number of caravans parking there. Officers reluctant to do anything now as Police Scotland don't want anything happening outside Fettes Police Station. Trying to find other ways to deal with this issue.

Clive noted the large list of parking changes and amendments. Nothing contentious yet. Legal process going on now.

Parking – Phase 1 and Phase 2 consultations have been done on these and for the other phases 3 and 4 we will not get the same level of consultation. These phases will affect our area more than the first two.

Cllr Mitchell

Consultation is important because of local knowledge which helps ascertain whether new schemes will work.

Cata – has gone to judicial review i.e. they are taking Scottish Government to court.

Tram consultation – closed on Monday – had over 11,000 responses.

Introducing statutory changes to enable buses to deal with people with under 22 and over 60 bus passes if they misbehave on the buses.

Changed the phases of the pedestrian lights in Stockbridge so they wouldn't keep beeping all night.

Trams – After last meeting we put in a comment re the two tram routes but not actually an objection. Trams are due to come back to TEC in February but because of the number of responses this may be delayed. One of the main issues is the funding.

Gullies – they try to routinely clear every 6 months – this is very difficult to maintain with the amount of extra work the teams are asked to respond to. If you have sensitive gully which you have reported and you haven't had any response within 2 months, then get in touch with your Councillor. There are about 50,000 in the city to be dealt with. If a gully near you is covered with leaves and you are able to remove them that is very helpful.

Dog Fouling signage – Max to investigate why it hasn't gone up yet.

Chairperson

EACC meeting – Edinburgh visitor levy was discussed – proposing that participatory budgeting is how the money is to be used – happens in Leith. It means that community groups can apply for funding for schemes to benefit their local communities and visitors to the area. This are at early stages now. They are currently saying they will discuss with Community Councils. Examples are putting in planters and making green corridors improving signage and putting in benches etc.; not larger scale projects like extending pavements. Other idea is to improve the pathway from Dean Village to Stockbridge. Would not include getting larger bins as this is being funded by other funding sources. Problem with bins being emptied after Sunday Market – supposed to happen on Mondays but does not happen.

The funding for the community and visitor schemes is different from that offered by the Community Grants Scheme which is specifically to benefit local communities.

City Plan 2040 – updated scheme available. In consultation period now. Should be available at the library but is also on the Council website.

Place Engagement Questionnaire circulating now. If you wish to complete it is available online. If you do fill it in, then let Max and Hal know as they are interested in your views for forward planning.

Nominations for the EACC board close tomorrow.

Secretary- nothing to report

Treasurer – we have some money and do have money to put forward for small grants for local groups. There are issues like noticeboards and we perhaps should replace one of them. We should use more methods to advertise that we have money for small grants – like Instagram, Stockbridge Spotlight etc.

Roads and Transport

Nothing further on the bus lane issue in Inverleith Row.

Licencing – nothing else to note

Planning – nothing else to note

76 Inverleith Place – going to last committee of the year.

Short term lets – not a blanket ban on short term lets – they are all reviewed individually.

Environmental Issues

The Depot – slight delay in them leaving but should be a scheme coming forward but not available yet. A new scheme being proposed for the crossing from Inverleith Park to the Botanics.

Inclusion and Engagement

John Edward to look into our Facebook page. He has been communicating with local groups and has had a bit of two way traffic with some of them. He is to continue with the poster that Andrew Naughtie designed to go into shops and will discuss with Holly about getting it out there. They will be looking for funding for that.

AOB

Nothing to add.

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday January 21st, 2026, at 7pm.

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www.stockbridgeandinverleithcc.org.uk