



September 2024 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th September 2024
at Stockbridge Parish Church, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Present, S&ICC: Clive Preston (Chair); Geoff Calder; David Chamberlain (Treasurer); Gregan Crawford; Pam Barnes (Planning)

Members of the Community: Alan Davidson; Bill Keil; Daria McDonald; Ruth Smith; Peter Chalmers; Morai Masuoka

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

Apologies for absence: PC Holly Matheson (local Community Police Officer); Tannis Dodd (secretary); Holly Harrison; Nigel Clark; Joan Beattie.

CC Chair - Clive Preston welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Holly Harrison was co-opted last meeting but resides just outside our area and will now be made an associate member. Therefore, she has no voting rights.

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Minutes. Minutes from July 10th, 2024 – correction of road that is to be closed. It should be South Groathill Avenue not Craigleith Avenue that will be closed for a number of weeks.

Matters arising:

CC Review – the Council are having a meeting 26/09/24 to finalize the review. Clive commented on the discrepancy in two different paragraphs of the document between the number of co-opted people possible for Community Councils to have. Comments were forwarded to the relevant people in the Council. They have removed the restriction on the Chairs to only hold the post for 5 years. Because of the timings of this the elections for the Community Council will be in February/March 2025 instead of October as previously thought. Boundary changes – two are not taking place – the only one being upheld is the one that involves \Glenogle Road and Henderson Row

Public toilets in Hamilton Place – update is that the doors will be painted at some point.

Meeting at Broughton High School – next meeting in November – looking for volunteers to attend. Gregan offered to go along if he was available, and Cllr Max Mitchell will also attend. It was quite successful last time, and we will work on changing the content for the next meeting.

2. Brief reports:

a. Police Scotland

PC Holly Matheson, local community officer, was not in attendance and was unable to send a report as she had intended to be there in person.

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

Cllr Max Mitchell

Stockbridge Clock at France Manca – signage and words have been had with management but there is still confusion, and they continually turn it off. Now the switches are going to be separated and locked

so they can't turn it off. Also going to try and find a way to separate it so it can be billed separately. St Stephens clock is now working fine.

Bins issue Carlisle Court.

Pooling water because of road works - looking to see if it can be incorporated as a piece of patchwork repairs.

Bus stop outside of St Ninians – work to be done.

Make sure you shred any important papers before you throw them in the bin as there is a man and sometimes a woman going through the bins specifically looking for paperwork. Max has asked about getting the bins secured

Upgrade on junction at Deanhaugh St and Leslie Place is going to start roughly the 21st of October and will take about 6 weeks – quite a serious amount of work to be done. There will be diversions and delays for traffic and buses, but the work will greatly improve the junction.

Cllr Jule Bandel

Removal of the fitness trail equipment in Inverleith Park - they would like to put it back but don't have the budget for it.

Met with people dealing with the permanent toilets in Inverleith Park

Had first bin hub workshop – second one due to take place and this will be online.

Cllr Hal Osler

Fitness trail - 3 pieces removed because not fit for purpose – they are looking into it.

Dissatisfied about how long it has taken to sort out the permanent toilets in the park – Max and Hal having a meeting with senior officers to discuss – design and position. This will be a semi-permanent solution. Long term desire to have toilets on the Ferranti site but as it stands the building is not fit for purpose and there are long term funding issues

Also met with Flora Stevenson head teacher because of issues with the building at the bottom of Orchard Brae which is essentially a toilet but is in disrepair and it backs onto the playground of the school. Also looking to get planters in front of the railings to keep the children away from the railings and to help with pollution and green up the area.

Went to Danube Street Anniversary Street party and they had the street closed for the event.

Encourages individuals to go back to the sense of community. Locals can apply to close streets for community events.

c. Chair

Place Based Investment programme to which we put forward two projects – the Council have now decided it may not receive the money to put forward for the projects.

Meeting with Edinburgh World Heritage to discuss management plan - we had not been updated on their plans while other community councils NTBCC and WE CC had been more involved. Another meeting scheduled to discuss the overseeing of the management plan including community councils etc. Many issues were raised such as the lack of knowledge they have of the siting of telephone masts. City Plan to hopefully be approved at the beginning of November.

Clive has been invited to a reception at the Scottish Parliament by Edinburgh World Heritage on the 17th December.

d. Secretary: Nothing to report.

e. Treasurer:

We don't appear to have submitted the accounts for 2022-2023 – some confusion as David thinks he had submitted them. Not too much of a problem as we have funds, but David is, however, working to resolve it.

f. Transport

Bus issues with the tracker in some areas.

Discussion about retarmacking the roads especially Frederick St which is in a terrible condition.

Local Traffic Improvement Programme - applications were put in for a project in the area but it was not successful in gaining funding.

g. Environment:

Daria MacDonald attended the meeting on Bins on our behalf –it was an in-person meeting and a good forum for discussion which she hopes should bring something positive to the ongoing issue.

In her group it was agreed that policy and conditions should be rewritten to allow council officials to apply a more flexible approach for the placement of bin hubs considering the diversity of areas. For example, the distance between bin hubs should be flexible. Outcome of the meeting will go to Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) 14/11/2024. Workshop was to look at the problems with the new bin hub system and to look at ways of reforming it and tackling problems. Need to look at the criteria and assess what adjustments can be done to work with communities in a less rigid framework.

Going to be another meeting online for individuals who couldn't attend the in-person meeting. People who are invited were members of TEC, Councillors, MSPs and MPs and Community Councillors.

h. Licensing and Planning

Nothing for licensing.

30 North West Circus place – Cata – put in for Listed Building Consent for alterations of the shop front. Also, the second application is for change of use from Class 1 and Class 3 restricted to Class 3. The business is already acting as if they have permission. Concerns of smells permeating through the building and also concerns re the equipment being used. Previously have had applications refused. Whilst waiting for the process to go through, residents can report complaints and concerns to the Council.

Short term lets – the council is currently reviewing its Short Term Let Licensing policy and there is a workshop to discuss this at beginning of October.

NW Localities: Nothing to report

Parks and Amenities:

AOB -

Foodies Festival in Inverleith Park and volume of music caused distress for people living in Colonies. How can we monitor the volume of the music? Difficult to monitor this especially with the position of the venue. The officers are now aware of the issue. The suggestion is to encourage people who have problems with it to make complaints at the time of the event.

Next meeting Clive will not be able to chair it – is there anyone available chair the meeting in his place.

7.Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday, 2024, 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



October 2024 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 October 2024
at at Stockbridge Parish Church, Stockbridge , Edinburgh

Present

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Name *signature*: