



September 2025 Draft minutes

of the meeting held on September 17th, 2025
at Stockbridge Parish Church, Stockbridge, Edinburgh

Present, S&ICC: Clive Preston (Chair); Tannis Dodd (Secretary); Nigel Clark; John Edward (Deputy Chair); Devon Magliozzi; Andrew Naughtie; David Chamberlain (Treasurer); Geoff Calder; Holly Harrison; Peter Wilson; Alex Martin.

Members of the Community: Andrew Buchan (rep from Saunders St Residents Assoc); Bill Keil (Warriston Residents Association); Miranda Hamilton; Sandy Clark; Dan Thompson; Pam Barnes; Joan Beattie; Amanda Adamson; Charlotte Gore; Eva Silveirinha de Oliveira (Thriving Green Spaces)

Ward Councilors and Member of Parliament: Cllr Max Mitchell

Apologies for absence: Christian Low CC; Gregan Crawford CC; Peter Chalmers; Cllr Hal Osler

CC Chair – Welcome from Clive Preston

Minutes of the last meeting – approved

Matters Arising -nothing to discuss

Presentation on Future of Depot in Inverleith Park by Eva Sileveirinha de Oliveira

The depot currently houses the maintenance team for Parks. They are being moved out of the space and the depot is to become vacant late 2025/ early 2026. There was a Master Plan commissioned for Inverleith Park including the depot in 2022 but there is no money to take it forward. More information about the plan for the depot can be found at www.thrivinggreenspaces.scot. There are two buildings that need to be demolished. It is in a conservation area – part of common good land – so any changes need to go through consultation. The consultation is to be launched soon. Ideas include a café in the old farmhouse, community crofting, rewilding, teenage area, training centre. They are hoping to get people into the training centre relatively quickly once the site becomes vacant as the buildings are in a good state. Meanwhile they are looking for uses of the space – pop up activities, markets etc., as nothing can be permanent as yet. They want to activate the space so as not to let the site go into a closed state again until they get the funds to do the full project. The cleaning up of the site will start as soon as it is vacant.

The possibility of applying for grants for projects through charitable institutions such as Friend of Inverleith Park was discussed. The Friends have produced a report on their suggestions of the future of the depot.

If anyone has any thoughts or ideas about using the space on a temporary basis then please email <mailto:thrivinggreenspaces@edinburgh.gov.uk>

Police

The police report will be emailed alongside the minutes.

There was a comment that so much of the crime is opportunistic.

Councillor Updates

Cllr Max Mitchell

The toilets in Inverleith Park have been opened and then vandalised by graffiti already. Anti-graffiti paint is potentially going to be put on the building. There have been issues with their opening times, but this is being looked into.

Weeds – there have been lots of complaints about weeds on the streets and pavements.

Unfortunately the Council doesn't have the manpower to deal with them.

Tram consultation – discussed under Transport

Bin Hub consultation on latest phases – has been inundated with emails about Phase 6. The department ignored rules that had been relaxed and put bins in the wrong places and now the Council is going to look at these in another consultation.

Gas Works in Raeburn Place are ongoing.

Park Rangers – there are now none in North East and North West Edinburgh – the Council is trying to hire people to take on these jobs.

Parking Extensions N2/N3 – the report is to be published later on this year or early 2026.

Stockbridge Social Market – concerns were raised as to how they were able to get a licence as residents complained it was intrusive and noisy. It was only a temporary licence.

Bus service at Canonmills – a resident said it was becoming very busy at these stops due to the influx of students in the area and could Max ask Lothian Buses to review this.

Chair

World Heritage – there was a meeting to discuss governance in July. They are trying to get management sorted out and improve their presence in the Edinburgh area. A new Director started in mid-September.

Clive attended a Community Wealth Building Workshop – aim is to make sure that money generated in the city stays in the city. Also that services used within the city should be found from within the city.

Broughton High School – he has been unable to speak to the school re continuing the sessions that he and others have had with the 5th years.

Secretary

Nothing to add

Treasurer - David Chamberlain

Once we receive our grant we should have about £2,000 in the bank. We have money for small grants for local projects/groups. Perhaps we should upgrade the noticeboards?

Transport – Geoff Calder

Geoff asked why it was necessary to close the bus stop outside Greggs while the works were going on – Max to investigate this.

Scottish Water works – why is the signage for the lights on the pavement which is disadvantageous to pedestrians and drivers may not be able to see it? Max is to ask for a formal view on this practice.

Tables and Chairs in Raeburn Place are causing a lot of clutter on the pavements – are there any solutions to this? The Council is looking into ways we can solve pavement clutter. They are also looking to see if Raeburn Place can be classed as a street with high pedestrian flow; if so there may be funding in the future. New Town and Broughton CC have taken a deputation to TEC about this also.

Trams – A local resident asked us to look at this as there is a consultation going on about the proposed new routes. One of the routes is up through Orchard Brae and over the Dean Bridge but is not their preferred option. The route doesn't have the same opposition as Roseburn Path route. There are concerns from locals of the Orchard Brae route. It could potentially add more congestion through the New Town and Stockbridge. The CC discussed how to make more people aware of this proposed route – social media was suggested as a way of making people aware of this proposed route as many people are not aware of it; to be discussed further at the next meeting in October. There are public drop in events ongoing. Trams from Granton to Edinburgh BioQuarter and Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and Beyond - City of Edinburgh Council - Citizen Space – consultation portal

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/futuretrams – general information page.

Licencing and Planning – Christian Low

No report

Update on 5 Malta Terrace – 2 applications were withdrawn and one was granted.

Update on 76 Inverleith Place – amended drawings have been put on the website – still pending.

Update on Cata planning issue – all planning applications have been turned down – it was appealed and the Reporter upheld the enforcement notice.

Short term lets in the Colonies – there were a lot of objections and the applications by the company have been withdrawn.

Following on from the response from Angus Robertson on the Grange development – the request was unsuccessful, but we could follow up on the issue of noise.

Environment – Peter Wilson

A tree as fallen which blocks the view of the Anthony Gormley statue. Max and Hal are due to meet with Council officials to discuss this. The proliferation of ivy on the trees on the riverbank is also to be discussed.

Engagement and Inclusion – John Edward and Andrew Naughtie

The Engagement and Inclusion Team are to follow up on posters about the CC to be displayed in the area.

They have engaged with Friends of Warriston Cemetery who are experiencing various issues.

They have also been in touch with the Botanics who are probably going to attend a meeting at some point to update us on their future plans.

They have also reached out to the local schools and on the back of this Fettes students will be doing a clean-up in Inverleith Park.

Andrew Naughtie was working with John Edward on Engagement and Inclusion but unfortunately he has moved inches out of the area and so can no longer be a Community Councillor. Clive thanked him for his help whilst he was a member of the CC. Holly Harrison offered to take over his position.

Community Grants – Devon Magliozi

Applications are being looked for to receive money from Community Grants Funds for community projects. Bill thanked Max for helping him and Warriston Residents Association make an application.

AOB

Dog fouling in Portgower Place – local resident asked if it would be possible to put up notices at either end of the street reminding people to pick up their dogs poo. Max is to look into this.

Date and time of next meeting: Wednesday October 15th, 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