

**DRAFT FOR APPROVAL**

**Stockbridge and Inverleith Community Council**

**Minutes of meeting**

**held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Stockbridge Parish Church

7b Saxe Coburg Street

**Attendance**

Those attending were as follows:

*Community Council Members:*

Gregan Crawford (Chair); Tannis Dodd (secretary); Hal Osler; Joan Beattie; John Cowie, Pam Barnes, David Chamberlain; Penny Richardson; Andrew Morrison; Clive Preston; Duncan Osler

*Ward Councillors:* Nigel Bagshaw; Lesley Hinds, Gavin Barrie

*Members of the Community:*

Jack Bannerman; Ian Ferguson; Maggie Ferguson; Ryan McGee; Maurits Bakker; Rod Shearer; Nigel Clark; Alex Johnson; James Dalgleish

*Apologies:*

CC Members – Ian Hooper, Mae Douglas

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Approved – point to clarify (Penny Richardson) minute to be supplemented re Licensing, that a report now has been submitted as referred to in the Minute.

*Matters Arising*

There was a request for the agenda to be uploaded to the S&ICC website for information. Agreed this would be done in future.

**2. Reports**

i) *Chairpersons report*

Dean Valley Regeneration Group's presentation to the previous meeting was noted along with the Group's current questionnaire. Agreed this was hard to find online and S&ICC would try to publicise this for information (not to be construed as S&ICC support) as it was important for local views to be established. It was noted as regards more information the Group has a website at this link - <http://deanvalley.org.uk>.

It was agreed clarity on the Group's plans would be welcomed. David Chamberlain agreed to attend and contribute for S&ICC and Hal Osler and Andrew Morrison offered to assist as required.

ii) *Secretary*

Reported (Tannis Dodd) that a half page editorial for S&ICC has been taken in Stockbridge Spotlight and we can do this for every issue – 8 times a year at the cost of £25. Also a report about S&ICC has gone into Inverleith Society annual newsletter.

Hal Osler noted Waitrose has restricted access for Broughton High School students because of customer complaints. The school and Waitrose have matters under review.

Noted complaints had been made regarding rubbish left in Raeburn Place, by Broughton High School students. Two such complaints have been passed to Broughton High School which is considering them. Also complaints about rubbish left in Inverleith Park were noted.

It was suggested that the school and its wider community might wish to organise a local clean-up. It was noted such initiatives have been carried out by other schools including Victoria HS for example. Agreed to suggest this to Broughton High School, and that it might be positive to deliver under the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme. Waitrose and Flora Stevenson's PS to be contacted in this regard.

iii) *Treasurer*

Noted currently S&ICC has £2350 on account, with S&ICC's yearend falling at the end of March.

iv) *Police Scotland*

No report available for the meeting.

v) *Environment*

A reminder was given about the Water of Leith clean up May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10am – anyone interested in coming along will be welcome. Meet at the Falshaw Bridge.

vi) *Transport*

Cllr Hinds reported that on Danube St and Fettes Row, roundels (in place of signs) are to be put on to the road surface re the 20mph speed limit. Noted although the default speed limit is to be 20mph not 30mph, this is a matter for the Scottish Parliament not the Council (and this requires signage at regular intervals). Noted views diverge over whether streets need to be de-cluttered or alternatively that more signage should be introduced.

Cllr Hinds: asked re 20mph prosecutions, exact numbers of fines not known but a much higher number of drivers are receiving police warnings.

Noted Leith St is set to close causing a major/widespread disruption, to replace electricity, gas and a water sewer. Diversions of buses to be made, starting after the Festival 2017, to be completed before the Festival 2018. Belford Road/Bells Mill closure (2 April) noted. Also noted information on closures is available on the Council website.

Cllr Hinds - noted £2.5m for capital and separately £2.5m revenue available to be spent on roads, lighting, bridges etc. Reported there is a local underspend, and the Council would consider suggestions that are name by the community, for works that should be done.

G Crawford reported a section of the Tanfield Bridge/walkway off the Rocheid Path is due to be closed for repair. The works will require the footbridge and footpath to be closed between Brandon Terrace and the Rocheid Path.

vii) *Licensing and Planning*

*Licensing:*

Penny Richardson reported on the Licensing Forum and noted a proposal to improve access was made, which hopefully would be put forward to the June meeting of the Licensing Committee for consideration.

Noted after a number of years without review, the constitution of the Licensing Committee may be updated (after May 2017).

Action - Cllr Barrie to investigate whether a reference copy of Licensing Rules could be available in Stockbridge Library. In addition it was agreed that S&ICC should purchase a copy of the Licensing Book/materials for S&ICC use.

Noted - Penny is due to present on Licensing to the Edinburgh Association of Community Councillors (EACC) meeting in the week commencing 20 March.

*Planning:*

Pam Barnes reported a delay in relation to the Royal High School planning application pending an amendment to the scheme. The delay is partly on account of an exclusivity agreement being in place between the hotel developers and the Council (there being no such agreement with the Music School).

Noted the Scottish Government Planning Consultation is ongoing - comments to be submitted in line with previous comments for S&ICC. It was noted for the Consultation, that terminology in the Planning Consultation is complex and should be clarified.

Noted Planning Democracy seeks equal rights for the community to make comments/complaints, with the applicant/developer.

Noted that the application for the former RBS site at Eyre Crescent has received a large number of objections and is not due to be considered until after the May 2017 Council elections.

viii) *Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership.*

Joan Beattie - No meeting having been held, there was nothing to report.

**3. AOB**

There was no other business.

**4. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

April 19th, 2017 at 7pm, Stockbridge Parish Church, Saxe-Coburg Street.