

**DRAFT FOR APPROVAL**

**Stockbridge and Inverleith Community Council**

**Minutes of meeting**

**held on 17 May 2017**

Stockbridge Parish Church

7b Saxe Coburg Street

**Attendance**

Those attending were as follows:

*Community Council Members:*

Gregan Crawford (Chair); Tannis Dodd (secretary); Joan Beattie; Pam Barnes; John Cowie; David Chamberlain; Duncan Osler; Ian Hooper.

*Ward Councillors:* Gavin Barrie; Max Mitchell; Hal Osler

*Members of the Community*

Nigel Clark; Nick Evans; Alex Johnson; Charlotte Maddix; Marion Walker; Margaret Hills; Jerry Ozaniec; James Simpson

*Apologies:*

CC Members – Jan Anderson; Penny Richardson, Clive Preston

1. Introductory

The Chair welcomed returning and newly elected ward councillors to the meeting and recorded the Community Council's thanks to Nigel Bagshaw for his service to the CC and for his work as a ward councillor.

He noted that Hal Osler having been elected as a ward councillor had stood down as a member of the Community Council and noted that Duncan Osler would also be standing down. **The Chair expressed the hope that members of the local community willing to serve on the Community Council would put themselves forward. He would be writing to existing members of the CC to ask for volunteers to represent the CC on Environment and Transport matters.**

He advised the meeting that **PC Sparrow was unable to attend and that his scheduled presentation on security awareness would be held over for a future meeting.**

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved

3. Matters Arising

Edinburgh Academicals development - James Simpson reported that the Grange Trust was seeking a court interdict to protect their interest in the Raeburn Place boundary wall. If successful this action would

impact on the developers proposals for development. The outcome of this action would not be known for some time.

Closure of Bank of Scotland branch at Goldenacre - the Chair said that he had written to the Bank to express concern at the impact of the proposed closure.

#### 4. Reports

Chairperson - No other items to report.

Secretary - local traders had invited ward councillors to attend a meeting at Raeburn House Hotel on 28 June;

dates for the next Stockfest in September will be agreed soon;

request for someone to write an article for Stockbridge Spotlight - **John Cowie agreed to do this**

Treasurer - currently S&ICC has a balance of £2266; the Treasurer noted that the bank is proposing to introduce a charge of £100 for operating the bank account. **It was agreed that the Treasurer should investigate alternative banking arrangements.**

Environment - there had been an encouragingly high level of local participation in the previous week's Water of Leith clean up;

a local resident questioned whether the allocation of parking spaces for public parking in Saxe Coburg Terrace could be reviewed in light of the disturbance which the use of these spaces caused for adjacent properties. **Councillors agreed to investigate the scope for change to the existing arrangements;**

James Simpson referred to the challenges of refuse management in areas like Stockbridge and requested that **Councillors should prioritise consideration of better permanent solutions for refuse management especially in the City's tenemented areas, drawing on innovative solutions adopted elsewhere in Europe.**

Transport - Hal Osler said that the Council had provided funding to enable the full extent of the 42 bus route to be re-instated for a period of six months; thereafter continuation would be dependent on viability.

Planning - Pam Barnes reported on the proposals contained in the Council's consultation on revision of the "town centre" planning guidance for Stockbridge. **After some discussion it was agreed that the CC response should express a view that policy should have a clear focus on the central area and that the town centre policies should not apply to the peripheral areas (the new Accies development to the North and the Circus Place shops to the South).** Ian Hooper proposed that the CC should also give notice to the Council of its intention to develop its own proposals for planning guidance for the "town centre". **It was agreed that a working group should be convened - membership to include James Simpson, Gregan Crawford, Tannis Dodd - with view to reporting back to the CC in two months time.**

Licensing - Penny Richardson had advised that the Council was in the process of implementing new procedures for review of licensing applications.

Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership - no meetings had taken place since the last CC meeting

5 Waitrose Car Park Junction - the Secretary advised the meeting of concerns expressed locally about the potential hazard to pedestrians - often including large numbers of Broughton High School pupils - using the footway on the West side of Fettes Avenue at the crossing point at the foot of the exit ramp from the Waitrose car park. **The Chair asked local councillors to seek advice on possible safety improvements which could improve the situation.**

6 No7 Raeburn Place - Alex Johnson informed the meeting about the proposals for use of No7 Raeburn Place which had been acquired by the Church. The intention was that the premises should help support the local community by offering a space for community interactions. The official opening would take place on 27 May from 2 to 5 when all would be welcome. The Chair said that the CC looked forward to working with the new centre.

7 Other Business - The Secretary advised that the AGM of the Community Council would take place next month before the regular Community Council meeting. John Cowie referred to the action plan which the CC had adopted following the open community meeting which had been held last year.

Following the Community Meeting in 2016 many issues raised at the meeting were already covered, but some important areas need to be investigated further. It was agreed that the remaining priority areas identified at the meeting be taken forward as follows: Health and Social Care (Penny Richardson), Mental Health (John Cowie and Hal Osler), Youth (Alex Johnson).

8 Date and Time of Next Meeting

**AGM of the Community Council to take place on June 21st 2017 at 7pm, in Stockbridge Parish Church, Saxe-Coburg Street preceding the**

**Meeting of the Community Council which will take place at 7.15pm.**