

Stockbridge & Inverleith Community Council

DRAFT MINUTES

of the meeting held on 20 September 2017
at Stockbridge Parish Church, 7b Saxe Coburg Street, Edinburgh

Present: SICC: Jan Anderson, Pam Barnes, (Planning Convenor) Joan Beattie, David Chamberlain, (Treasurer) Nigel Clark, John Cowie, Gregan Crawford (Chairperson) Andrew Morrison, Jerry Ozaniec, Clive Preston and Penny Richardson (Licensing Convenor)

Members of the Community: David Todd, Margaret Hills, Shahida Imani, Alex Johnson, PC Nev Richardson, PC Peter Sparrow, Katrina Tremmel, Ron Tremmel and Caro Tulloch

Ward Councillors: Gavin Barrie, Max Mitchell and Hal Osler, **MP:** Deirdre Brock

Apologies for absence. Jack Bannerman, Tannis Dodd and Ian Hooper

1. Minutes of last meeting- 15 June 2017: Subject to the following changes, the Minutes were approved:
Page 1, Minute 2: should read "would make contact with Elaine Lennon" not "had made contact".
Page 2 Minute 3 Para 5 Licensing Line 3 Info on website: should read: PR reported that the a sub group of the Licensing Forum were developing new information for the general public about what happens at a Licensing Board meeting

Matters arising: Minute No 2 Stockbridge Town Centre Group: James Simpson plans to hold a meeting shortly. TD will be a member of this group too.

2. Brief reports (Part 1)

- i. **Chairperson** GC welcomed all to the meeting and invited SICC members to introduce themselves. He reported that the **August SICC meeting** had been **cancelled** due to the unavailability of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and several other community councillors. He gave an update on a **private meeting of members of SICC held to discuss management issues**. These were:
- Vice Chair:** Ian Hooper had intimated that he would be stepping down as Vice Chair after the October meeting, which he would be asked to chair as the Chair expects to be away. Clive Preston has volunteered to take over as Vice Chair.
 - SICC membership:** **Jerry Ozaniec** has been **co-opted** by the elected members and will take on the Environment Portfolio. JB and HO would brief him on this. **Nigel Bagshaw** had been contacted about re returning to the S&ICC and said he was busy until the end of the year but hopes to return after that.
 - It had been **agreed to hold 7 meetings a year with none in July, August and December**. Community Councils are required by law to hold a minimum of 7 meetings a year. If need be, an emergency extra meeting could always be called.
 - Minute taker:** **agreed to employ a minute taker**. GC was making enquiries of other CCs who already did this.
 - "News and Events in North West":** Elaine Lennon, who publishes this regular report, had invited interested residents to add their email addresses added to her circulation list. GC to contact EL with list.
- ii. **Secretary:** nothing to report
- iii. **Treasurer:** DC reported that the City of Edinburgh Council grant had been increased to £900 which included room hire costs and insurance. The audited Financial Report for 2016/7 was due to go the Council shortly. The estimated cost of employing a minute taker at the living wage rate was about £450 a year. This

was affordable this year, but would have to be reviewed for next and subsequent years depending on the level and grant awarded. **AGREED:** to employ a Minute Taker as soon as possible for coming year. GC to take forward.

3. Police Scotland PC Peter Sparrow gave an update on current crime levels in Inverleith. There had been no housebreakings and no car thefts but a few businesses had been targeted. The new 20 MPH speed restriction was being ignored by many motorists with the average speed still at 30 MPH. Cycling behaviour on bridle ways was being monitored by plain clothes police cyclists. Bells are not required by law though many cyclists do have them. He also gave residents advice on home security. This is attached to the minutes. He confirmed that the police were aware of issues with needles and syringes, cannabis smoking and parties in Inverleith Park, especially the Sun Dial Garden. A resident reported that syringes and needles had also been found on the stairs at Glenogle Baths. He advised that if you find a discarded needle or syringe in a public place call the Council on 0131 608 1100 to have them it removed. Please note the Council is unable to remove discarded needles or syringes from private land or from within someone's property. Here's the web link for Community Safety:

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20043/community_safety_and_antisocial_behaviour/1275/needles_and_syringes

PC Peter Sparrow and PC Nev Richardson can be contacted by phoning 0131 311 4308 or emailing edinburghcptinverleith@scotland.pnn.police.uk

4. Brief reports (Part 2)

v. **Environment** Cllr Barrie is a member of the Council Transport and Environment Committee. Residents wanting to raise transport or environmental issues can email contact him at gavin.barrie@edinburgh.gov.uk and/or via the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership: <http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/inverleith/>

vi. **Transport** see Environment above

vii. **Planning:** PB reported that an application for an extension in Inverleith Terrace had been withdrawn: the Calton Hill hotel developers had planning consent till 2022, despite the Council Planning Committee approving the St Mary's Music School planning app there. The Edinburgh Open Doors Days would be on 23 & 24 September.

Licensing: PR tabled a report which is attached to these minutes for information. Residents commented on the Dean Bar, Dean Street application and would be taking their objections to the September Licensing Board meeting.

viii. **Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership:** <http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/inverleith/> INP had met for the first time since reorganisation. The Phase 2 consultation on the 2017 - 2020 North West Locality Plan had been deferred to mid November.

5. Report on Dementia Friendly Neighbourhood. John Cowie gave an update. There is only one Community Dementia Nurse for Edinburgh who provides help, support and training. While there is support for people with dementia in their own homes, there's not so much when they're out and about. National Dementia Friendly Community programmes are headed up by Edinburgh City Council and Alzheimer's Scotland to ensure that our local communities are dementia friendly. Helpful things are places to sit down and rest and gather your thoughts, flowers and plants, easier to read signage with black print on a yellow background. Overall, old fashioned works better. JC will link up with James Simpson and the Stockbridge Town Centre Group.

6. **Youth Programme:** Update from Alex Johnson - Broughton High School now has a teacher liaison, Catherine Frew, who will address issues raised by residents re BHS school pupils. Agreed: to invite her to a future SICC meeting.

6. **Report on Health & Social Care** - deferred to next SICC meeting

7. AOB

7.1 **Parking on double yellow lines on Inverleith Avenue:** Shahida Imani raised concerns about persistent parking on double yellow lines which restricted residents' access. Cllrs Mitchell and Osler had been very helpful with this problem. It was noted that road orders could take up to 9 or 12 months to be implemented and that any new parking restrictions would cause displacement on other streets and roads.

7.2 **Bin collections:** David Todd was concerned about less frequent bin collections. Cllr Barrie said satellite navigation systems are slowly being installed in bin lorries. If there is no improvement then get in touch with your local councillors - here's a link to their contact info:

<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/councillors/specificWard/8/inverleith>

7.3 **AirBnB in the Colonies - Stockbridge Colonies Residents' Association (SCRA).** Caro Tulloch, on behalf of SCRA, raised concerns about the increasing number of AirBnB properties in the Stockbridge Colonies. There are very few controls and no current legislation about AirBnB developments in Edinburgh. Concerns included lack of registration, possible tax avoidance on AirBnB income, and increased traffic. The Scottish Government is consulting on this at the moment and will hopefully address these and other related issues and concerns. If residents have problems with local AirBnBs, please contact your MSP who will be able to help. Here's the link to their contact info: <http://www.parliament.scot/mspfinder/index.html?region=Lothian>

7.4 Canonmills Bridge development

Jan Anderson, one of the founder members of the Canonmills Bridge Campaign reported that there may be legal grounds for a Judicial Review on this development. The Council have been asked for information about this and JA will put the response onto the Canonmills Bridge Facebook Page once she has it.

8. **Date and time of next meeting October 18th 2017 at 7 pm at Stockbridge Parish Church.**

HOME SECURITY ADVICE FROM POLICE SCOTLAND

Major theft targets in the past 2 years were car keys, gold jewellery and small electronic devices. PC Sparrow recommends keeping car keys out of sight and other items in a small inside safe. He also reminded residents to back up their photos regularly. As first, ground and basement sash and case windows are particularly vulnerable he recommends window locks. He reminded residents to keep their gardens and back greens tidy and not to leave tools like spades lying around there or in unlocked sheds. Motion activated lighting can also help here. Wooden doors are not as secure as PVC ones but deadbolts at top and bottom and sliding bolts inside do help. And when you're on holiday, lock all internal doors, and make sure any taxi company you're using is legitimate.

He emphasised that alarms are the single most effective control, and the louder the better. Internal and intruder alarms with contact and vibration sensors, although more expensive, are very effective. He recommended installing a "Canary", which looks like a small air freshener. This device is a Wi-Fi router with a camera system linked to your smart phone. CCTV can help though is not much use when thieves wear hooded jackets. Please remember to put up warning signs when you install CCTV.

And if you live in a tenement, the best way of being more secure is to keep in contact with your neighbours and make sure all residents are thoughtful and take care about who they're buzzing into the common stair.

1 Edinburgh Licensing Forum - updates

- 1.1 **Access to Licensing Applications and supporting documents: Update from March & June 2017 Licensing Forum meetings:** SICC concerns were raised and Andrew Mitchell (City of Edinburgh Council) is happy to consider and facilitate viewing of applications as much as possible.
- 1.2 **Access to Licensing Applications on line:** Andrew Mitchell confirmed that no current infrastructure existed to have applications online at present and that a current corporate project was looking at this.
- 1.3 **Proposal to hold a Licensing Forum Away Day/Evening:** PR had suggested an away day/evening for the Forum members to develop an Action Plan. The Forum Convenor agreed to discuss this suggestion.
- 1.4 **"What to expect at the Licensing Board meetings":** agreed to set up a working group to draw up information for people attending Board meetings which would be put onto the Licensing Board website hopefully soon.
- 1.5 **Defibrillators in licensed premises;** a licensed trade Forum rep proposed that the facility of defibrillators should be made a local condition when granting a premises licence.

2 **Joint meeting between Edinburgh Licensing Forum and Edinburgh Licensing Board:** Likely to be held in November - date TBC

3 Edinburgh Licensing Board

3.1 Members from May 2017

•Councillor Norman Work (Convenor), •Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron •Councillor Mary Campbell
•Councillor Nick Cook, •Councillor Cammy Day, •Councillor Catherine Fullerton, •Councillor Gillian Gloyer
•Councillor David Key, •Councillor Callum Laidlaw •Councillor Joanna Mowat

3.2 **Objection by SICC to licensing application by the former Dean Bar, 50 Dean Street, to extend its Sunday opening hours to 1 am on Monday morning**

SICC's view is that the venue's Sunday on sale licensed hours should be kept to the existing Sunday closing time of midnight, and not be extended to 01:00 as many of the rooms above and around the bar are people's bedrooms. This is in line with other local bar opening hours and with concerns raised by local residents.

UPDATE FROM SEPTEMBER LICENSING BOARD MEETING (25/09/17) As a result of objections raised by residents and SICC, the applicant's agent withdrew the proposed closing time of 01:00 on Sunday evenings.

Penny Richardson

Licensing Convenor, Stockbridge & Inverleith Community Council, September 2017