

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD IN ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET, ARMTHORPE, ON MONDAY, 10 MARCH 2026

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor T Needham.

Councillors: A Barrington, C Brodhurst Brown and C Parry.

Also in attendance: C Bignall, Head of Regulation and Enforcement (City of Doncaster Council, CDC)
S Lovell Neighbourhood Police Seargent (South Yorkshire Police, SYP)
S Youngman, Clerk to the Council.

01 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Council members were asked to elect a Chairperson for the committee.

RESOLVED: To elect Councillor T Needham.

02 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Council members were asked to elect a Vice Chairperson for the committee.

RESOLVED: To elect Councillor C Brodhurst Brown.

03 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor C Head, S Rashid (CDC), City Councillors C Marriott, and N Pritchard.

RESOLVED: To approve the reasons for absence.

04 ITEMS TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM

None.

05 DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

None declared.

06 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members were provided with a copy of the Terms of Reference which had been approved by members of the Full Council

07 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND CONCERNS RELATING TO PARKING ISSUES OUTSIDE LOCAL SCHOOLS

Councillor T Needham provided members with an overview of the ongoing parking issues affecting Tranmoor Lane and Mere Lane, both of which serve as bus routes and are key locations for local businesses and a GP practice. The parking problems spread onto neighbouring roads, with reports including a pedestrian having their foot run over by a vehicle, driveways and carriageways being obstructed, and difficulties for emergency vehicles attempting to access the area during school start and finish times.

C Bignall advised that the zig-zag markings along Tranmoor Lane had recently been repainted to further highlight the no-parking areas.

C Parry questioned whether the field adjacent to Shaw Wood Academy could be used as a car park for parents and carers. Councillor T Needham advised that the field belongs to an academy and the land is leased to a local football club.

Councillor T Needham reported the following statistics:

409 children attend Shaw Wood Academy and are extending the facilities to offer 200 additional places.
219 children attend Our Lady of Sorrows which has a capacity of 210.
684 children attend Armthorpe Academy which has a capacity of 900.

Equating to 1,312 children attending school along Mere Lane

359 children attend Tranmoor Primary School which has a capacity of 420.
221 children attend Southfield Primary School which has a capacity of 210.

Equating to 580 children attending school along Tranmoor Lane.

The average attendance for primary school pupils is 95%, and the average attendance for secondary pupils is 93%.

Councillor A Barrington outlined the 'Park and Stride' initiative being used in other areas and suggested encouraging parents to walk their children to school where possible. It was noted, however, that challenges arise as not all pupils live within walking distance and many parents need to travel directly to work after the school drop-off.

Councillor C Parry advised that consideration needs to be given towards children with additional needs.

Councillor C Brodhurst-Brown advised that a village-wide campaign is needed, establishing a framework with key partners to undertake a public consultation, gather feedback from residents, and develop workable solutions.

S Lovell advised that South Yorkshire Police want parents to be able to get their children to school safely, and that enforcement should be used only as a last resort.

C Bignall advised that there are eight enforcement cameras allocated for the city, serving 120 schools. In 2022, a total of 519 Penalty Charge Notices were issued from cameras positioned outside school sites. Cameras are typically installed for a full term, with parents notified in advance. Monitoring data shows that parking issues often disperse into wider surrounding areas once enforcement begins.

Members discussed viable solutions, including:

- Park and stride initiative
- One-way systems during drop off and pick up periods.
- Different school start and end timings
- Walking bus services – Members were advised that Tranmoor Primary School and launching this initiative, with parents meeting at The Horse and Groom pub at 8.30am.

Members discussed inviting representatives from the following organisations to future meetings:

- South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (formally South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive).
- All primary and secondary schools within Armthorpe.
- City of Doncaster Council Highways Department.
- City of Doncaster Council Public Health Department.

Members questioned what obligations and policies schools are required to have in place to ensure they deliver a service without creating a negative impact on the surrounding community.

Members agreed to invite representatives from each school within Armthorpe to the next meeting and to request that they bring information on:

- The issues they are experiencing.
- The methods previously used to address these problems.
- Ideas for mitigation.
- Examples of good practice.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To meet on Monday 20th April 2026 at 6pm

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