

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD IN ARMTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
WELFARE PARK, CHURCH STREET, ARMTHORPE, ON MONDAY, 12 MAY 2026

PRESENT:

Chairperson: Councillor T Needham.

Councillors: A Barrington, C Head and C Parry.

City Councillor: C Marriott.

Also in attendance: S Lovell, (South Yorkshire Police, SYP)
J Coward, (South Yorkshire Police, SYP)
S Ferguson (Southfield Primary School)
A Mynett (Tranmoor Primary School)
S Youngman, Clerk to the Council.

01 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

Council members were asked to appoint a Chairperson for the year ahead.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor T Needham.

02 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Council members were asked to appoint a Vice Chairperson for the year ahead.

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor C Parry.

03 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Councillor C Brodhurst Brown (Armthorpe Parish Council)
Councillor N Pritchard (City of Doncaster Council)
S Rashid (City of Doncaster Council)
M Ridley (Shaw Wood Academy)
S Whitehurst (City of Doncaster Council)

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 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 APRIL 2026

Council members were provided with a copy of the draft minutes.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting.

07 FEEDBACK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS

Members were provided with feedback from Shaw Wood Academy, The school reported that the main issues continue to relate to parent behaviour at drop-off and collection times, including vehicles stopping on the yellow zig-zag markings and parents dropping children off in the middle of the road rather than parking safely.

The school outlined the measures currently in place or trialled:

The school previously participated in the Living Streets WoW walk-to-school scheme; however, this was discontinued once charges were introduced, as the impact did not justify the cost.

A voluntary one-way system operates before and after school. This is generally followed and improves traffic flow, though difficulties arise when some drivers choose to ignore it.

Enforcement cameras have been used in the past and were noted as having the greatest impact on driver behaviour. The school understands that cameras are shared between schools and suggested that increased availability should be explored, as penalty income may offset costs. The school does not have data on whether this approach displaces issues elsewhere.

A 'walking bus' was previously considered but did not progress due to practical challenges identified during investigation.

08 UPDATES FROM MEMBERS

- 1. Bus Routes and Timetables:** Councillor C Marriott advised that First Bus had confirmed that they are willing to attend a meeting to discuss options. Contact details have been obtained for South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) and will be shared.
- 2. Park and Stride System:** S Ferguson reported that Southfield Primary School had previously trialled a Park and Stride scheme with support from Matt Farmer from Doncaster Council during the trial period. A further discussion is required with the owners of the Horse and Groom pub regarding potential use of their car park to support the initiative. S Lovell advised that South Yorkshire Police would be able to engage with the Park and Stride system if provided with the relevant locations and timings.
- 3. Junior Citizenship Programme:** Members were informed that contact will be made with local schools regarding the Junior Citizenship Programme before the end of the academic year, with a view to commencing the scheme in September. In light of ongoing parking concerns around several sites, members were asked to indicate whether they have a preferred school for the initial rollout.

RESOLVED: To trial the programme with Southfield and Tranmoor Primary Schools.

Councillor C Marriott suggested getting schoolchildren involved with the community speedwatch sessions.

- 4. Time Bound One Way Systems:** Councillor C Marriott agreed to look into the matter and provide an update at the next meeting.

5. Varied School Start/End Times: Councillor C Head provided members with the following details:

School	Children Arrive	Children Leave	Comments
Our Lady of Sorrows	8.30am to 8.40am	3.05pm to 3.10pm	Parents encouraged to use leisure centre car park
Southfield Primary School	8.40am	3pm	
Southfield Nursery	8.30am	3.15pm	
Shaw Wood Academy	8.30am	3pm (3.15 Nursery children)	
Tranmoor Primary School	8.45am to 8.55am	3.15pm	
Armthorpe Academy	8.45am	2.50pm	Steady stream of children leaving from 2.50pm to 4pm due to after school clubs

A Mynett advised members that timings are fixed to correspond with teacher direct contact timings and that Tranmoor Primary School are planning on opening a breakfast club which will enable children to arrive earlier.

S Ferguson raised concerns regarding the absence of designated pedestrian crossings and the lack of a School Crossing Patrol Officer in the area. A discussion took place on the funding arrangements for School Crossing Patrol Officers, and it was agreed to monitor Tranmoor Lane to identify where children are currently crossing.

Councillor C Marriott questioned who owns the overgrown land on Tranmoor Lane.

6. School Agreements/Planning Agreements: S Rashid to provide an update at the next meeting.

7. Enforcement: A discussion took place regarding the potential installation of dummy cameras in the vicinity of local schools, and members agreed to raise the matter with J Brooks of Doncaster Council at the next meeting. Councillor C Marriott suggested issuing enforcement letters to advise drivers that their vehicle had been observed parked illegally and that the registration details had been reported to the local authority.

8. Provision for Children with Special Education Needs: Councillor C Parry provided members with a written report regarding his recent visit to Southfield Primary School. It was noted that the school are unable to make any improvements.

A Mynett invited Councillor C Parry to visit Tranmoor Primary School to review their current arrangements and advised that the school maintains a list of families requiring access to the car park due to children having physical or neurodivergent needs. It was noted that disabled parking bays are available in both car parks.

9. Safer School Streets: Councillor A Barrington provided members with an overview of the project and advised that she had contacted Oliver Coppard but had not yet received a response. She explained that the ethos of the project is to establish traffic exclusion zones during school drop-off and pick-up times on streets surrounding schools; however, implementation can be challenging where bus routes are affected. It was noted that residents living within the exclusion zones can be issued with passes. Members agreed to discuss the project with S Whitehurst of Doncaster Council at the next meeting.

Members agreed to create an action plan to move the project forward:

Subject	Priority	Delivery
Communication to parents/carers	AMBER	Community consultation
School Crossing Patrol Officer	AMBER	
Co-ordinated press releases	AMBER	SYP to draft press release and share with members at next meeting
Revised bus Timetable	RED	Discuss with First Bus and SYMCA
Park and Stride initiative	AMBER	Speak with local business throughout village for designated parking areas
School R=rankings/League table	AMBER	Discuss with S Rashid
One way system	AMBER	Discuss with S Whitehurst
Traffic report	RED	T Needham to request and C Marriott to work with schools – Speedwatch sessions
Dummy cameras	AMBER	Discuss with J Brooks
Headteacher forum	AMBER	T Needham to raise with schools
Enforcement letters	AMBER	C Marriott to check with Doncaster Council for approval to use

9 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Review of action plan.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: To meet on Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 6pm.