



ABINGDON-ON-THAMES TOWN COUNCIL

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Traffic Advisory Committee Wednesday 9 February 2022 Agenda

Date of agenda: 4 February 2022

To: All Members of the Abingdon-on-Thames Traffic Advisory Committee

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council:

Cllr Andrew Coveney - Chair
Cllr Andy Foulsham
Cllr Jim Halliday
Cllr Eric de la Harpe
Cllr Patrick Lonergan

Oxfordshire County Council:

Cllr Neil Fawcett
Cllr Dr Nathan Ley
Cllr Alison Rooke

Vale of White Horse District Council:

Cllr Cheryl Briggs
Cllr Mike Pighills
Cllr Max Thompson – Vice-Chair

Abingdon-on-Thames Chamber of Commerce:

Mr Paul Townsend

Thames Valley Police:

Mr Chris Hulme

Principal Officer, Traffic Schemes – Area Operations South, OCC:

Mr Lee Turner

*Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council Traffic Advisory Committee
Wednesday 9 February 2022*

Dear Member,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **Abingdon-on-Thames Traffic Advisory Committee** to be held on **Wednesday 9 February 2022 at 7.00 pm.**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Town Council will hold this meeting online and not in person. As agreed by the Town Council at its meeting on 29 September 2021, any recommendations of this advisory committee which need to be agreed by the Town Council will be considered by the Town Council at its next meeting. Please see the note on governance at the end of this agenda.

The meeting ID will be forwarded to Members separately on the day of the meeting. Any members of the public who wish to attend should e-mail democratic@abingdon.gov.uk and you will be sent the relevant link.

The meeting will be conducted in the same way, as far as possible, as a meeting in person. Members of the public may view the meeting online and may, with notice, make representations, ask questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business at agenda item 5.

Where a member is unable to attend a meeting they may nominate a substitute member, provided that the nominating member informs the office of the Town Clerk prior to the commencement of the meeting at democratic@abingdon.gov.uk

Any queries on the agenda should also be directed to me.

Yours sincerely

Nigel Warner

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Town Clerk (signed electronically)

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council Our Vision

To develop an inclusive community so that Abingdon is the place where everyone wants to live and where the wellbeing of residents is prioritised. In developing this community, the town will be one which is environmentally sustainable, vibrant, resilient and safe.

Our key objectives

1. To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency.
2. To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future.
3. To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future.
4. To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To record any apologies for absence and attendance of substitute members.

2. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of interest in relation to any items to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Local Code of Conduct or the Code of Conduct in relation to their authority, as applicable.

3. Minutes and matters arising

To receive and consider the draft minutes of the meeting of [3 November 2021](#).

4. Matters arising

To consider any matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda, to include the previous meeting and ongoing [actions register](#).

5. **Public participation**

At the discretion of the Chair, Members of the public or representatives of organisations may address the Advisory Committee. The address shall be in the form of a statement lasting not more than three minutes. The person giving the address shall not be permitted to participate in any subsequent debate by the Advisory Committee on the matter in question.

Notice of intention to make a statement must be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk no later than 5pm on Tuesday 8 February 2022. This should be sent by e-mail to democratic@abingdon.gov.uk

6. **Items submitted to the Town Clerk by members or residents / public ahead of the meeting**

Councillors and Officers

1. **Civil Parking Enforcement**

At the meeting on 3 November 2021. It was agreed that it would be useful to allow the new parking enforcement system to be established before commenting on its operation. The Traffic Advisory Committee therefore agreed to review this at its next meeting on 9 February 2022. The Traffic Advisory Committee asked that all Councillors be asked to feed back on this new scheme and to advise:

- i) on where in the town enforcement of current restrictions would make a difference;
- ii) on any areas where a review of restrictions may be needed.

If not already done so, members are requested to send their feedback in relation to this matter to democratic@abingdon.gov.uk by 1700 hrs on Tuesday 8 February.

Residents/public

1. **Judith Payne re North Abingdon housing development**

Concern has been expressed that David Wilson Homes have been required to complete the footpath on the east of the Wootton Road from Mallams auctioneers to the Wootton Road roundabout.

It is noted that there is a crossing with a pedestrian refuge on the Wootton Road between Long Tow and the roundabout. Mrs Payne has written to the Town Council asking that a pedestrian crossing be installed by Mallams to allow safe crossing, pointing out that there have accidents and a fatality in this area.

7. **Application for 20 mph zone in Abingdon – update from the Town Council**

In September 2019 the Town Council (the Council) approved a motion to that 20 mph zones should be introduced in Abingdon in line with its key strategic objectives which include: “to respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency” and “to develop a resilient, sustainable town that will provide a home for residents now and in the future.” Unfortunately at that stage the County Council were not actively promoting 20mph zones, passing the financial costs of any suggestions straight back to the parish councils. An approach to the County Council (OCC) in June 2020 when some funding was available, to establish a 20mph zone in the town centre as part of their temporary Covid-19 related measures, was not successful.

The Council welcomed the changes made by OCC, in October 2021, when a new countywide 20mph speed restriction approach, policy and procedure, was approved for areas that had traditionally mainly been 30mph limits. This change of policy, backed by an £8,000,000 budget which we understand is due to be approved later this month, means that town and parish councils are now in a position to put forward their proposals to OCC with confidence that these will be seriously considered and that funding will be available. This change in policy has been welcomed by the Town Council.

The Council has now carefully considered the opportunities now available, with detailed work undertaken by a working group supported by county officers, the police and members of the community including those with a specific interest in cycle and pedestrian matters. At its meeting on 26 January the Council resolved **“that the Town Clerk write to the county council to request a blanket 20mph limit across Abingdon and a 30mph limit on the peripheral roads – Audlett Drive, Twelve Acre Drive, Dunmore Road, Copenhagen Drive and Colwell Drive.”** At the same meeting the Council included a sum of £15,000 in its budget for 2022/23 to support measures to assist implementation of 20mph zones in Abingdon, such as speed indicator devices.

The Abingdon Traffic Advisory Committee has also previously supported the principle of 20 mph zones.

The support of all three Abingdon division County Councillors has been obtained and the application was submitted on 3 February 2022.

Nigel Warner
Town Clerk

8. **Report from the Principal Officer, Traffic Scheme South Team, Oxfordshire County Council**

Mr Lee Turner to report at the meeting.

9. **Draft calendar of meetings for 2022**

To agree dates for future meetings of the Traffic Advisory Committee. The following dates are proposed as they do not clash with meetings of the Town, District or County Councils:

Wednesday 8 June 2022

The law allows members of the public and press to record meetings of the Council and its committees. Should you wish to record at any meeting which is open to the public it is requested that you inform the Town Clerk of your intention to film or record before the day of the meeting, by emailing democratic@abingdon.gov.uk or telephoning 01235 522642.

Note on Governance

On 29 September 2021 the Urgency Committee and the Town Council reviewed the emergency governance arrangements in place during the current phase of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The council's committees continue to meet on-line as advisory committees.

The recommendations of each advisory committee are then considered by the next meeting of the town council. The town council is conducted as a hybrid meeting with those members physically present at the meeting able to vote and make decisions but with the option also for members to attend on-line, in which case they can speak but not vote.

The emergency arrangements will be reviewed regularly and at each council meeting.