

28 January 2026

Traffic & Transport Forum Meeting Notes

Welcome

Those Present: Graham Bennett (GB), Cllr Luisa Auletta (LA), Cllr Chris Beavis (CB), Cllr Sarah Collinson (SC) Cllr Tom Cooper, Cllr John Cummings, Cllr Jacqi Hodgson (JH), Cllr Anna Presswell (AP), Cllr Nick Roberts, Cllr Christel Goodwin (CG), SG, RH, NR, WR, ZS, VW

Apologies: Cllr Tim Bennett, Cllr Rich Garton, GE, RM and PW

Note keeping: Lisa Baumbach (LB)

Minutes of Previous Forum – Held 23 July 2025

The notes from the previous forum were agreed.

Update from Devon County Councillor – Community Protocol Agreement

SC gave an update on the newly published **National Road Safety Strategy** which emphasises a safe system approach and prioritises pedestrian safety over traffic flow. Highlights from the strategy include a focus on vulnerable road users and the need for local authorities to consider pedestrian safety in infrastructure improvements as well as when addressing issues with existing roads.

GB explained that the DCC **Community Protocol Agreement** refers to a step-by-step guide which the Protocol says makes clear the client role that communities will adopt and specifically mentions an 'Equality Needs Impact Assessment'. JH gave more detail on the content of the agreement which can be found here:

<https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/documents/s53929/Community%20Protocol%20Agreement%20Dec%202025.pdf> She also outlined the concerns raised by TTC, including; the lack of detail in the document, training provisions, insurance issues, emergency planning, liability for Town and Parish Councils, and the level of support from Neighbourhood Highways Officers.

Action: Steering Group Comments to be passed on to DCC:

- **It was suggested that as the protocol is intended to support a collaborative approach, it needs to be written collaboratively to ensure all perspectives are properly addressed.**
- **It would be most cost effective for all public liability insurance for volunteers to be provided by DCC, rather than each individual Parish Council.**
- **The 'capacity' of Town and Parish Councils is highly variable. The needs of residents (especially vulnerable people) must be remembered even if they are not well served by their Council.**

Community Matters for Highways

CG raised concern about Ford Road on the industrial estate which is an unadopted road and full of potholes.

Action – JH, AP and CG to liaise to see if they can address the issue.

Next Meeting

The next Forum meeting will be held on the 22 July at 6:30pm