

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING, COMMERCE AND ENVIRONMENT (PlaCE) COMMITTEE
OF ABERTILLERY AND LLANHILLETH COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 03 March
2025 AT 6.00 PM at the Council Offices, Mitre Street, Abertillery.**

Points taken from the meeting. Draft minutes can be found on our website.

1. Is it possible to invite a representative from BGCBC (along with Gwent Police and Tillery Street school campus) to attend Tillery Street campus at school drop off and collection times to address the issue of congestion and look at possible solutions. Barrie Page (Chair) and Rob Phillips, committee member, will be attending as representatives of the PlaCE committee.

Would a member of the BGCBC Highways team be willing to attend a meeting at Tillery Street campus?

Tillery Street campus is currently on the Civil Parking Enforcement rota, are officers try to attend at least once per term to enforce parking restrictions.

2. Can the car park at Foundry Bridge, Abertillery be changed to 24-hour use and better signage placed around the town showing its location.

Would you be able to consider this and report your feedback, please?

3. Can yellow hatched boxes be painted on the roads and at the junction of Foundry Bridge and the access road to the car park at the side of the Post Office. Also, at the junction of Somerset Street and Commercial Street. Both of these areas suffer from obstruction by illegal parking. Parking on yellow hatched lines is an enforceable offence.

Would you be able to consider this and report your feedback, please?

Foundry Bridge – there are parking restrictions in place, double yellow lines. When our Officers patrol Abertillery town centre Foundry Bridge is also included.

Somerset Street – as with Foundry Bridge enforcement is undertaken when our officers patrol Abertillery town centre, each town within Blaenau Gwent receives a visit once a week.

4. Is it possible to make Gladstone Street and Oak Street one-way traffic to ease flow, with a stop sign at the junction of Gladstone Street, Alma Street and Station Hill.

Would you be able to consider this and report your feedback, please?

In respect of your request for the Council to consider the introduction of a One Way System along Oak Street and Gladstone Street, there are a number of reasons why this would not be permitted and I will outline some of the points below:

- Gladstone Street is a bus route in both a north and southbound direction and I would not consider Oak Street a suitable alternative route for bus travel.
- A One Way System would increase traffic flows on to junctions which already experience delays at peak hour travel times. The junctions I refer to are Station Hill / Castle St junction and Castle Street / Oak Street Junction.
- A 'One Way System would make journeys for both named streets and neighbouring residential streets very difficult to negotiate and would lead to some residents deliberately contravening the One Way Traffic Order.
- Due to the number of junctions that access both streets, it would make

enforcement very difficult from a Police perspective.

- One Way systems do encourage increased vehicle speeds as there is no opposing traffic flows and I would suggest that this would be the case in respect of Oak Street and Gladstone Street.

5. Is it possible to make Alexandra Road and Richmond Road and Castle Street and Vivien Street one-way traffic.

Would you be able to consider this and report your feedback, please?

We will consider the request and respond to you once reviewed.

6. Is it possible to schedule waste and recycling collections to avoid peak times, i.e. school runs.

Would you be able to consider this and report your feedback, please?

7. Is it possible to change the junction at Alma Street (also known as Station Road/Hill), Abertillery, so that traffic coming down the hill has priority access when joining Castle Street

Would you be able to consider this and report your feedback, please?

8. Is it possible to send a parking enforcement officer to a PlaCE meeting so the committee can ask questions on how Abertillery and the surrounding areas are managed.

Would it be possible for an enforcement officer to attend a PlaCE committee meeting? Dates TBC.

Abertillery is patrolled with a focus on Town Centre, Schools and bus routes. We do have direct requests from residents, and when able we patrol residential areas where there are parking restrictions and the misuse of disabled person parking places.