

Melksham Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

19 April 2011, 3.30pm, Melksham Town Hall

MINUTES

Present: Jon Hubbard, Jonathon Seed, Rolf Brindle, Charles Boyle, Alan Baines, Mark Stansby, Spencer Drinkwater, Peter Hanson, Andy Cadwallader, Abbi Gutierrez, Alissa Davies.

Agenda Item	Details	Actions
1. Apologies and Introductions	Apologies from Brian Warwick and Bill Parks	
2. Report back on schemes prioritised in October 2010 and still in progress.		Mark Stansby to write up short report for issue system where issues have been looked into.
i. Bath Rd - pedestrian crossing	No developer contribution towards this. Metro count ordered. Pedestrian count likely to cost £750.	Mark Stansby to order the pedestrian count.
ii. Queensway, Pembroke Rd - pedestrian crossing	Vehicle and pedestrian counts completed (£330 and £750). Results expected end of April. Likely to suggest zebra crossing (£20-25k)	Mark Stansby to come to next CATG with full costings and designs.
iii. Whitley footway improvements	Preliminary designs for 5 sections of footway were looked at, ranging from £2000 - £13,000 depending on length and materials used. Officer recommendation is to prioritise funding for standard footway at location 2 (£8923.36).	MWPC to look at options and see if they can contribute any funding.
3. Discretionary highways budget 2011/12	Melksham CATG has been allocated another £13,225. With the allocation rolled over from last financial year we have approx £21,000 to spend in 2011/12. There is also a £100,000 highway funding that CATGs can bid to for	

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	larger projects this financial year. Spencer did not think that any of Melksam CATG schemes would be eligible at this stage.	
4. List of schemes requested in the Melksham community area (see spreadsheet).	Abbi has written to all those who has previously submitted requests for highways improvements prior to CATG asking them to raise and issue for the area board online. We now have nine outstanding requests to consider below:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage at dangerous junction, A361/C232 	Collision data showed no personal injuries in last 10 years. Map type signs are already installed. No ideas for additional warning signs for this site.	Since the meeting Mark Stansby has looked again at the issues sheet as suggests changes to road marking might help.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crossing at junction of Sandridge Rd/Queensway 	Relative scoring carried out - rated high with 44 points suggesting this should be a priority. Next stage would be counts, speed surveys. Could be a zebra or puffin.	Agreed surveys and counts to be undertaken.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to road surfacing, Hazelwood Rd 	All the roads in this area have similar problems. They are on the list for maintenance, maybe 2011/12 or year after.	To be removed from CATG list as maintenance issue.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dangerous junction of A3102 with Bromham lane. 	Collision data showed no personal injuries in last 10 years. No way to improve the visibility, layout or gradient. A sign saying 'slow vehicles emerging' does not exist and officers feel other signs would not help.	MWPC to consider this.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of pavements and traffic calming, Common Hill/Ashton Common 	Scores low on relative scoring (8) as low usage. Also very narrow road with no space to create footway without major expense and large excavations.	To be taken off CATG list. Suggest PC resubmit in 2 years time if still an issue. Suggest PC consider

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		negotiating with local land owner for alternative route for footpath.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic calming in Whitley (B3353) 	Traffic calming can't be put on A or B roads. This area is suitable for community speed watch.	Item to be removed from list and resubmitted if this is still a problem after CSW is in place. Abbi to ask for views of PC as submitted by individual.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking restrictions in Foundary Close 	Unlikely that restrictions would help as problems cause by estate layout and design.	Seek views of town council as submitted by individual.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavement widening outside Shaw School 	Schools need to put this in their travel plan and bid for funding from this. Unclear which side of the road they are concerned about.	Abbi to seek clarification about site and refer them to school travel plan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycle route between Westlands Lane, Beanacre and Dunch Lane on A350 	This issue was only received on the day of the meeting and had not been added to the spreadsheet.	Spencer to do relative scoring and Mark Stansby to comment for next meeting.
5. Any other highway issues	<p>Seend PC have raised several issues that Mark Stansby is looking into.</p> <p>Highway work programmes are now on the council website.</p> <p>The parish steward areas have been revamped and Richard Green now covers this area.</p>	
6. Date of Next Meeting	Mon 27 June, 3.30pm at Melksham Town Hall	

