

PEWSEY AREA BOARD
5 September 2011

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 July 2011

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide an update to Pewsey Area Board of the meeting of the Area Transport Group meeting held on Wednesday 20 July 2011.

Attendees

Robert Hall – Pewsey Area Board
Terry Eyles – Pewsey Parish Council
Colin Gale – Rushall Parish Council
Patrick Wilson – Pewsey Chamber of Commerce
Bob King – Wilcot & Huish Parish Council and PCAP
David Leighton – Sustrans
Spencer Drinkwater – Wiltshire Council
Mark Stansby – Wiltshire Council
Paul Bollen – Wiltshire Council
Jayne Drew – Woodborough School (Governor)
Charles Barker – Woodborough Road Safety Group)
Peter Hanson – Wiltshire Council
Dave Bullock – Wiltshire Council
Ruth Durrant - Wiltshire Council
Caroline Brailey – Wiltshire Council
Vince Logue – Wiltshire Police

2. Background

The purpose of this group is to prioritise requests from the public and parish councils for integrated transport schemes, and to make recommendations to the Pewsey Area Board on schemes to be funded from its limited transport budget. The group's remit is also to look at current highway issues raised with the area board.

3. Main Considerations

3.1 Feedback on current priorities

Mark Stansby advised the group on the work he has carried out on the current priority schemes as follows:-

High Street Great Bedwyn

Mark produced a draft scheme which would improve pedestrian visibility when crossing Brook Street. The draft scheme has been costed at £4,500. The CATG

funding for this financial year is currently earmarked for Rushall and as matched funding for Pedestrian Access to Pewsey Station; however if funding for the station is not granted then there would be funds that could go towards the Great Bedwyn scheme.

Action: Caroline to send the preliminary design and costing to Great Bedwyn Parish Council for their consideration

Rushall

A public meeting was held – people weren't happy with the build out scheme – Mark is currently working on an alternate design which will be shared with the parish council on 28 July. The alternate scheme won't cost more than the original.

Farm Lane and Browns Lane Great Bedwyn

As noted in the report from the last meeting it came to light after these were placed on the priority list that the village is part of the 20mph pilot scheme. Therefore it was felt that traffic calming measures may not be necessary. There will be significant monitoring of the new scheme.

Wilcot Road One-Way System

Mark explained that there is scope to change the kerb alignment with Old Hospital Road. This will include a priority build out to disrupt in bound flow of traffic. The kerb works could be expensive. It was agreed that a metro count be arranged to take place within the one-way system to determine the numbers of cars going the wrong way.

Action:

Mark to arrange the metro count survey and cost a kerb work scheme.

Upavon Footpath (Grey Flags)

The parish council are keen to complete the path work but the owner of the land has not given permission. It was agreed that there wasn't anything that the group could contribute at this time, but it remains on the priority list.

Review of School Pick Up/Drop Off Points

Caroline updated the group that at the May meeting of Pewsey Area Board it was agreed that the Board would ask Wiltshire Council to undertake a review of school pick up/drop off points in the community area. The relevant Wiltshire Council cabinet member responded that a review of this nature was beyond the limit of their resources but they would look at schools on a case by case basis if there were specific issues. The Partnership have written to parish councils asking them to advise of any issues so that these can be put forward.

Substantive Schemes

Spencer explained that there would be a competitive bidding mechanism for CATGs in Wiltshire to apply for funding towards a scheme that is beyond the budget of the CATG. There is £100k available. It was not yet clear how the winning scheme would be selected but the application would need to be put forward by the end of August and a decision should be made by the end of September and the scheme would need to be completed by March.

Action: Spencer to ensure that the application for funding towards the Pewsey Station project is submitted. Mark to draw up preliminary scheme and obtain pedestrian movement figures.

List of Problem areas given by Bob King

Spencer provided some feedback as follows:-

(a) **BURBAGE WHARF – A346** permanent traffic lights over the bridges.
This is a potential outcome that could come as a result of collision investigation but more likely through the Council's work with network rail on incursion sites. However it is currently low priority. The Council is currently developing a Network Management Plan and as an alternative it could be a project that flows from this work, although the policies and mechanisms for delivering this plan are yet to be finalised.

(b) **PEWSEY WHARF – A345** a footpath and priority indicators over the restricted carriageway.
This could be raised as a potential scheme and its priority considered by the CATG. Bob was advised that this would need to be raised through the community issues system.

(c) **HUISSH CORNER, OARE – A345** a mini round about.
If this is a particular issue in terms of school access then the school should be encouraged to address the issue through their school travel plan and consider any identified solution as a potential candidate for a Taking Action on School Journeys bid.

(d) **GRAFTON & SHALBOURNE – A338** there are three junctions on this road, one in a speed limit, with none being local traffic friendly.
There have been significant signage improvements since this statement was made and Bob was satisfied with this outcome.

(e) **MANNINGFORD BRUCE – C52** It is considered that this is now used as a "rat run", and that the fabric of the road and the bridge is not sufficient for the volume and size of the traffic now using the route.
The bridge is substandard and is subject to frequent monitoring. A temporary structural weight limit could be considered as works to strengthen the bridge will be a year or two in the future. However there could be difficulties in that some of the bridges on the alternative parallel routes are also substandard and this could result in serious impediments to deliveries within local communities. The CATG agreed that it was down to the parish council to decide what they want.

Woodborough Road Safety Group (WRSB)

Charles Barker explained that the group had been formed following the tragic death of Finlay Connor on 14th March. The accident has galvanised the school community and local people and something must be done with a coherent approach. The group is made up of two parish councillors, two school governors and one local person/parent, which is Charles.

Charles explained that the route to the school is classified as unsafe, there is speeding, no parking and no footpaths – many children come from outside the area and parents drive. They can park in the social club but then need to walk along the road. The school is going to gain 5-6 pupils per year and these are likely to come from outside of the village.

The group wants existing measures to be enforced – they are hoping to undertake a community speed watch scheme. The school is looking at the School Travel Plan and objectives they want to achieve. They have worked with Jason Salter of Wiltshire Council who has arranged for the 70 seater bus to be reduced to a 33 seater from September. They now have a grant from the area board for planters. A consultation has been held in the village which had 40 responses and 236 ideas! A public meeting was to be held on 21 July. The parish council has submitted an application for a path improvement grant. They are grateful for the help they have received and would like more help. They really want a site visit to look at what can be done before 1st September, and then in the medium long term for a travel plan to drive a feasibility study for substantive works.

It was agreed that a site meeting would be held the following morning (Thurs 21 July) with a view to what can be done i.e. hedges cut, lines painted etc. The following agreed to attend:-

Vince Logue, Wiltshire Council; Peter Hanson; Robert Hall; Charles Barker; Jayne Drew

Priority List

It was agreed that any scheme requests including existing ones on the list should be submitted via the area board online issues system. This would make it easier to manage as all of the issues would be in one place.

Action: Caroline to write to those who have submitted scheme requests to ask them to submit them through the issues system if they are still valid.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 19th October 2.00 pm – Pewsey Parish Office

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