

Community Area Transport Group
Recommendations to Marlborough Area Board

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the position of the proposals from the CATG meeting that took place on 15 January 2013. Full minutes of this CATG meeting can be viewed at: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/marlboroughareaboard.htm>
- 1.2 To request the Area Board allocate a proportion of 2012/13 Community Area Transport Group funding to contribute to the funding proposals set out below.

2. Finances

- 2.1 Marlborough CATG received funding for 2012/13 of £13,615.
- 2.2 Before any recommendations within this report are accepted, Marlborough CATG has spent £12,612 so far during 2012/13. This leaves a budget of £3,274 available for the rest of the financial year.

3. Background

- 3.1 Experimental one-way system on Marlborough High Street north of St Peter's Church. The trial period for this one-way system is coming to an end and Wiltshire Highways are preparing a report on the effectiveness of this scheme. Cllr Graham Francis from Marlborough Town Council discussed the results of a survey of nearby residents. This had shown that the majority is in favour of keeping the system as it currently is, i.e. one-way in an east-to-west direction. There was then discussion amongst the group that cyclists still seem to be riding in both directions. It was felt that it would not be a problem if this continued. The chairman suggested the group accept Marlborough Town Council's decision on the final direction on this part of the High Street. Cllr Francis asked for a steer from the CATG to take to Marlborough TC's meeting. **After further discussion, Marlborough CATG recommended that Marlborough TC adopt the current one-way (east-to-west) system north of St Peter's Church but with a contra-flow, e.g. two-way, for cyclists.**
- 3.2 The meeting noted that the traffic management scheme for Winterbourne Monkton on the A4361 is almost complete but for the different coloured surface to be laid down. This process was reliant on the weather, which at this time of year could not be relied on. This scheme has been co-financed with the Wiltshire Highways Substantive Fund.
- 3.3 Cllr Tamzin Witt (Baydon PC) confirmed that the traffic calming signage for Ermin Street, Baydon was complete. However she noted that results from the local Community Speedwatch group had shown there to be no noticeable reduction in vehicle speeds. This has led Baydon PC to request further traffic management features (see below).

- 3.4 Chantry Lane, Marlborough. The new street light fitting is now in place and lit. Cllr Francis stated that local residents are happy with this.
- 3.5 Pedestrian safety on A4361 at Avebury Trusloe. Steve Hind, Wiltshire Highways, told how this scheme to increase the length of footway next to the road by the two bus stops and so change the place where pedestrians cross the A4361 has been scheduled with the contractor and is on course to begin before the end of the financial year. This scheme is being co-financed with Avebury PC.

4. Priority Schemes for 2013/14

- 4.1 The group was asked to bring forward any projects or schemes from their parishes to receive funding from Marlborough CATG. Cllr Roger Swan from Ogbourne St Andrew PC raised the matter of projects and ideas coming through the villages' own Village Transport plans as per the initiative run by the Parish Forum. He had assumed the Forum would collate these projects and compile a prioritised list that Marlborough CATG would take on and fund. There was debate on how individual village's plans were to be dealt with. It was agreed that the Community Area Manager would contact the Parish Forum to request they collate and prioritise this list of projects / schemes. This list is to be submitted at the next CATG meeting, to take place following the elections in May 2013.

5. Summary of On-going Issues

- 5.1 Of the traffic and transport related issues on the Community Issues System the following action is being undertaken:
- Marlborough; public bench near bus stops – Martin Cook, Wiltshire Highways, described the attempts to install the new bench at the chosen location but this has proved difficult. Cllr Francis suggested moving it further to the right, outside the firm of accountants instead, where it will still serve the bus stops.
 - Concern for pedestrian safety at York Place, Marlborough – the Community Area Manager and Steve Hind have carried out a site visit to look at the location. It was agreed that a Highways officer with responsibility for signage would look at the location with a view to putting up signs warning of the older people often crossing the road there.
 - Request for pedestrian safety measures in Ramsbury – Cllr Sheila Glass, Ramsbury & Axford PC, has already spoken with Highways officers about white lines for Back Street as a way of marking out a pedestrian footway.
 - Traffic management through West Kennet – the Community Area Manager outlined the suggestions from a resident of this village for traffic calming measures such as white gates and building out the kerb at the entrances to the village to make drivers aware they are entering a settlement and slow accordingly. Whilst this work is possible, West Kennet sits within the Avebury World Heritage Site, which is carrying out its own traffic / design guide and within Avebury Parish which is currently writing a Village Traffic Plan. Any work in West Kennet needs to be sympathetic to these other plans.

6. Other Highways Issues

- 6.1 Cllr Joan Davies from Savernake PC outlined some of the current difficulties facing the village of Cadley, following the sale of a property in the village and land belonging to it that has been used as vehicle and pedestrian access for other parts of the village. She noted how children catching the bus to school now have no choice but to walk on the busy A346 to get to the bus stop. CATG members made various suggestions on how Savernake PC might deal with this situation and the chairman offered further help from Highways officers. This was accepted by Cllr Davies.
- 6.2 Cllr Witt further developed the ideas for physical traffic calming on Ermin Street in Baydon. These were discussed with Highways officers present. Cllr Witt mentioned that Baydon PC has allocated £2,500 from its budget as match funding towards any scheme and requested that Marlborough CATG also allocate any remaining underspend from the 2012/13 budget towards it. It was noted that the scale of this scheme would be beyond the CATG's own funds and this would need to be a bid to the Substantive Fund. **It was agreed that officers would work with Baydon PC to further develop this scheme in order to produce drawings and that any underspend from the 2012/13 budget would be allocated as match funding for a bid to the Substantive Fund.**
- 6.3 The Community Area Manager described a request that had come to him from a local group developing a new cycling network throughout Marlborough and Manton. The group had noted a number of small highways improvements that would help the cycle network and make it easier to use. Martin Cook looked at these and felt that Highways maintenance could tackle most of them.
- 6.4 The Community Area Manager also described a request that had come to him from Avebury PC. They wish to control the amount of parking, particularly by tourists, in Avebury High Street by putting large planters on the road outside houses. As this is part of their Village Traffic Plan, they would like a small amount of funding from CATG to help pay for this. Martin Cook confirmed he had discussed this with Avebury PC and is happy for the planters to be installed. **With this confirmation, Marlborough CATG awarded Avebury PC with £250 towards the cost of the planters.**

7. Recommendation

- 7.1 To support the recommendations from CATG meeting of 15 January 2013 as outlined above.

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Background Papers

None

Appendices

None