

**MINUTES OF THE TIDWORTH COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP
HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2012 AT THE CASTLEDOWN BUSINESS CENTRE**

In Attendance:

Mark Connolly (Chair) (MC), Charles Howard (Collingbournes) (CH), Godfrey Tilney (Bourne Valley Linear Project) (GT), Brian Jarrett (Ludgershall) (BJ), Gareth Rogers (Wiltshire Council) (GR), Martin Aldam (Wiltshire Council) (MA), Humph Jones (Tidworth) (HJ), Mary Cullen (Wiltshire Council) (MCu) and Tony Pickernell (TCAP Coord) (TP).

1. Apologies. Chris Clark (Wiltshire Council), Chris Williams (Ludgershall and Perham Down) (CW) and Baz Reilly (Castledown Radio).
2. Previous Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. CH stated that there was no update on the A338/A346 Working Group but Wiltshire Council (WC) had signed up to "Freight Gateway" which is a Sat Nav scheme to remove HGVs from some route. CH had checked with WC who stated that the A346 from the M4 to Marlborough and the A345 to Salisbury was their preferred route. CH has now got this changed to the M4, A34 and A303. MC gave an update on local developments. North East Quadrant detailed application with WC and will be decided soon. The highway works have made a start with the roundabout on the A338 North of Tidworth complete and the dual foot/cycle lane next to the A338 nearly complete. The outline application for Zouch Manor, Tidworth, was given permission in November. Await the detailed application. The application for a link road for the Granby Gardens development in Ludgershall has been withdrawn.
3. Scheme Updates: GR advised that the CATG had £1386.69 left this financial year. This was due to underspends in the Netheravon and Levell Court, Ludgershall schemes coming under budget by approx. £600 in total and the Ducis traffic calming and horse warning signs in Tidworth coming over budget by £2700.

Cadley Road, Collingbourne Ducis traffic calming and Harefield Crescent, Netheravon schemes are now complete.

Levell Court, Ludgershall, road markings has been ordered but will be done when the weather improves. **MC to seek Area Board approval for expenditure (£743.67).**

Horse warning signs, Tidworth, have been ordered and should be complete in six to 8 weeks. **MC to seek Area Board approval for expenditure and to contact Polo Club for its contribution of one third of the cost (£342).**

Manor Bridge Court light scheme. A quote of £2400 was received to install an amenity light between Nos. 13 and 14. Following the decisions below on schemes to be funded, it was agreed to fund this scheme with the remainder of this year's budget (£436.69) and £2000 from next year's budget. **MC to seek Area Board approval to spend £436.69 from this year's budget and £2000 from next year's budget to fund this scheme.**

4. Possible Schemes to Fund: CH stated that there had been a public meeting in Ducis on 11 Oct 12 that had been well attended. The outcome was unanimous that there should be a controlled crossing on the A338/A346 just north of the Cadley Road junction. The Parish Council also approves this resolution. The cost of a survey would be approximately £750.

MC to seek financial approval from the Area Board for £750 to be spent on a survey for a possible controlled crossing in Ducis on the A338/A346.

MC reminded the Group that it had promised to review the possibility of a zebra crossing on Station Road, Tidworth, and advised that he had received several requests since then. The group discussed the merits of undertaking a survey but decided that this goes against the concept of the area whereby it is a shared space and with no road markings provided uncertainty for drivers. It was also felt that people cross at all points between the gateways in the 20 mph zone and that this would continue whether a zebra crossing was installed. It was suggested that an article is placed in the Tidworth Times explaining how Station Road should be viewed by drivers and pedestrians alike. **MC to prepare an article for the Tidworth Times.**

MC stated that there has been an on-going problem with the taxi bays in Station Road where car drivers illegally park in the bays, causing problems between taxi drivers and other road users. Highways state that Traffic Regulation Orders are in place and that enforcement is one way of dealing with the problem. Marked bays and raising the height of taxi bay signs could also be done. The Group decided that while marked bays would be a short-term solution, with the road material in Station Road, the paint would peel off quite quickly and become a maintenance issue that would be a long-running sore and that the finish would not look pleasant as paint would run down cracks. It was suggested that an article appear in the Tidworth Times about possible fines for parking in the bays, the enforcement team be approached and that if the problem persists, the CATG would investigate the cost of new posts with raised taxi bay signs. **HJ to prepare an article for the Tidworth Times. MC to contact the enforcement team to see how often they come to Tidworth and Ludgershall and to try to get more enforcement in Station Road.**

CH stated that Enford were offered a footpath from the crossroads on the C32 to the church as part of a bridge scheme WC were undertaking but that it should contribute £600 towards the scheme (total cost of the footpath £7300). **MC to seek Area Board approval for a £200 contribution towards the footpath scheme.**

5. Unclassified Roads Speed Limit Reviews: GR reported that more information will be provided at the next meeting.
6. Shipton to Tidworth Bridleway: GT explained that a meeting of interested parties took place on 2 Nov 12. The Defence Training Estate (DTE) had built a path from Humber Lane, Tidworth to the bridleway as access to Humber Lane from Home Farm is no longer possible with the sale of the farm by MOD. DTE are to upgrade their bit with limestone. However, the Commander, 43 Wessex Brigade, is not prepared for the bridleway to be transferred to WC but supports the upgrade of the bridleway and will not restrict access. WC byways officer does not see this as a show stopper. MC had obtained funding agreements from Tidworth Town and Ship Parish of £2K and £1K respectively. 26 Engineer Regiment is interested in undertaking the work and will review the bridleway to see if this is possible. More will be known after Easter. Veolia are also interested in providing physical assistance, rather than financial help. GT is arranging a meeting later in the month with key players (WC and HCC byway officers, 26 Engr Regt etc.). The total cost of the scheme is between £20K and £30K but the final total will depend on how much of the work can be done by 26 Engr Regt as a community project. The Group will need to

submit a bid to WC's central pot and HCC will need to be approached for funding to enable the scheme to proceed.

7. Changes to Street Scene and Highway Maintenance Services: MC advised that changes to these services were coming into force in June. These services date back to the old County and District services that sometimes overlap. The new system will combine these teams into a more cost-effective and efficient set-up. Each Community Area will have a team consisting of a team manager and four operatives. The team leader is to interact with Community Area Transport Groups. However, MC suggested that he should seek Area Board approval to ensure that the team leader should liaise with Town and Parish Councils, who would know what maintenance work requires doing far better than the Group. It was also suggested that the team leader attends future CATG meetings. **MC seek Area Board agreement that the new Highways Community Team Manager liaise with Town and Parish Councils on maintenance works that are required and invite him or her to attend CATG meetings.**
8. Any Other Business: CH stated that the management of the Community Speed Watch was experiencing problems after the manager left. TP asked if there was any funding for bus shelters as Ludgershall Town Council would like to erect some on Andover Road. GR stated that there is no funding but there are shelters available that the Town Council could be given but the Council would have to fund their erection and on-going maintenance. TP advised to log an issue so that this could be resolved. MCu asked about finger posts in the Haxton and Netheravon area. CH advised that this issue is now over as there was no funding for replacement wooden posts, so metal posts were to be erected.
9. Date of Next Meeting: 1800 on 13 May 2013 at Castledown Business Centre.