

**PEWSEY AREA BOARD**  
**9 September 2013**

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**COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP**  
**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 August 2013**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

To provide an update and recommendations to Pewsey Area Board from the meeting of the Community Area Transport Group meeting held on Wednesday 14 August 2013.

**Attendees**

Jerry Kunkler – Pewsey Area Board  
Terry Eyles – Pewsey Parish Council  
Colin Gale – Rushall Parish Council  
Peter Deck – Pewsey Parish Council

Kristian Price – Wiltshire Council  
Caroline Brailey – Wiltshire Council  
Mark Stansby – Wiltshire Council

**Apologies**

Cllr Paul Oatway, Paul Cowan, Spencer Drinkwater

**2. Background**

The purpose of this group is to prioritise requests 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 and where necessary raise new matters with the Area Board.

**3. Review of C and Unclassified Roads**

The results have been received for the C38 which is one of the two routes put forward for review in 2012/13. Of the sections 1-8 no. 4 is the only place that a change might make any difference but the consultants have not recommended this. The recommendations are based on value for money, impact on environment and mean speed.

For sections 9-16, the consultants have recommended a change from 60 to 50 in sections 15 & 16. CATG considered the recommendations and are comfortable with the recommended limits with the exception of sections 15 & 16 where they would not propose any change. This is because the average speed is already lower than the proposed limit of 50 mph.

Mark explained that the new Cabinet member for highways has written a letter to all CATGs stating that in the past there was an offer of two routes a year to be reviewed, and he has decided now to delegate the funding that was ring fenced to this to the CATGs to decide how to spend it – they do not have to carry out any speed limit reviews. The cost of the reviews (survey work and consultants recommendations) for 2012/13 have been paid for but any implementation costs would fall to CATG to pay for. Future reviews, such as the two routes put forward at the last meeting, would have to be paid for at the outset. Each road costs between £2,500 and £3,000 to be reviewed, and implementation is £3,500 for legal costs/traffic regulation order advertising and an additional £5k per 2 mile stretch for signage. It was noted that the survey work for the second route the C8 has not yet been completed.

The amount delegated to CATG for speed limit review work is £10,500.

It was recommended that:-

- a) The results for the C38 be sent to parish councils in that area for consultation (stating that CATG has considered and doesn't agree with the necessary limit change)
- b) Put on hold the two roads that were put forward for review 2013/14
- c) Check metro count data/obtain metro count data on the roads put forward for review 2013/14 to consider whether any change in the limit would have any effect. (C52 Manningford and C261

Woodborough to Pewsey)

**Action Caroline to circulate letter to CATG members regarding the delegation to CATG and email the Parish Councils that cover the C38 (Alton, Beechingstoke, North Newnton, Woodborough)**

**CATG Recommends that the area board put on hold the other two routes – look at existing data first (C52 Manningfords and C261 Woodborough to Pewsey) and defer any decision about the initial two routes (C38 and C8) until the rest of the results are in together with feedback from parish councils affected.**

#### **4. Budget**

**Mark confirmed that the budget for this year is £31,492 which includes the additional speed limit review funding, underspend from last year, and this year's allocation.**

Commitments include

£14,000 for Upavon

£1,500 Light at Pewsey Station

£1,082.55 A345 Manningford turning signs

Which leaves a balance of **£14,909.45**

#### **5. SID Rota – new addition**

Caroline confirmed that Easton Royal now qualifies for speedwatch and it was therefore agreed to recommend to the area board that it be added to the SID rota **Action: to be added to the list of recommendations to the area board.**

#### **6. 20mph limit policy**

Mark confirmed that the Council is now consulting on a Wiltshire policy for implementing 20mph limits. Unfortunately lots of people are not commenting on the policy but are listing roads to be put to 20 mph which is not the purpose of the exercise.

The policy needs to set out how we will apply 20 mph, how it is funded and how many will be put through per year. It is about how the policy will be implemented not about requests for areas to be implemented.

Limit and zones are different – if a road already has engineering measures it is more likely to qualify for a zone, although if it has traffic calming measures it might not need to be a 20 mph limit as these measures will already be limiting speed.

Design and legal orders will be borne centrally, but implementation costs will be down to CATG.

The group felt that CATG would not be able to fund many, if any, schemes and it was agreed to submit this as feedback to the consultation.

**Action: Caroline to responding stating “Pewsey CATG considers that CATG’s do not have enough funds to review and implement any schemes – review and implementation should be funded centrally”.**

Mark confirmed that all new housing estates are being built as 20 mph zones.

#### **7. Active Priority List Updates**

a) Pedestrian access to Pewsey Station

Mark has received full report from Atkins – will circulate a copy **Action: Mark**

Construction cost estimated £227,000

Design fees including topographical survey £17,000

It was agreed to send the report to Spencer Drinkwater and request that it be considered as part of LSTF project

The works would consist of a 6 way traffic scheme

The report gives detail on queues – worst case scenario peak time estimates 12 vehicles and a wait of 100 seconds.

The Parish Council's initial view was that it would be a waste of public money. They have been looking at alternative pedestrian routes. The Ridge is not possible as it is privately owned and

permission will not be given. An alternative is Wilcot Road, and turn into the cul-de-sac. Landownership has been explored and the land next to the station is not registered. It is believed that the road is unadopted, so would need home owner permission. Caroline would check with Network Rail. **Action: Caroline**

There is a public right of way by Gamestech. Pedestrians would have to cross one way system. Ways Way is another alternative route but pedestrians don't use it.

Mark confirmed that the lights would be demand only, so if no vehicles were accessing from The Ridge and Buckleaze lane, the wait would be reduced to 65 seconds, with an average of 8 vehicles in the queue.

#### **Action**

**CATG agrees for the feasibility study report to go to Spencer with costs to establish if any funding available. Mark will circulate copy –proposed by Terry, seconded Colin – all agreed**

#### **b. Wilcot Road one way system**

Still waiting for sign light to be attached but apart from that this scheme is complete.

#### **c. Woodborough road safety**

Scheme is complete. Some repainting on road needs to be done.

#### **d: A345 signage, Manningford**

Order placed – have now been given the go ahead by the Parish Council to order the signs – the area board agreed to fund if the Parish Council was in agreement – construct 1<sup>st</sup> week of October

#### **e: Footpath Grey Flags, Upavon**

No progress since last meeting – the first section of the scheme is ready to go subject to land dedication being completed, second stage not ready to go, and until there is agreement that land can be dedicated Wiltshire Council are not prepared to do this part of the design. Action is with Upavon Parish Council. Wiltshire Council happy to do two sections separately, it has been designed and priced as two – Grey flags owner has signed up to the scheme subject to having a wall constructed.

Paul asked Peter to report on his behalf, who said there are problems with landlord, fence and planners. He has organised a meeting on 9 Sept between planning and the landowners and asked if highways could attend. Mark stated that CATG has set aside enough funding to complete the whole job so it could be done in two stages as further funding isn't needed.

Through Peter Paul has also asked if he needs to spend the area board money before April next year or can he roll it over? Can't do first scheme anyway now as land dedication not finished. Mark will see if he can go on 9 September but needs to know when and where. Is there a drawing of the fence they want to construct? Mark has not seen anything. If Mark can't go Donna could go. Mark asked for Paul to contact him as to where and when the meeting on the 9th Sept would take place. It was agreed to wait until further discussions have taken place.

#### **f: Footpath Rushall (North Newnton side)**

Topographical survey now done - have a design, Mark requested Colin to talk to neighbours/landowners about it to make sure they are happy.

Priced up to end of financial year - £10,000. PC paid for topographical survey of £1,400 and will pay for a bit more.

This footpath will link North Newnton to Rushall, there is access via a field. It was noted that the 30 mph signs are in poor state, and posts need replacing. It was proposed by Peter Deck that £9,000 of CATG funding be used towards this scheme– seconded Terry all agreed. Rushall have paid for topography study and will pay any balance.

**Recommended that the area board approve the proposal of £9,000 spend on the Rushall footpath (North Newnton side).**

### **g: Rail and Canal bridge pedestrian safety Great Bedwyn**

There was nothing to report, an Officer has been appointed to do preliminary study and a meeting with street lighting engineer.

The main concern here is people coming off train from London – walking back to Knapp walking down the road – there is a white line and refuge area on opposite side but nobody crosses to walk it. They walk facing traffic. The costs are likely to be around £15,000-20,000 and it is unlikely that this could be done this financial year.

The group talked about some of the long standing priority schemes, and considered if some work could be done to prepare at least one of them (to draw up a costed scheme)

**Footpath Prospect to French Horn** – Kristian said that there is a path along some of this stretch but it is covered in soil – it needs reinstating. Kristian will organise this to be done over the winter. If people were using it it wouldn't have overgrown. **Action Kristian. It was agreed to add this footpath to the active priority list and when resources allow, Mark will produce a scheme.**

### **8. Review current area board issues list**

**2469 – Cross Hayes, Wilcot.** This location is due to be looked at imminently and rumble strips will be considered. It is hoped that the construction pack will be issued to the contractor mid September for completion by end of November.

**2593 – Smithy Lane, Woodborough.** Cllr Paul Oatway would like this left open

**2700 – Street Light near Pewsey Station on A345.** Mark suggested that we wait until we know if the large scheme happens as this will produce a light – **Action Caroline to liaise with Spencer and place order if not going to get funding for the larger scheme.**

**2778 – Manningford Narrowing of Bridge** - signs are on order

**2783 – Seymour Pond Fencing, Burbage** – Kristian is looking into this and looking at ownership – he is in touch with the Parish Council. If not Wiltshire Council highway land it is not a CATG matter.

**2786 –Dropped Kerb, Burbage** – This has been done just waiting for surfacing – **Recommend to close issue**

**2885 – Speeding on Wilcot Road, Near Schools** – Mark has a report. He confirmed that a pedestrian phase at the lights would not be safe as you can't see traffic at other end and there would need to be a long phase of no flow before green given –more dangerous than current situation where you can tell which way has priority by if traffic flowing or not on your side of the bridge.

He did confirm that the School warning sign would be moved nearer to the school (currently near Rawlins Road) and he will do this as part of regular signing work.

**Action: Caroline to send report to Pewsey Vale and Pewsey Primary Schools**

**2945 - Easton Royal request for signs to be moved.** Mark has visited and produced a report which will be circulated. He confirmed that the terminal signs are not very visible at the eastern end, but there are recommended visibility distances that are relevant to the actual speed not the limit. He feels that very few people would travel at more than 50 mph. The recommended visibility distance for 50 mph to the sign is 75 mtrs – on the near side it is only 45 mtrs, but off side is 121 more than recommend for 60 and above – plus there is red gateway patching so drivers should know it is a restricted area. There is a hedgerow on the left that isn't helping visibility and needs cutting back further – it appears to have grown out from a fence and could possibility be removed. There is a very mature tree, with the canopy quite low, this should be taken up to improve visibility.

When Wiltshire Council changed 40 mph to 30 mph limits it was decided that traffic signs would no longer go on yellow back boards, and they are now on grey backing boards. However Mark would be happy for a yellow back board to be used here if Parish Council feel it is necessary. **Action Caroline to send the report to Easton Royal Parish Council.**

## **9. Recommendations to Pewsey Area Board**

**CATG Recommends that the area board put on hold the other two routes for a speed survey review as they wish to look at existing data first (C52 Manningfords and C261 Woodborough to Pewsey) and to also defer any decision about the initial two routes (C38 Woodborough and C8 Stanton St Bernard) until the rest of the results are in together with feedback from parish councils affected.**

**CATG Recommends that Easton Royal be added to the SID rota**

**CATG Recommends that issue number 2786 dropped kerb Burbage be closed as the work is complete.**

**CATG Recommends that the area board approve the proposal of £9,000 spend on the Rushall footpath (North Newton side).**

## **10. Date of next meeting – 2pm 4 December Parish Office**

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