

PEWSEY AREA BOARD
14 January 2014

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 December 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 held on Wednesday 4 December 2013.

Attendees

Jerry Kunkler – Pewsey Area Board
Terry Eyles – Pewsey Parish Council
Colin Gale – Rushall Parish Council
Peter Deck – Pewsey Parish Council
Patrick Wilson – Pewsey and District
Chamber of Commerce
Paul Oatway – Pewsey Area Board
Caroline Brailey – Wiltshire Council

Kristian Price – Wiltshire Council
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Mark Stansby – Wiltshire Council
Paul Cowen, Upavon Parish Council
Spencer Drinkwater – Wiltshire Council
John Brewin – Woodborough Parish Council
Dawn Wilson – Wilcot and Huish Parish
Council

Apologies

Richard Netherclift and David Proto – Manningford Parish Council

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**

Caroline explained that although the consultation responses had been circulated, a report would be prepared by the cabinet member for highways and will hopefully be ready in time for the February meeting. **Action Caroline to recirculate the letter from John Thomson that had details of the costs.** It was suggested that there be some sort of formula to help CATG determine how much to ask parish councils to contribute. It was also mentioned that the timing wasn't very good as parishes need to set their precepts before the end of January.

4. **De-Cluttering and Adhoc Signs**

Mark referred to a letter circulated some time ago from John Thomson who expressed the desire to declutter the county of redundant road signs – officers have been doing anyway but it is to encourage Parish Councils to start thinking about their areas – there are lots of requests for new signs every week but we are going to start in earnest in new financial year and there will be more guidance released as well as lists of requests already on a list. Highways welcomes comments on them, some are very old – some are waiting for funding and others more recent. This is an ongoing project that will roll on over the years. Work is currently centrally funded but that may change at some point. CATG will filter new requests (parishes will have a say) and highways will encourage everyone who wants a new sign to

complete an area board online issues sheet.

5. **Letter from Mark Griffiths**

A letter was circulated and it was requested that Caroline forward to NPT. **Action Caroline**

6. **Budget**

Mark confirmed that the budget currently stands at £14,907 and this is after taking out the £14k for Upavon footway.

7. **Trans Wilts Funding Update**

Spencer confirmed that the TranswiltsRail Service is going ahead (Westbury Swindon through Melksham) (6 new services) and it starts Sunday. This means the money isn't available for Pewsey Station, however there was going to be some for Salisbury, Melksham and Trowbridge (connected to Morrisons development), but there are some constraints, so there is some uncertainty of what can be done on these stations in next 15 months so Spencer suggested that we continue with the next stage of detailed design for Pewsey (the last was a preliminary design). This will also include consultation. This will produce an accurate and costed design and if the community are happy then funding can then be sought from the capital budget. It was thought that this detailed design would cost between £10-£15k. A discussion took place about the merits of pursuing this, and it was felt that as there has already been an investment of £10,000 by the area board it would be good to keep going. This further work wouldn't cost the board any more money as it would come from central government. It was agreed to go ahead, subject to the area board's agreement. Peter would let the Parish Council know. Spencer confirmed that there was money available for the new lamp post and he would contact Judy Dommet Knight to get this underway. £1500 could therefore be added back into the budget. **Action Spencer, Peter.**
Recommendation to the Area Board to agree to proceeding to detailed design.

8. **20 Mile Per Hour Policy Update**

The draft report is with the cabinet member, but it has also been called to scrutiny so will be some time in the New Year before we hear more. The policy does not include part-time limits outside of schools. In answer to a question Mark confirmed that the Council is not looking at part time limits as part of policy so installations will be full time. If an area has traffic calming it doesn't mean it is sufficient enough to automatically guarantee the area will become a zone, it depends on level of calming. Part of the policy is to consider how to approach delivery not just criteria. **Action Caroline to re-circulate the paperwork as there was uncertainty about where the money would come from, and again, parishes are setting their precepts now.**

9. **Active Priority List Updates**

- a. Pedestrian access to Pewsey Station (53) discussed already
- b. Wilcot Road, One way System All now completed – waiting for final account – coming in under but as this was part funded from the substantive fund there will be no refund back to CATG. **Action Remove from list.**

- c. Woodborough Road Safety (24) – the works CATG and AB contributed to are now finished so this should be removed from the priority list. The road surface is the correct colour, so there are no further outstanding works. John said that there are still a couple of issues, in that a) they will be seeking for a 20mph zone here, and b) the new layby works at the School result in the road profile being altered, and the existing build outs may need to be widened. Mark said that Highways ought to be consulted about the works, particularly if they are altering the profile, removal of kerbs etc. The fence is due to be removed during the Easter school holiday. John will seek the correspondence and forward it to Mark. It was agreed to remove this from the priority list. **Action John Brewin, Caroline to remove**
- d. A345 signage, Manningford – **Action Mark Stansby to check** (traffic survey will be done in spring)
- e. Footpath Grey Flags, Upavon (36) There has been some delay as the lady dealing with the legal side at Wiltshire Council is no longer there, Paul has since spoken to the head of legal – he is dealing with it with a solicitor in Pewsey. Hopefully should be sorted in next 5-6 weeks so can then get on with it the first Phase. The estimate for the first phase is £5823 (footpaths works only – this doesn't include cost of legal, removal of trees, new fence) which is less than original allocation. CATG allocated £7k with PC paying for £1k (PC is covering the cost of legals and removal of trees/fence works). CATG allocated £7k so CATG will pay full £6k. Lottery will continue to accept our seed funding. Landowner considering paying for new wall – liaising with planning. Peter asked about potential planning gain from the chicken farm development? A planning application has not yet been submitted. The design statement included 45 houses, part on Greenfield site (infill) PC want tarred path from centre of village to Rushall boundary. This will be on farm land, and the path will be inside the verge bank, so walkers will be protected by bank, all the way to Rushall. Rushall have not been approached with regards to extending the path into Rushall. The path would end at Rushall Drove, 250 mtrs from Drove to Church Lane. Two formal consultations have taken place. Upavon PC confirmed that there will be planning meetings and they will invite Rushall.
- f. Footpath Rushall (N Newton side) (36) This is ready to go and the road closure has been booked – this is taking place half term week in Feb commencing 17/2 – it will be one full week of work and go into a second but not a full second week. All residents know and are happy.
- g. Rail & Canal Bridge pedestrian safety Great Bedwyn (38). Mark circulated drawings – this will provide a safer link from the station to the car park in The Knapp (people returning from London). There were concerns about lighting as well, the street light team have recommended one additional lamp but the Parish Council are concerned about this and feels that there should be more. The lighting engineer will visit again. Other than that the parish Council are very keen on the proposals. The costings are preliminary at the moment – estimated at £17k of which £5k is lighting. The CATG agreed that Mark could go to full detailed design – which would be at no cost. The Parish Council are discussing in January. It was agreed to recommend that the Area Board puts forward £15k and to ask Great Bedwyn for a contribution of £2k This would come from next year's budget. As this is works to railways Spencer might be able to get some funding from LSTF – he would investigate and get back to Caroline **Action Spencer Drinkwater. Caroline to advise the Parish Council. Recommendation to Area Board to agree to detailed design being done.**

- h. Footpath A345 Prospect to French Horn (25) nothing to report, this was put forward at the last meeting as one for next year. Kristian uncovered an old short length of asphalt – gangs will clear mud/grass off. 100mtrs long. 480 mtrs left. Highways will do a feasibility/prelim design and come back with ball park figure.
Inactive Priorities (for info)
- i. Footpath A342 Rushall (Elm Row) (37)
- j. Footpath A345 Sunnyhill Lane to prospect (28) – agenda item for February to go through future schemes

10. Review current area board issues list

1723 – Speeding through Alton Priors – Paul Oatway will ask for the views of the Parish Council. **Action Paul Oatway**

2469 – Cross Hayes, Wilcot. This location is due to have works carried out imminently including rumble strips and signage. It was due to be constructed end November, but this has slipped. There are leaves on the road constantly and it was asked if the road sweeper when en route to Pewsey could stop and clear the road. Kristian agreed that this will be possible **Action Kristian Price.**

2593 – Smithy Lane, Woodborough. This is ongoing – Paul Oatway is dealing with it. He will report to Woodborough Parish Council. Residents have written to Claire Perry.

3169 – Traffic from Devizes regularly overshoots the Rushall junction- The speed limit position won't be reviewed unless significant change in environment. **Action Mark to get collision stats.**

11. Recommendations to Pewsey Area Board

CATG Recommends that the area board agrees to a contribution of £15,000 next financial year towards the Great Bedwyn Bridges scheme and that a detailed design be undertaken straight away.

CATG Recommends that the area board agrees to a detailed design being done for Pedestrian Access to Pewsey Station.

12. Date of next meeting – 2pm 5 February 2014 Parish Office

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