

DEVIZES AREA BOARD
24th March 2014

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th March 2014

Purpose of the Report

To provide an update and recommendations to Devizes Area Board from the meeting of the Community Area Transport Group meeting held on Monday 11th March 2014.

Notes of Meeting

Present:

Peter Evans - Devizes Town Council
Kristian Price – Area Highways Engineer
Kate Freeman – Chairman of DCAP Transport Sub-Group (From 10:30am)
Ann Lumb - Great Cheverell Parish Council
Gareth Rogers - Senior Engineer, Wiltshire Council
Richard Rogers - Community Area Manager for Devizes, Wiltshire Council
Steve Valentine – Roundway Parish Council
Philip Whitehead – Member of Devizes area Board and portfolio holder for Highways Contract
Rob Edwards – Potterne PC

Apologies

Kelvin Nash – Devizes Town Council
Rachel Kent – Environmental Officer, Wiltshire Council
Tony Cosstick – Cycle Devizes

Funding Update	<p>GR presented the funding situation which can be summarised as:</p> <p>Total Budget - £65,847.40</p> <p>Total Committed expenditure - £55,638.40</p> <p>Remaining budget - £16k</p> <p><i>Requests for funding to be considered at this or future meetings include:</i></p> <p>Urchfont Crossing and bus provision - £5k</p> <p>Caen Hill Pedestrian Link - £8k</p> <p>Rowde Dropped Kerb - £1,500</p> <p>Long Street Weight Restriction - £5k</p>
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<p>Long Street Weight Limit</p>	<p>Cllr Jacobs has requested that the CATG consider a weight restriction on the London Road. This follows on from requests from local residents to tackle the problem of lorries using this route other than for access.</p> <p>GR informed the CATG that Long Street is on a list of weight restrictions to be considered but it is not near the top. It is therefore unlikely to take place in the near future. If the CATG or Devizes Area Board wishes to take this forward then they would need to finance it.</p> <p>There is an agreed process for weight limits with the first step being to carry out a lorry count and look at journeys</p> <p>Devizes Town Council is in favour of some action being taken along Long Street and has also requested that it be looked at for a potential 20mph speed limit.</p> <p>There was a difference of opinion over the extent of the problem and whether taking them down an already congested road is the best option. However some argued that although the problem is not continuous, it is serious when it occurs and this is often early in the morning.</p> <p>ACTION – GR to get accurate costs for the survey and the CATG to consider it again at their next meeting. A metro count can be carried out at the same time.</p>
<p>Caen Hill Crossing</p>	<p>Responses to the proposal were received from Bromham, Potterne and Devizes Parish Councils. The comments and suggestions made were seen as valid but had been considered previously by the</p>

	<p>CATG. The proposal on offer is the only one that is currently achievable and would help the safety situation, brought into focus by the recent serious injury to a cyclist on this stretch of road.</p> <p>PW added that Melksham CATG has indicated that they would consider contributing to the scheme.</p> <p>Major repair works are scheduled for Caen Hill later in 2014. This would mean that if the crossing was carried out at the same time, it would cut costs by about 50% to @£4k</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION – Carry out the scheme in time with the other works if Melksham CATG pays 50% of the costs.</p> <p>ACTION – Inform Melksham CATG and ask them to consider the proposal and funding request. (GR / RR)</p>
<p>20 mph speed limit review</p>	<p>Following an approach to Parish Councils for area to be considered for 20mph speed limit reviews, 7 requests have been received. 2 are in Devizes, 3 in Market Lavington, 1 in Bishops Cannings and 1 in Etchilhampton.</p> <p>Potterne Parish Council was also going to request a 20mph area but this has not yet been received.</p> <p>The CATG suggested that the roads around Brickley Lane should also be considered.</p> <p>It was agreed that in future years, greater dissemination of this information would be helpful. However a decision needs to be taken in Apr 2014 as to which schemes to put forward.</p> <p>ACTION - Potterne PC to send RR and GR their request for a 20mph speed limit</p>

	<p>(RE).</p> <p>ACTION – GR will assess all the requests and report back to the next CATG meeting for a decision.</p>
<p>Dropped kerb request from Rowde</p>	<p>At the January CATG meeting it was agreed to fund 50% of the costs for dropped kerbs at Chestnut Close. The request for a second set of dropped kerbs at Springfield Road has been made by Rowde PC. It is cheaper to do both at the same time.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION – That 50% of the funding for both sets of dropped kerbs is provided by the CATG and 50% by the PC. This will be approximately an additional £500 from the CATG budget.</p> <p>ACTION - Inform the Parish Council of the decision (RR)</p>
<p>Proposal from Great Cheverell Parish Council</p>	<p>Overall aim:</p> <p>To reduce HGV traffic (over- and under-height) through Great Cheverell and villages in the immediate locality, especially on the A360 and B3098.</p> <p><i>Proposed Action:</i></p> <p>1. Elimination of north/south over-height vehicles by means of appropriate signage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) New sign near Airman’s Cross roundabout due in April, 2014. b) Consideration of further advisory signage between Airman’s Cross and Devizes e.g. white on blue signs: ‘Unsuitable for High Vehicles’, providing this can be achieved within the safety limitations of HGVs turning. c) New sign in Seend to deter

	<p>high vehicles from route through Worton to complete the North/South signing entry points to the A360.</p> <p>2. Measures to reduce the volume of east/west under-height HGVs</p> <p>a) Consideration of new signage for HGVs on B3098 e.g. at Westbury, near Erlestoke Prison or elsewhere to keep under-height vehicles from Great Cheverell.</p> <p>b) Reconsider wording of existing signage on A 360 in West Lavington, north of Chocolate Poodle bridge and on B3098.</p> <p>c) Cheverell Magna Parish Council to provide a list of the main freight companies using the C40 through the village.</p> <p>d) Wiltshire Council to talk to selected local freight companies (including the Grist Group) to reduce their use of the C40 and B3098.</p> <p>3. Investigation of engineering/street design changes in Great Cheverell that could help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deter repeated HGV use of the narrow, winding High Street • increase the safety of vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, wheelchair users) • protect and preserve the conservation aspects of the village (buildings, banks, verges etc) <p>The first stage in this design process would be to obtain an idea of cost and identify a means of funding the design.</p>
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	<p>Ideas for consideration include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chicanes or ‘pinch points’ using raised area at one side of road e.g. at south entrance to village; • Pavement extended where possible; • Walkway made using different surface material; • Informal crossing point(s) where walkway has to switch sides; <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Planters, posts etc</p> <p>Such a design would give an integrated approach that could be achieved in stages and over time.</p> <p>CATG Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. To estimate the cost and identify a means of funding the design (GR) II. Parish Council to provide GR with a more detailed ‘wish list’ of improvements they would like to see made. (AL)
<p>UPDATES AND ACTIONS</p> <p>I. Bus stops in Urchfont</p> <p>II. Cycle Parking</p> <p>III. Rotherstone</p>	<p>Costings will be ready for consideration at the next CATG meeting</p> <p>An agreed list of priorities has now been sent to GR and will be delivered this financial year.</p> <p>SV asked if cycle parking could be put up in the college. Although a Wiltshire Council asset it is managed outside of Highways</p> <p>ACTION – Ask Martin Aldam if he is aware of any developments(RR)</p> <p>GR has provided some outline plans to PE as a response to the consultation</p>

	undertaken. Residents will now be consulted before being brought back to the CATG for consideration.
	ACTION – Consult with residents (PE)
IV. Devizes Coach Parking - including an additional request for an advance warning sign for coach drivers for safety reasons	Notices for experimental change have gone out and work should be completed by the end of March and started by 18 th March. Advance warning signs do not exist and the CATG felt they were not required. The coach parking should be seen well enough in advance and there will be sufficient signage and markings
V. Cycling Across the Green	This will be completed by the end of March The problem of not providing boards for walking on has now been resolved.
VI. West Lavington Crossings	No further correspondence has been received from West Lavington PC
VII. Speed Limit Review	The two reviews for 2014 are with consultants to be taken forward
VIII. Works at Worton	The pedestrian count will take place in the early summer
IX. Whistley Road	The PC had not taken up the offer of the gated entry as they felt it was in the wrong place. However they would like to see gates installed where the speed limit changes to 30mph to mark the start of the village. ACTION – Potterne PC to submit a new request that has support from residents and Parish Council. ACTION – Request from Whistley Road residents to be considered at the next CATG meeting
X. Bath Road crossings and metro counts including a resolution from	The issue of crossings along the Bath Road has been raised at many forums and

should be first requested so that the facts could be established rather than relying on perception. Speedwatch is run by the Police and is carried out on a priority basis as a result of the metro counts.

ACTION – Potterne PC to send a map to RR requesting a metro count (RE)

Recommendations to Devizes Area Board

The area board is asked to agree the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Caen Hill Pedestrian Crossing* – Carry out the scheme in time with the other works if Melksham CATG agrees to pay 50% of the costs.
2. *Rowde Crossings* - That 50% of the funding for both sets of dropped kerbs (Springfield Road & Chestnut Close) is provided by the CATG and 50% by the Parish Council. This will be approximately an additional £500 from the CATG budget.

Date of next meeting – Monday 28th April, 10am, Wiltshire College, Devizes

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