

DEVIZES AREA BOARD
24th March 2014

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28th April 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 28th April 2014.

Notes of Meeting

Present:

Tony Cosstick – Cycle Devizes
Peter Evans - Devizes Town Council

Kristian Price – Area Highways Engineer
Kate Freeman – Chairman of DCAP Transport Sub-Group (From 10:30am)
Kelvin Nash – Devizes Town Council

Gareth Rogers - Senior Engineer, Wiltshire Council
Richard Rogers - Community Area Manager for Devizes, Wiltshire Council
Steve Valentine – Roundway Parish Council
Philip Whitehead – Devizes area Board, Chairman & portfolio holder for Highways Contract

Apologies

Rob Edwards – Potterne PC
Ann Lumb - Great Cheverell Parish Council
Rachel Kent – Environmental Officer, Wiltshire Council

<p>Funding Update (See attached from GR)</p>	<p>GR presented the funding situation which can be summarised as:</p> <p>2014/15 allocation £15,751</p> <p>Total Budget - £62,171</p> <p>Total Committed expenditure - £52,273</p> <p>Remaining budget - £9,898</p> <p><i>Requests for funding to be considered at this or future meetings include:</i></p> <p>Any potential crossing on the Bath Road has not been included as we do not know how much will be needed. There may be</p>
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	106 funding available
20 mph limit	<p>The analysis of the requests for 20 mph limit were presented by GR including his recommendations.</p> <p>A 20mph limit relies on signage but a 20mph zone also requires speed calming features. It is not until further investigation takes place that we will know what the best approach is and therefore the cost.</p> <p>It was noted that Potterne Parish Council have submitted a late request for a 20mph limit from the existing 30mph. As there is not enough time to assess this request it was decided that it would be considered for 2014/15.</p> <p>The CATG were asked to select 2 schemes for further investigation including a speed assessment. The list of 10 suggested sites was discussed and the following two were selected:</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION – That the area board selects the following two locations to be taken forward for consideration for a 20mph speed limit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Brickley Lane, Devizes (inc. Longcroft Road, Brickstead Avenue, Roseland Avenue etc...) – This would avoid confusion and get rid of abnormalities as some of the roads are already 20mph II. Western End of Urchfont – It was recognised that part of the area such as Blackboard Lane would be helped by a 20mph limit/zone
Rotherstone	A second phase of consultation with the residents of Rotherstone and Avon Terrace has been carried out. Those consulted were asked to select which of

	<p>the options they would prefer to see in order to prevent the road being used as a rat run. The responses were presented to the group by PE</p> <p>Although there was some support for Option 1 (Cul-de-sac) only a third of people responded. Some residents were happy with the current system and did not want any changes.</p> <p>It was also noted that a vehicle survey has been undertaken which shows only 400 vehicles a day use the road in each direction.</p> <p>GR pointed out that we would need at least 50% of residents to agree any approach if it is to be considered for implementation.</p> <p>ACTION – PE to go back and try and get feedback from residents who have not yet responded</p>
<p>Bus stops at Urchfont</p>	<p>A proposal for a landing area for access to the bus will be brought to a future meeting.</p>
<p>Highways Major Maintenance Proposal 2014-20</p>	<p>Wiltshire Council has put another £52m into highways schemes up to 2020. This almost doubles the amount that is currently committed.</p> <p>A priority list has been drawn up looking at technical data. The 2014/15 list has already been scheduled in.</p> <p>The CATG agreed to recommend to the area board the following approach:</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. The area board supports the scheduled work for 2014/14 II. The area board delegates responsibility to the CATG group to consider exceptions to the

	scheduled proposals for future years and make any recommendations.
UPDATES	
London Road Crossing	Some site consideration has begun. A small budget is available to look at whether a crossing is required and if so where.
Bath Road Crossing	Highways have commissioned a consultation to undertake a count. This will take place after the 1 st April and not in school holidays. A report and proposal will be ready for the next meeting
Substantive Bid Scheme	The end of June is the deadline for developed schemes to be submitted for consideration. It is unlikely that Devizes will have any that are developed enough to bid for this year's funding.
Long Street Weight Limit	<p>The initial cost for some initial research into the suitability of Long Street for a weight limit would be £1k.</p> <p>KN and PE agreed that the Town Council would support looking further into this and the research would give the evidence we require to make a decision regarding whether to pursue it.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION – That £1k is made available to carry out an initial survey into whether it is suitable to implement a Weight Crossing on Long Street</p>
Whistley Road	<p>Potterne Parish Council informed the group that they will submit a plan for gates at the current 30mph sign.</p> <p>The Parish Council have requested speed counts to be taken at the following places, the upper village bus stop, 100m south of the pub and Whistley Road</p>
Great Cheverell	<p>GR is meeting with the PC in May</p> <p>The PC is putting a proposal together</p>

Caen Hill Crossing

Melksham CATG has agreed to support the crossing and is willing to contribute 50% of the costs.

The work is scheduled for July.

Recommendations to Devizes Area Board

The area board is asked to agree the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That £1k is made available to carry out an initial survey into whether it is suitable to implement a Weight Crossing on Long Street, Devizes
2. That the area board selects the following two locations to be taken forward for consideration for a 20mph speed limit:
 - I. **Brickley Lane, Devizes (inc. Longcroft Road, Brickstead Avenue, Roseland Avenue etc...)** – This would avoid confusion and get rid of abnormalities as some of the roads are already 20mph
 - II. **Western End of Urchfont** – It was recognised that part of the area such as Blackboard Lane would be helped by a 20mph limit/zone
3. The area board
 - I. supports the scheduled major highways maintenance work for 2014/15
 - II. delegates responsibility to the CATG group to consider exceptions to the scheduled proposals for future years and make any recommendations.

Date of next meeting – Monday 14th July, 10am, Wiltshire College, Devizes

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