

Community Area Transport Group Recommendations to Marlborough Area Board

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the position of the proposals from the CATG meeting that took place on 9 October 2014.
- 1.2 To request that Marlborough Area Board supports the recommendations of the Community Area Transport Group made at its meeting of 9 October 2014.

2. Finances

- 2.1 Marlborough CATG received a new funding allocation for 2014/15 of £13,615. Along with money remaining from the previous financial year and rolled into this year, Marlborough CATG has a total of £16,726 available to be allocated in 2014/15.
- 2.2 At the 30 September 2014 meeting, Marlborough Area Board agreed the allocation of £8,400 worth of projects that had been recommended by CATG. This leaves the group with approximately £8,326 available to be spent in the rest of the current financial year

3. Background

- 3.1 CATG Chairman, Cllr James Sheppard gave an introduction to the meeting followed by introductions from attendees.
- 3.2 This meeting looked at progress towards the projects allocated funding from the 2013/14 budget and are still underway. Several smaller projects for 2014/15 are also underway and their progress and timings were noted.
- 3.3 There was also a summary and discussion of the Highways issues logged on the area boards system.

4. Priority Schemes for 2013/14

- 4.1 Steve Hind (SH), Wiltshire Highways, described the further development made towards the six projects awarded funding in 2013/14.
- 4.2 **Broad Hinton:** Coloured surfacing and white gates at entrances to village
 - 4.2.1 SH explained the coloured surfacing on the A4361 at the entrances to the village have been implemented and the new 50mph signs have been installed. The new white gates at the entrances to the village are still to be installed.
- 4.3 **Lockeridge:** Coloured informal crossing points and new planters.
 - 4.3.1 SH comments that the new dropped kerbs are due to be done in October / November and without needing a road closure. He is not sure about the coloured surfacing as this might need to be done by a different team from the contractor, but that is in the process of this project.
 - 4.3.2 Again, Balfour Beatty needs to be pinned down as to the date of carrying out this second bit of work.

- 4.4 **Manton:** Informal crossing at playground, Bridge St.
- 4.4.1 SH confirmed the crossing has gone in. Caroline Jackson (Manton Residents' Assoc) said there have been no negative comments from residents and it seems to make a good new gateway to the village.

- 4.5 **Manton:** Footway improvement to Bridge St / High St, Manton.
- 4.5.1 SH confirmed the Council's contractor, Atkins, has now carried out the survey in order for SH to complete the design but this design has not yet been done.
- 4.5.2 Caroline Jackson asked if the community could see the new design before it is implemented, SH agreed. Cllr Stewart Dobson (Marlborough TC & Wiltshire Council) also asked that the design be sent to Marlborough TC as Manton falls within the town.

- 4.6 **Ogbourne St Andrew:** White gates at entrances to village
- 4.6.1 SH confirmed the new coloured surfacing and 30mph roundels on the road have gone in. This work was at no cost to CATG. The new white gates have not yet gone in but SH will chase these up with the contractor, Balfour Beatty.

- 4.7 **Ramsbury:** creation of a new virtual footway and crossing point at Back Lane.
- 4.7.1 Both SH and Cllr Sheila Glass (SG) (Ramsbury PC) confirm that this work is now complete and that Ramsbury PC and the village are very pleased with this. SG thanked Highways for this work.

5. **New Priority Schemes 2014/15**

- 5.1 Steve Hind described the further development made towards projects awarded funding at the 30 September 2014 Area Board meeting

- 5.2 **C18 at Frees Ave, Marlborough:** Implement recommendations from speed limit review.
- 5.2.1 SH confirmed that the implementation of a new 40mph limit on Frees Ave, to act as a deceleration zone between the 60mph and 30mph limits will be achieved by the end of 2014/15.

- 5.3 **Speed limit review of C189 Baydon to Ogbourne St George road.**
- 5.3.1 This work has been given to the Council's contractor, Atkins, and an initial review is due by the end of December '14. If there are any recommended changes from this, CATG will have to consider those against any costs of implementation.

- 5.4 **20mph assessments:** Back Lane, Ramsbury and village lane, Ogbourne St Andrew
- 5.4.1 Metrocounts in both locations have been ordered and following this a report will be available by March '15. If a 20mph limit is recommended, there will be a cost to CATG of approx. £3,000 per road for implementation, although CATG will be given the options of what is available first.
- 5.4.2 SH describes the difference between a 20mph limit and 20mph zone – a zone has a number of physical features such as narrowing roads, speed pillows or raised junctions to help control speed. A limit just has appropriate signage and is more suited to rural locations.

- 5.5 **Aldbourn:** pedestrian count towards new zebra crossing on B4192
- 5.5.1 The count is on a list of work to be undertaken and will be done before the end of 2014.

- 5.5.2 Once the results are back, CATG will have to decide if there are sufficient pedestrians wanting to cross to make a new zebra crossing worthwhile.
- 5.6 Cllr Stewart Dobson asked about the new dropped kerb at Pattern Alley, Marlborough. SH was not aware that it had been agreed by CATG but Andrew Jack (Community Area Manager) pointed out that CATG had voted on this plus the dropped kerb at Knowledge Cres, Ramsbury at the last meeting in July and agreed to fund them both. Martin Cook, Wiltshire Highways, agreed to carry out the dropped kerbs at Pattern Alley and Knowledge Cres from the Area Office. The costs will be charged back to CATG. This is a more efficient method of carrying out this work.

6. Summary of On-going Issues

- 6.1 Of the traffic and transport related issues on the Community Issues System the following action is being undertaken:
- 6.2 **Request for new warning signs in Winterbourne Monkton.** AJ explained how deciding on requests for new ad hoc signage was devolved to CATGs in 2013. Around this time, Winterbourne Monkton PC made a request for new signage warning of horses and riders in the road. Marlborough CATG agreed to this request and it was passed to Highways for assessment. Installation of the signage has been agreed by Highways but now funding for this type of sign must come from CATG. The cost of installing these new signs for Winterbourne Monkton is £300. Cllr James Sheppard asked for a show of hands of those in favour of funding this new signage. The group was in favour of funding the new signage.
- 6.3 **Maintenance of the kerb at The Green, Aldbourne.** As mentioned previously, a quote for this work has been requested from Balfour Beatty but not yet come in or been put on their list of work. MC tries to explain this process and says he will try to force through this work. Cllr James Sheppard wants the process of assigning work to Balfour Beatty to be made simpler. Cllr James Sheppard and Cllr Stewart Dobson will speak with Cllr Philip Whitehead about this.
- 6.4.1 **Speeding traffic on A4 through Froxfield.** AJ explains that the village has already had a Metrocount that showed the location qualifies for Community Speedwatch and to be on the SID rota. AJ asked the group to agree it going on the rota and this was granted.
- 6.4.2 Cllr Tertius Hough, Froxfield PC, explained the problem within the village, how residents tend to be older and how the current footpath alternates between sides of the A4, meaning pedestrians have to cross the road when walking through the village. MC says how the footpath would have been much wider but how the bank has overgrown and obscured the path. This needs to be investigated but work could be undertaken during a Community Day. Cllr Hough would prefer the bank and path to be swapped to take pedestrians further from the A4. Cllr Sheppard wants Froxfield to come back to the next CATG meeting with a full scheme of work to be looked at for the village. Cllr Sheppard asked MC to let him know about progress towards the next Community Day.
- 6.4.3 Cllr Tertius Hough raises the new traffic islands that were suggested as a possible solution for Froxfield at the July CATG meeting and showed a plan of the possible locations for them. SH asks if there are existing street lamps through the village so as to provide either power for lighting the bollards or

- illuminating the islands. There are street lamps. Widening the footway to take up road space as a way of slowing traffic was suggested and so tackles both footway and speeding issues. Cllr Tertius Hough responded that there are not any crossing places throughout the village so the islands will do that role too.
- 6.4.4 Cllr James Sheppard reiterated he would like SH to carry out a proper investigation into the all options for Froxfield once they have been developed into an overall plan for the village. The Community Day was mentioned as being good as an immediate project rather than wait into the coming winter, as well as putting together a full plan for action. Cllr Sheppard agrees with this as a course of action and Cllr Hough agrees with doing this.
- 6.5 **Vehicle speeds on A4 at Fyfield and The Bell Inn, West Overton.** This is covered by two requests from West Overton & Fyfield PC including new coloured surfacing on the A4 at Fyfield at the junction to Lockeridge. SH has been on a site visit with the PC and the coloured surface is possible along with white gates. The cost of the full treatment would be around £5,000. At the junction near The Bell, a new sign warning of the upcoming junction is possible at a cost of about £200. Cllr James Sheppard decided to wait until the next meeting when a rep from West Overton & Fyfield PC will hopefully be present.
- 6.6 **New streetlamp at Ironmonger Lane, Marlborough.** AJ described the Issue coming from a resident requesting a new light outside this alley off the High St to help prevent night-time Anti-social behaviour. Cllr Richard Allen (Marlborough TC) replied that this had not been discussed by Marlborough TC but he would recommend a plan of lighting for the whole High St to go ahead first. AJ will contact the Clerk with information about this Issue.
- 6.7 **Pedestrian safety through George Lane car park.** AJ and Cllr Richard Allen described the Issue reported as there being nowhere for pedestrians, especially children going to and from St Mary's School through the car park, to walk that does not take them next to moving and parked cars. There has also been a number of "near misses" as cars reverse out of their parking space. It's been suggested to improve the current track that runs beside the River Kennet to the side of the car park. Whilst the car park is maintained by Parking and not Highways, so is not a CATG matter, AJ would like the support of the group when taking this to Parking for resolution. The group gave their support to finding a solution to this. It was suggested repainting the lines marking a footpath is a short-term solution. AJ was given Adrian Hampton's name as a contact for this.
- 6.8 **Raised kerb at bus stop on A4361 at Broad Hinton.** AJ described the Issue as a disabled resident of Broad Hinton had contacted Passenger Transport about getting the kerb at the bus stop outside The Barbary Inn raised to allow access onto buses. MC described that this had happened at all other bus stops on the No. 49 route but not here. Passenger Transport no longer funds new raised kerbs like this, hence passing it to CATG. It was pointed out this might not be Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant. AJ was asked to look into other possible sources of funding for this work and to contact Broad Hinton PC with these details.
- 6.9 **Speeding through Mildenhall on C6.** AJ and Cllr John Bevan (Mildenhall PC) describe situation in the village with busy industrial units, a new children's playground and a sharp bend on the C6. Vehicle speeds seem high on this corner, especially for children waiting for the school bus. A Metrocount has already been requested. There was discussion about possible solutions. Cllr

John Bevan asked if the parish council could buy and install their own permanent SID. JS asks officers if this is possible. MC replied that private signs like this cannot be installed on the verge as that belongs to Highways whilst a sign on private land could be breaking advertising rules. JS felt this needs looking into and asked AJ to write to Cllr Jane Scott asking if parish councils can buy and install their own SIDs with permission of Highways.

- 6.10 **More space on verge for wheelie bins, Ogbourne St Andrew:** Cllr John Hetherington (Ogbourne St Andrew PC) described the situation where a row of houses, Crawlings Piece, have to use a narrow footway to put out their bins for collection. This often blocks the footway – either the bins are left in the road (A346) or pedestrians, particularly children on their way to school, have to walk round them. If part of the verge could be dug away to make more room for the bins, this would solve both problems. MC pointed out that although Highways has responsibility for the verge, it is likely to be owned by the nearby householder. Cllr Richard Allen feels it is the responsibility of Wiltshire Council as the waste collector to provide appropriate and safe places for bins to be left for collection, especially since householders are advised to put bins out the night before collection. AJ was asked to contact Waste Services to find out who is responsible for providing space and in this case, who might carry out any work in Ogbourne St Andrew.
- 6.11 **Speed limit on A346 at Ogbourne St George:** Cllr Timothy George (Ogbourne St George PC) described the many difficulties drivers face on the roads around the village including turnings onto the main road, blind summits and bus stops on the A346 as well as foot and cycle paths crossing the A346, all within the current 60mph limit. Cllr George asks on behalf of the parish council that the speed limit here is reviewed and the 50mph limit at Ogbourne St Andrew be extended past Ogbourne St George at least as far as Ogbourne Downs Golf Club. SH says Cllr George will need to write to Dave Thomas at Highways to request the review but feels the parish council might have to fight in order to get this review. Cllr James Sheppard asks for a show of hands in support of the request to review the current speed limit and support was given to Ogbourne St George PC by CATG.
- 6.12 **50mph limit at The Weir, Broad Hinton.** AJ explained how a resident here, a side road off the A4361, had complained about the new 50mph signs put up where they live, which has a lot of agricultural and equestrian buildings, feeling this limit was inappropriate. Cllr Geoff Martin (Broad Hinton PC) said that Broad Hinton PC were aware of this and thought it due to the resident not knowing the previous limit past these building had been 60mph and the new 50mph sign represented a decrease in the speed limit. Cllr Martin would contact this resident.
- 6.13 **Footpath widening at West St, Aldbourne.** Cllr Anne Deuchar (Aldbourn PC) describes the need for a wider pavement at West St near the primary school. Currently it is too narrow for buggies, etc. There is also a problem with speeding traffic making the need for a way for parents and children to access the school. MC thinks it is possible to widen the pavement here and Cllr Deuchar confirms it would be possible to widen it into the verge. SH thinks Taking Action On School Journeys would be a better source of funding for this work. Cllr Sheppard asks about the length of time taken for the work to be done by either way. Cllr Richard Allen thinks this is a valid project but CATG is the easy target for funding. There was discussion about using this project for traffic calming by widening the path into the road and so narrowing the road. Cllr

Sheppard asks Aldbourne PC to decide which way they would prefer this widening to go (into verge or into road) and feed this into CATG. AJ was asked to find out if and how the police can be asked to come to communities to do speed measurements.

7. Other Highways Issues

- 7.1 Cllr Nic Coome (Chilton Foliat PC) mentioned a Metrocount outside Chilton Foliat on the B4192. This is in a 60mph limit so CATG cannot request Metrocounts in limits above 40mph. Cllr Coome would like to collect data on vehicle speeds to respond to concerned residents. AJ was asked to look into how CATG can request these.
- 7.2 Aldbourne – Cllr Anne Deuchar raised speeding on the B4192 through the village and requested locations to be on the SID rota. AJ pointed out that there are already 2 sites in Aldbourne on the rota, at B4192 South St and Oxford St. AD asked for the SID rota. There was also discussion about the village's experience of Community Speedwatch.
- 7.3 Ramsbury – Cllr Sheila Glass asked about the 30mph repeater roundels for Axford and for the 'walkers in road' warning sign at Whittonditch. SH would look into the latter once it goes through the ad hoc signage procedure
- 7.4 Froxfield – Cllr Tertius Hough asked about white gates for the entrances to Froxfield and if these would be possible within the CATG budget. SH replied they are possible if CATG agrees them and wants to prioritise them within the budget. Caroline Jackson pointed out how Manton Residents' Assoc had bought their own white gates and had Highways install them. Cllr Nic Coome said that Chilton Foliat had done the same thing and it was their parish clerk who had arranged it. SH pointed out that white gates costs approx £400 but needed to be of a correct specification for the roadside. Cllr Coome remembered that Chilton Foliat PC and Froxfield PC have the same clerk and advised Cllr Hough to speak to the clerk.
- 7.5 Marlborough (Manton) – Caroline Jackson points out that the two 30mph signs are still at an angle and need straightening. MC will look at this. She also asks about road signs obscured by foliage and who deals with this. MC says that if this is raised with Highways, they will contact the landowner.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1 To note the discussions held at the CATG meeting of 9 October 2014 as outlined above and the progress towards developing priority schemes.
- 8.2 To confirm the expenditure agreed by CATG at the meeting of 9 October 2014. This is £300 towards the cost of installing new 'horse riders in road' warning signs (6.2) for Winterbourne Monkton village.

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Background Papers

CATG notes of 09.10.2014

Appendices

None