

**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 16 April 2015.
- 1.2 To request that Marlborough Area Board supports the recommendations of the Community Area Transport Group made at its meeting of 16 April 2015.

**2. Finances**

- 2.1 Marlborough CATG received a new funding allocation for 2015/16 of £13,615. Along with money remaining from the previous financial year and rolled into this year, Marlborough CATG has a total of £18,295 available to be allocated in 2014/15.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 CATG Chairman, Cllr James Sheppard (JS) 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 and 2014/15 budgets and are still underway. New projects for consideration during 2015/16 were also looked at.
- 3.4 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 five 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, the new 50mph signs have been installed and new white gates at the entrances to the village have been installed. Cllr George Horton (GH) of Broad Hinton PC stated how a resident has been troubled by the noise created by the new coloured strips near their cottage. Andrew Jack (AJ) Community Area Manager, has spoken with Public Protection officers and found out that there is no statutory noise limit or level beside the highway, so there is nothing to judge this noise against. AJ met with GH to visit the location and listen to the noise.
- 4.3 **Lockeridge:** Coloured informal crossing points and new planters.
  - 4.3.1 SH confirms the new coloured surface is now down and the invoice for CATG's contribution of £250 towards planters has been sent. This project can be considered complete.
- 4.4 **Manton:** Footway improvement to Bridge St / High St, Manton.
  - 4.4.1 SH stated the design of the virtual footway through Manton is about 70% complete, with a few issues to overcome, such as tree roots and gully covers.

SH pointed out the cost estimate of this project could go up due to a safety audit and other work and costs could reach £7,000. SH needs to verify this. Cllr Stewart Dobson (SD), Marlborough TC, requests that MTC sees the final designs before work begins and SH confirms. JS asks if the design will be finished within the next month and SH confirms. Caroline Jackson (CJ) asks that Manton Residents' Assoc can also see the designs.

4.5 **Ogbourne St Andrew:** White gates at entrances to village.

4.5.1 SH confirmed the new coloured surfacing and 30mph roundels on the road have gone in along with new white gates for the entrances to the village. There is not yet a final figure on the cost of this work but Cllr John Hetherington (JH), Ogbourne St Andrew PC, confirms the PC is happy to contribute 10% towards it.

4.6 **Ramsbury:** creation of a new virtual footway and crossing point at Back Lane.

4.6.1 SH confirmed that this work is now complete and invoice for the PC's contribution sent to Ramsbury PC.

**5. 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 aim is to implement a new 40mph limit on Free's Ave to act as a deceleration zone between the 60mph and 30mph. This has been advertised and no objections received so will now be implemented. Asked when, SH replied within 3-4 months.

5.2.2 Funding for the implementation has already been allocated by CATG.

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 was due by the end of January '15. This is being chased by SH. If there are any recommended changes from this, CATG will have to consider those against any costs of implementation. JS asks that the results of the review are sent to AJ to be circulated around CATG members so that PCs can agree whether to implement any findings.

5.4 **Pedestrian count at A346, Ogbourne St Andrew**

5.4.1 To qualify for a pedestrian crossing, at least 50 people per hour need to cross over four peak hours. SH confirmed that the survey had shown that this threshold number of pedestrians had not been reached. The survey showed that pedestrians tend to use a number of locations for informal crossings in the general area of the survey.

5.4.2 SH comments that many people cross at the red coloured strip at the bend in the B4192 and whilst this still does not meet the criteria for a new crossing, it would be an unsuitable location for one anyway.

5.4.3 JS felt that the accident statistics do not show this location to be dangerous. He suggested that when this area is re-surfaced, it is tidied up and a new informal crossing created there. He will pass this back to Aldbourne PC. CATG would take no action on this for now.

5.5 **20mph assessments: Back Lane Ramsbury and village lane Ogbourne St Andrew**

5.5.1 SH confirmed that both assessments had been completed and both show the roads are acceptable for implementation of new 20mph limits. CATG has already allocated £3,000 to each road for the implementation.

## 5.6 **New dropped kerbs at Pattern Alley, Marlborough and Knowledge Crescent, Ramsbury**

5.6.1 Martin Cook (MC), Area Engineer, confirmed these have been ordered through Balfour Beatty Living Places and that he is talking to them to get these jobs completed. CATG has already allocated £800 to each of these projects.

## 5.7 **New warning sign for Winterbourne Monkton:**

5.7.1 SH confirmed this has been installed and is complete.

## 5.8 **30mph repeaters, C6 at Axford**

5.8.1 MC has visited the village and measured the distance between streetlamps. Because there are three or more lights and they are within 183m of each other, they constitute sufficient street lighting for there to be a 30mph speed limit in place there and therefore 30mph repeater roundels are not needed and indeed having them is illegal. There was discussion about the sense in this.

5.8.2 Cllr Sheila Glass (SG), Ramsbury PC, was recommended to write to the local MP following May's election. This scheme is to be removed from CATG's list.

## 6. **New schemes for 2015/16**

6.1 With the new financial year and new budget, Marlborough CATG looked to identify new projects for 2015/16. Suggestions were:

### 6.2 **New Streetlighting for junction of A4 and Littlecote Rd, Froxfield**

6.2.1 Cllr Tertius Hough (TH), Froxfield PC, raised a project involving installation of a new streetlight at the junction of A4 and Littlecote Rd to help provide light to help residents of the Duchess of Somerset Hospital see to access the gate on Littlecote Rd. TH explains that the main gate to the Hospital is locked quite early (~5.30pm) and residents must use the side entrance after that. This is down the unlit Littlecote Rd, which gets very dark in the evenings.

6.2.2 JS proposed that SH takes this scheme away to develop further and cost up to come back to the next CATG meeting for further discussion. This was agreed by CATG.

### 6.3 **Pavement improvements on A4 at Froxfield**

6.3.1 TH described a second project involving improvements to the surface and lengthening a stretch of pavement along the A4 from a bus stop to the corner with Littlecote Rd. It currently runs out before the corner and pedestrians have to step into the A4 to turn the corner into Littlecote Rd or cross it.

6.3.2 JS proposed that SH takes this scheme away to develop further and cost up to come back to the next CATG meeting for further discussion. This was agreed by CATG.

### 6.4 **Improved pedestrian signage around Marlborough**

6.4.1 Cllr Richard Allen (RA), Marlborough TC, mentioned a point from MTC about a need for better pedestrian signage to help people get from areas such as the High St to George Lane car park and tourist coaches. Particularly with Marlborough aiming to become a coach-friendly town, there were many cases of tourists asking for directions from places like the High St back to their coach in George Lane.

- 6.4.2 CATG decided that this was an appropriate scheme to support and asked SH to look at possible solutions.

### **Summary of On-going Issues**

- 7.1 Of the traffic and transport related issues on the Community Issues System the following action is being undertaken:
- 7.2 **New Cycle parking on Marlborough High Street** – AJ described how a paper explaining Transition Marlborough's two options for creating new cycle parking in the centre section of the High St had been put to MTC but that MTC had rejected both on the grounds of not wanting to see a reduction in the amount of free car parking. RA pointed out that the existing cycle parking should be at capacity before further cycle parking is considered. CATG agreed that this Issue should be removed from the list
- 7.3 **Improvements to Treacle Bolly bridleway** - AJ described how funding for this improvement work had been agreed between North Wessex Downs AONB and Marlborough Area Board. Further discussions are underway with Marlborough College about this work on their land and once resolved, improvements can begin.
- 7.4 **Maintenance of the kerb at The Green, Aldbourne.** MC has put in the request to the contractor, Balfour Beatty Living Places, but has not had information back. This is on-going and will be monitored.
- 7.5 **Vehicle speeds on A4 at Fyfield and The Bell Inn, West Overton.** No one from West Overton & Fyfield PC was present at the meeting to make decisions on this Issue.
- 6.6 **New streetlamp at Ironmonger Lane, Marlborough.** At the last CATG meeting, Marlborough TC asked that this request be looked at as part of a review of street lighting on the High St. No work towards this review has been done so far.
- 6.7 **Raised bus stop in Broad Hinton** - AJ has been unable to find other sources of funding that might allow this work to go ahead. This was discussed further by CATG and the decision taken to support this project. SH was asked to look at this location and develop and cost the work of installing a new raised kerb.
- 6.7.1 At this stage, AJ raised a new, similar Issue that had come in after the agenda had been circulated. This involved residents accessing the bus by the shelter at the junction of High St and Liddiards Green in Ogbourne St George. This was described further. CATG chose to support this Issue and SH was asked to look at this as well and develop and cost a scheme.
- 6.8 **Speeding through Mildenhall on C6** – AJ explained that a Metrocount on the C6 at Mildenhall had taken place and showed the 85%ile to be 36.7mph in an 30mph limit. This qualified the location for Community Speedwatch. Cllr John Bevan (JB), Mildenhall PC, responded that they would not be taking this up due to lack of volunteers. The PC would like to request new white gates for the entrances to the village. CATG discussed this and agreed for it to be developed. SH was asked to look at this location and develop and cost the work of installing new white gates. JS mentioned expecting a contribution from the PC and JB was okay with this.

- 6.7 **More space on verge for wheelie bins, Ogbourne St Andrew:** AJ described having a conversation with Martin Litherland, Head of Waste at Wilts Council. Martin insisted that Waste is not responsible for providing space for wheelie bins before collection. There was a high level of disagreement from CATG over this. RA pointed out that assisted collection, from outside householders properties would solve the matter of leaving bins beside the A346 but would not be possible as the residents do not all qualify. AJ was asked to invite Martin to a site visit on bin day to see for himself the space needed and the danger involved.
- 6.8 **Footpath widening at West St, Aldbourne.** No one from Aldbourne PC was present at the meeting to make decisions on this Issue.
- 6.9 **HGVs using inappropriate road in Marlborough.** This Issue was discussed at the last CATG meeting and AJ passed to Mark Stansby in Highways to see if appropriate signage could be installed. Mark agreed for “unsuitable for HGV” signs to be installed at either end of Silverless St to try to prevent this. These signs would be installed at the end of June. AJ offered to monitor this to check when they are installed.
- 6.10 **Request for Deer warning signs on A4** – this request comes from a member of the public asking for new warning signs to be installed at a particular wood that runs beside the A4 where deer frequently cross the road. AJ had passed this on to Froxfield PC for comment or support but has heard nothing back. There was discussion about which wood this was (Noke Wood). MC checked records of collisions for the area and there were none that involved deer. TH asked for details of the location to be passed on.
- 6.11 **Late night use of George Lane Car Park** – this Issue comes from a resident nearby George Lane car park who feels it is used by ‘boy racers’ at night, etc. AJ has checked with Sgt Clare Wallace of the NPT and over recent months there have been no reports of this happening. RA confirms that MTC has heard nothing about this. CATG agreed to remove this Issue from the list.
- 6.12 **Request for virtual footway from bus stop** – AJ explained that this Issue relates to a bus stop on the A346 near Ogbourne St George and is at the very top of the slip road that runs from near the golf club down to the village road. Pedestrians getting off the bus currently have no footway for several hundred metres down the slip road until they come to the village. There was discussion about the Issue and CATG agreed for SH to look at the location and possible solutions and to provide a cost estimate to the next meeting.

## 7. **St Peter’s Place, High St, Marlborough**

- 7.1 AJ described the layout of the short piece of High St north of St Peter’s Church. In 2011, CATG agreed an experimental layout to make this stretch one-way in an east-west direction only. The experimental Traffic Regulation Order has now expired. Mark Stansby from Highways, who initiated this project, is now looking to CATG to ratify the experimental TRO and make it permanent along with small changes to double yellow lining.
- 7.2 Mark has met with MTC to look at the options and MTC is happy with this plan. It was discussed by MTC’s Planning Committee and ratified there. If CATG agrees to the costs of £2,000 for the permanent implementation of the scheme, it can be publicly advertised and consulted upon. CATG agreed to this scheme going forward and the £2,000 funding for it.

- 7.3 RA stated he would like to see traffic monitored at the junction with the A4/Bridewell St to see what effect the new pedestrian crossing that is being built will have on traffic flows.

## **8. New rules over 20mph limits and funding**

- 8.1 AJ explained to the group that in previous years, assessments for new 20mph limits had been funded centrally by Highways and any implementation costs funded by CATG. For the new financial year, there will be no central funding for new 20mph limits. This means that both the assessments and implementation will have to be funded locally by either CATG or the PC making the request. Assessments cost £2,500 and implementation approx. £3,000
- 8.2 This was discussed by the group. SG suggested that if PCs wanted a new 20mph limit anywhere, they should precept for this to raise the funds to pay for their own assessment. This was adopted by the group as the route for PCs to go about getting new 20mph assessments..

## **9. Vehicle priority over Kennet Bridge, Waitrose car park**

- 9.1 AJ explained that he had received a complaint from a Marlborough resident about the length of time taken to exit the Waitrose car park in town. The resident felt this was due to the priority direction of traffic over the bridge and suggested changing this direction.
- 9.2 For some time MC has been trying to find out the history behind this as he felt it may be linked to planning permission on the development. AJ has had no other complaints and has checked with MTC's Clerk who has also not had anything else similar.
- 9.3 Because there is only the one complaint about this matter, AJ asked CATG for this request to be dropped as a low priority. CATG agreed this should be dropped.

## **10. Changes to SIDs & Community Speedwatch**

- 10.1 AJ described how Wilts Council had withdrawn central funding of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in 2014/15. Wiltshire Police has now changed the thresholds of its Community Speedwatch scheme in order to cover those speeds previously dealt with by SIDs.
- 10.2 These new thresholds will only apply where a new Metrocount takes place. AJ encouraged those PCs that previously had a SID to request a new Metrocount in order to qualify for Community Speedwatch, otherwise there would be no other form of traffic cover.

## **11. Other Highways Issues**

- 11.1 At the last CATG meeting Cllr Tamsin Witt (TW) explained Baydon PC's wishes and plans for a second traffic calming feature at the other end of the village of Ermin St, the C146. The first feature had been funded through the Highways Substantive Scheme in 2013. At the last CATG meeting, the group agreed to support Baydon's plan and bid to the Substantive Scheme and SH was asked to work on designs, etc for this. TW thanked SH for his work on the plan. She said how the PC will be putting up match funding towards the plan including a local donation and funds from the PC's reserves but as yet, CATG has not been asked to contribute. SD felt the PC needed to precept towards projects like this. JS asked for a proposer for a £3,000 contribution from CATG towards Baydon's scheme as further match funding for the bid. This was agreed by the group.

## 12. Recommendation

- 12.1 To note the discussions held at the CATG meeting of 16 April 2015 as outlined above and the progress towards developing priority schemes.
- 12.2 To ratify the funding allocations as recommended by Marlborough CATG:
- £2,000 towards new Traffic Regulation Order at Marlborough High St / St Peter's Place
  - £3,000 contribution towards Baydon PC's bid to Highways Substantive Scheme for second chicane on Ermine St

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**Background Papers**  
CATG notes of 16.04.2015

**Appendices**  
None