

## COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP

### 1. Purpose of the Report

To provide recommendations from the meeting of the Community Area Transport Group held on Friday 12 November 2010. The purpose of this meeting was to prioritise traffic scheme, grit bin and dropped kerb requests in the Bradford on Avon Community Area.

The attendees of the working group were as follows:-

Councillor Gwen Allison - Bradford on Town Council  
Councillor Simon Coombes – Limpley Stoke Parish Council  
Councillor Alan Mines – Wingfield Parish Council  
Councillor Barrie Raggett – Winsley Parish Council  
Councillor Malcolm Hewson – Wiltshire Council (Bradford on Avon South)  
Councillor Trevor Carbin – Wiltshire Council (Holt & Staverton)  
PC Martin Annetts – Wiltshire Police  
David Bullock, Head of Service Traffic & Network Manager – Wiltshire Council  
Spencer Drinkwater, Principle Transport Planner – Wiltshire Council  
Bill Parks, Head of Service Local Highways and Street scene – Wiltshire Council

Apologies – Councillor Martin Moyes, Holt Parish Council

### 2. Background

Wiltshire Council Highways department receives hundred of requests every year for small traffic schemes such as traffic calming, zebra crossings and footpath widening.

In the past, these schemes were scored centrally by Wiltshire Council officers according to a scheme assessment framework laid out in the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2006/07 – 2010/11.

Since the introduction of the area boards, the cabinet member for Highways has been working with Wiltshire Council officers to develop a process in which Area Boards can be more involved in the prioritisation of the schemes that have been submitted to the Highways Department over the last five years. This has resulted in community representatives being given the opportunity to prioritise and contribute

information on local schemes through a new Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group.

In the Bradford on Avon Community Area, each parish council was invited to nominate a representative to sit on the Community Area Transport Group. The neighbourhood policing team police were also invited to attend to share their expertise.

The group met for the first time on the 12<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the requests for transport schemes submitted for the Bradford on Avon Community Area. In addition, the group prioritised local requests for new grit bins and dropped kerbs.

Officers explained that the work of the Highways Department was divided into four areas:

1. Major Schemes (schemes costing more than 5 million pounds)
2. Road maintenance (resurfacing/ line work etc)
3. Structural maintenance (bridges etc)
4. Integrated Transport

Schemes requested by local people come under 'Integrated Transport'. This area of work also includes all road safety schemes, safe routes to school, traffic management, pedestrian schemes, and public transport and cycle schemes. The total 2009/10 budget for all of these schemes across the county is £3.3 million.

### **3. Main Considerations**

The remit of the Community Area Transport Group is to look specifically at requests for schemes which have been requested by local people and which aim to make it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to travel around the community area. A discretionary highways budget of £250,000 has been set aside for area boards to deliver schemes requested by the community. The allocation for the Bradford on Avon Community Area is £10, 062.

The group were advised that this funding was available for small-scale capital highways projects and that the funding could not be used for maintenance or bus services. It was also noted that all projects require feasibility studies to look at potential solutions.

The Area Board now needs to endorse these recommendations before officers can progress the priorities put forward by the group.

### **4. Environmental Impact of the Proposals**

There is no environmental impact at this time as there will only be initial assessments and feasibility studies.

### **5. Financial Implications**

There will be officer time involved in visiting the priority sites and undertaking preliminary work to determine the level of intervention required. The Area Board has £10,062 which can be used towards feasibility work and the Community Area Transport Group recommends that this sum be used for feasibility studies following the more detailed assessment.

## **6. Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications.

## **7. HR Implications**

There are no HR implications.

## **8. Equality and Diversity Implications**

Some of the schemes, if they get to implementation, will support people with mobility impairment.

## **9. Recommendations**

### **Transport Schemes**

A total of 47 requests for small scale traffic schemes had been put forward in the Bradford on Avon Community Area. Following discussion from the Community Area Transport Group it is recommended that:

- i) That Bradford on Avon Town Council are asked to put forward **either** Trowbridge Road (from Poulton to Junction – request no. 3) **or** Bath Road/ Mount Pleasant (request no. 18 & 19) for a feasibility study.
- ii) That a feasibility study is undertaken to look at the possibilities for a school crossing in Holt (request no. 33).
- iii) That a feasibility study is undertaken to look at the possibilities for the provision of a footway on Magdalen Lane (A366) in Wingfield (request no. 12)
- iv) In addition it was recommended that requests from Town and Parish Councils, the Safer Community Action Group and those submitted via the area board issue tracker is amalgamated into one list and that this list be circulated to all town and parish councils to enable any additional local knowledge to be added.
- v) It was also requested that information regarding 'cluster sites' (where there are a large number of motor vehicle accidents) was made available to the group for information purposes as this drives the allocation of a separate stream of funding.

### **Grit bins**

A total of 32 requests had been received for new grit bins across the community area. The area board had been allocated a total of 6 new grit bins for this financial year.

vi) It is recommended that one new grit bin is provided at each of the following locations:

1. Limpley Stoke – At Sharp corner along Midford Lane
2. Wingfield – On Church Lane outside the Mead School
3. Winsley – At Lydieth Court on Dane/Rise/ Hollybush Close
4. Staverton – Elm Close near the bus stop
5. Holt – Little Parks at the Melksham end of the village
6. Monkton Farleigh – At Broadstones on the grass verge near no. 22/23

In addition, it is recommended that

vii) The location of current grit bins in the town of Bradford of Avon is reassessed to ensure that the maximum community benefit is derived from the existing stock.

viii) Persimmon are approached and asked to replace the grit bin that was located at the end of School Lane in Staverton as this was removed during the development of the new housing estate.

ix) The area highways team are asked to look into whether Thesfield Drive can be added to the main gritting route as this would enable access for a large number of residents.

### **Dropped kerbs**

A total of 35 requests had been submitted by town and parish councils and residents for the installation of dropped kerbs.

x) It was recommended that two dropped kerbs be installed at Broadstones, Monkton Farleigh as this was a feasible option which would benefit a considerable number of residents.

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Appendix One – Requested Transport Schemes for the Bradford on Avon Community Area

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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