

Corsham Community Area Transport Group

Notes of the meeting held 18/05/2011

Attendees

Dick Tonge, Dave Martin, Alan Macrae, Spencer Drinkwater, Sheila Parker, Phillip Glenn, Margaret Rousell, Dave Roberts, Peter Anstey, Gareth Rogers Kristian Price.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Peter Davis, Kevin Gaskin Adam Walton

Purpose of meetings

Spencer Drinkwater explained the purpose of the meetings. Wiltshire Council receive funding from central government for transport and Wiltshire Council have delegated some of these funds to enable area boards across the county to determine the priority of small schemes raised in the community. The types of projects that could be determined would be capital such as footways, crossings, traffic calming, dropped kerbs and cycle routes. The type of project it could not be used for are revenue such as salaries, parking, signs, buses and cutting hedges. He also explained that other major and more complex projects will still be carried out at county level.

He also explained that in order for a project to be considered it needs to be raised through the area board issue raising system or be on the historic list of priorities.

Update on Priorities from last year

Gareth Rogers gave a summary on progress of the two priorities from last year.

He informed the group that the project to install a footpath between Silver Street and the Recreation Ground in Colerne has been started and should be completed by the end of May. Colerne Parish Council has contributed £10,000 towards this project and £5,000 allocated from the CATG funds.

The second project was to investigate the introduction of improved crossing facilities on the B3109 Bradford Road was more complex. An investigation has been carried out and findings revealed a low number of pedestrians crossing the road. Gareth explained that to consider a formal crossing there needed to be a minimum level of 50 people crossing per hour with vulnerable people counting as two.

During the period of the investigation which was a school day an average of 10 pedestrians per hour were recorded so in this instance a formal crossing cannot be considered. The full report was circulated for the group to fully understand the report which will be attached as an appendix to these notes.

It was noted that this could be re examined in the future if for example Skynet Drive was adopted and became an official cycle route and increased the number of people wanting to cross the road, or the volume of pedestrians increased as a result of more people walking to school.

Spencer Drinkwater informed the group that MoD has in the past offered Skynet Drive to WC. However this road required significant improvements at the junction with the major highway before adoption could be considered. It was agreed by the group that a cycle network route for the area would be beneficial.

Action

DM to raise this at MoD Liaison Panel meeting and feed back to the group.

Funding 2010/11

Allocation	£10,943
Expenditure	£5,127
<u>Balance</u> (to be carried forward)	£5,816

+ Youth Transport £4,377 (unspent)
2011/12

Allocation	£10,943
Carry forward	£5,816 +

Committed Expenditure (Colerne) £5,000 -

<u>Balance</u>	£11,759
+ Youth Transport £4,377	(Potentially if scheme is appropriate)

Priorities for 2011/2012

Spencer Drinkwater circulated a matrix of issues to be considered under this scheme. It was suggested that a further box be added as a narrative to give some background to projects for example. A4 Box pedestrian improvement scheme scored highest on the list of priorities but owing to the complexity and potential costs it was unlikely to proceed. It was also decided not to take any issues off this list at this stage.

Action GR / SD to add narrative

Sheila Parker informed the group that Box Parish Council had raised two projects at their recent meeting and would like them to be considered. She was informed that an issue sheet needs to be logged for the project to be considered as outlined earlier. She was also asked to share the crossing report which highlights the criteria for crossings.

Action Box PC to raise issue sheets.

Alan Macrae informed the group that St Patricks School were raising several issues with the approach to the school and were making requests for WC to solve the issues.

Action GR to obtain the school travel plan, to bring this to the attention of the next meeting and raise issues accordingly.

Dick Tonge asked if Lacock Parish Council still supported the Mons Lane scheme. Phillip Glenn confirmed that to the best of his knowledge there was support for this.

Action PG to raise issue sheet and SD to assess the scheme

South Place was second highest on the list at the moment and is supported by Corsham Town Council. DM informed the group that Corsham Town Council has identified £10k for transport issues for the year.

Action DM to get approval from CTC and GR to investigate South Place and bring to the next meeting.

Hastings Road was considered a medium priority by CTC but also considered to be a longer term scheme. No further action needed at this time.

A4 Bradford Road was put on hold until other sites have been developed by MoD.

Date of future meeting.

DR / SD to call meeting when appropriate