

Item 12

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board
Date of Meeting	6 October 2011
Title of Report	Community Area Transport Group Update & Councillor Initiative Funding

Purpose of Report

1. To update on the Community Area Transport Group schemes.
2. To ask Councillors to consider an application from Cllr Britton (Chairman of the Community Area Transport Group) to fund a Community Area Transport Group scheme which requires extra funding from the Area Board.

1. Update on CATG projects so far:

CATG Budget (2010/11 & 2011/12)= £13,676+£13,676 = £27,352	Total Project cost	Contribution from Parish Councils	CATG Contribution	Current Progress
Crossing on Middleton Rd, Winterslow	£3,671	£500	£3,171	Going ahead – Construction 10 Oct
Yellow lining on Odstock Rd	£4,500	£3,125	£1,125	TRO completed requires decision from Cabinet member
Extension to footway on C12, Odstock	£5,500	£1,500	£4,000	Going ahead – Construction Late Oct/early Nov
Crossing on the Ridge, Woodfalls	£4,000	£1,000	£3,000	Going ahead – Construction Late Oct/early Nov
Access improvements to footpath between London Rd Park & Ride to Lavertsock	Not from CATG	Not from CATG	Not from CATG	Cllr McLennan can update on this scheme
Gateway improvements, refuge and white lining on A338, Charlton All Saints	£25,050	£3,000	£15,726	An extra £6,324 is requested from the Board to complete this 2011/12
Other costs already incurred (speed survey at Ridge 2010/11)			£330	n/a
	£42,721	£9,125	£27,352	

2. Councillor Project to fund shortfall in CATG scheme.

Scheme	Amount Required
Charlton All Saints – Pedestrian refuge, gateway features and white lining	£6,324

1. Background

1.1 In addition to the Community Area Grant Scheme, Area Boards are able to use a proportion of their funding for projects which fall outside the criteria of the Community Area Grant Scheme. These projects would be initiated by a Councillor for consideration and approval by the Area Board.

1.2 Any project initiated by a Councillor outside of the Community Grants system must have the approval of the Area Board and should clearly set out one or more of the following:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System

1.3 The Area Board may wish to agree to limit the amount of money used for Area Board projects in order to retain a viable grants pot. This might be a set sum or a percentage of the whole budget.

1.4 In considering requests, the Area Board will need to bear in mind the impact this will have on the amount of funding available to support applications from local community groups and organizations.

2. The Project: Charlton All Saints – Pedestrian Refuge, Gateway Features and White Lining

2.1 The CATG recommended to the Board the above spending plan which included the requirement for the Board to bid for £6,324 from the Substantive CATG fund which is a central fund that Area Boards could apply to for larger schemes in their area.

2.2 The bid to the substantive CATG fund was turned down because, it was claimed, the CATG could have funded the entire project with the funding it had available. It was also suggested that the Charlton All Saints scheme could be achieved by a phased approach allowing a reduced initial project to be funded by CATG. This is being contested by the Chairman of the CATG since its funds, although not actually spent, had been committed in 2010/11 and we are anxious to avoid two periods of disruption on this busy road. In the event of the Board approving this application and the CATG Chairman's appeal is eventually successful then the Board's grant can be returned to the general pot.

2.3. The CATG were very supportive of the Charlton All Saints scheme and recognised that there was a collision history at the site. Appendix 2 shows the collision history.

2.4. The reason for this bid is to implement the plan that the CATG presented to the Board in this financial year.

2.5. The Project Bid is attached at appendix 1.

Recommendation: Approve for the following reasons:

The completion of this project will implement the plan as set out by the CATG and it will also offer a solution to issue 1440 and 402.

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