

PEWSEY AREA BOARD
7 November 2011

ITEM NO. 07

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 October 2011

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide an update and recommendations to Pewsey Area Board from the meeting of the Area Transport Group meeting held on Wednesday 19 October 2011.

Attendees

Robert Hall – Pewsey Area Board	Paul Bollen – Wiltshire Council
Terry Eyles – Pewsey Parish Council	Peter Hanson – Wiltshire Council
Colin Gale – Rushall Parish Council	Caroline Brailey – Wiltshire Council
David Leighton – Sustrans	Vince Logue – Wiltshire Police
Spencer Drinkwater – Wiltshire Council	Jerry Kunkler – Pewsey Area Board
Mark Stansby – Wiltshire Council	Stanley Bagwell - PCAP

2. Background

The purpose of this group is to prioritise requests for integrated transport schemes, and to make recommendations to the Pewsey Area Board on schemes to be funded from its limited transport budget. The group's remit is also to look at current highway issues raised with the area board.

3. Main Considerations

3.1 Feedback on current priorities

Pedestrian Access to Pewsey Station – application for substantive funding

Spencer explained that the application had been unsuccessful, although it wasn't rejected. The scoring was based on cost:benefit, deliverability and the contributions made towards schemes. There were 11 bids, 5 were funded 4 were rejected. Caroline and Jerry explained that they have met a representative from First Great Western to ascertain if they may be willing to contribute to the scheme. At the moment it is unlikely as First Great Western are about to tender for the franchise from 2013 although she would ask. She would provide details of Network Rail as they may be willing to contribute.

Spencer explained that Wiltshire Council has made an expression of interest to the Department for Transport regarding a Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid around improving Wiltshire's rail offering. Wiltshire Council will be submitting its bid in February 2012 for funding rail improvements in the County which may include improving access to stations. It might be possible therefore that some funding be made available for this

scheme in the future. It was agreed to recommend to the area board that this scheme be kept as priority one although on hold at the current time.

The group were reminded of a potential scheme costing £5000 which would be for improved signage around the station to increase pedestrian safety. It was discussed and agreed that this would not be of substantial benefit and that the funding be put to other schemes.

The group agreed to recommend to the area board that the £9,597.54 put aside for the scheme be spent on priority schemes that have already been identified and can proceed this financial year.

High Street Great Bedwyn

Caroline confirmed that the parish council have accepted the scheme as proposed, which would improve pedestrian visibility when crossing Brook Street. The draft scheme has been costed at £4,500. It was suggested that the parish council be asked to contribute towards the scheme with a sum of £500. Caroline would write and ask if they would be able to do this.

It was agreed to recommend that the area board agree that the scheme go ahead and contribute £4,000 towards it.

Action: Caroline to write to the parish council to ask if they are able to contribute £500 towards this scheme.

A342 Rushall

Local agreement has now been reached on a scheme. The parish council are making a contribution to enable bollards to be installed which will prevent cars from parking alongside the path. Colin explained that the path doesn't go as far as first hoped and that they are seeking an additional £4,043. The parish are contributing £3,880. £15,156 has already been agreed by the board for this scheme.

It was agreed to recommend to the area board that a further £4,043 be put towards this scheme which will allow the path to extend as far as the Old Barnyard.

Wilcot Road One-Way System

A metrocount has been done which shows the numbers of vehicles travelling the wrong way – this is in addition to any which may be turning around having realised their mistake. The results were as follows:-

Over the course of 12 days

Time Period	Frequency
06:00 – 10:00	18
10:00 – 14:00	19
14:00 – 18:00	16
18:00 – 22:00	14
22:00 – 02:00	13
02:00 – 06:00	7

Mark explained that there is scope to change the kerb alignment with Old Hospital Road. This will include a priority build-out to disrupt in-bound flow of traffic. The costs of this scheme would be approximately £8,000 – this includes the cost of a topographical survey (£1000) which would need to be done initially to give the true cost of the scheme.

It was agreed that the group recommend to the area board the sum of £1,000 for a topographical survey.

Action: Sgt Logue agreed to carry out some additional enforcement.

Action: Mark to arrange the metro count survey and cost a kerb work scheme.

Upavon Footpath (Grey Flags)

There has been no change since the last meeting – permission from the landowner has still not been given. It will remain on the priority list on hold.

3.2 New Requests/Issues

- **Speeding/danger at Huish Corner, Oare – despite CSW**

The parish council have asked for consideration of a mini-roundabout or flashing signs to calm traffic at this area. There is community speed watch further up the road but it is felt that this area is still dangerous due to the nature of the junction.

Action: Mark Stansby agreed to go to the site and report back to the next meeting.

- **Road Improvements at the Swan Junction, Wilcot**

The parish council have asked for consideration of a mini-roundabout and parking controls to make the road safer.

The group rejected the idea of a mini-roundabout – this would be costly, and if there were to be one there could be no parking anywhere close to it.

Sgt Logue agreed to have a look at the area to establish if any road traffic laws were being breached by inconsiderate parking.

Mark Stansby agreed that there would be some tweaking of the give way lines, but it couldn't be moved back considerably due to the camber of the road.

Parking restrictions could be put in place but this would be the responsibility of the parish council, under the new process for parking and waiting restrictions.

The group agreed to recommend to the area board that this scheme request be rejected on the above grounds, but that some tweaks would be made to white lines, and that the parish council be invited to request some parking restrictions in the interests of road safety.

Action: Sgt Logue to investigate the site, Caroline to update the issues system

- **Extension of 40mph limit from Oare to Prospect**

Mark advised that the speed limit review has been completed and that no further requests would be considered. However as this area is being recommended to be changed from 60 to 50 there will be an opportunity for the parish council to object when it is formally advertised. Mark said that the review had been very thorough and consistent and this stretch does not meet the criteria for a 40mph limit.

Action: Caroline to update the issues system

- **Woodborough – new crossing**

Caroline explained that the Woodborough Road Safety Group had submitted a community area grant application to the area board but that she had been advised by her manager that this should come through CATG, and if necessary CATG could apply through a councillor application for funding from the area board. The application did not include any detail of design or cost but that they were seeking £5000 towards an estimated cost of £10,000. This is to enable a safe crossing area from the new path that is hoped to be installed through the field from the social club.

The group discussed the proposal and agreed that it was not possible to allocate any funding due to the scheme not being fully developed. Mark said that the crossing itself would be of direct benefit to the school, rather than of benefit to the wider community and should therefore be incorporated in the Taking Action on School Journeys School Travel Plan process. However the calming measures are something that the CAT group could consider.

Mark agreed to carry out some preliminary design and estimate of cost and submit to the next meeting. It was however felt that the next meeting would be too late and therefore:-

The group were supportive of the aims of the Woodborough Road Safety Group and to include the scheme in its list of priorities. The group agreed in principle that a request for funding towards an extension of the building out and installation of a new build out could be made directly to the area board's 9th January meeting by way of a councillor led application – subject to preliminary design and costing provided by Mark Stansby.

- **Speeding, Ball Road**

A resident has submitted an issue in relation to speeding along this road. It was agreed that the parish council should be made aware and ask for its authority to carry out a speed count survey.

Action: Caroline to update the issues system and contact the parish council

3.3 Review Priority List

The group went through the list. Parish Councils have been written to and asked if they still wish historical requests to be considered. Great Bedwyn have responded with the Brook Street scheme which is mentioned above, but the other three on the list have not been re-submitted so it was agreed that these could be removed. Caroline is still waiting to hear back from Alton Parish Council and requested that more time be given before removing these. All items remain in the priority order previously agreed –

Woodborough to be added as priority 6 although not yet scored. Spencer will score it in the same way as those that were on the original list.

The complete list is included as Appendix 1 to this report.

3.4 New Delegations to CATG

- SID allocation – each area board is now in control of its own SID device – however there is criteria which needs to be met, which is that a speed survey must indicate that the 85%ile is above 39 or 49 for these to be able to be used. However there are some historical sites which have been provided with SIDS and the area board needs to agree if it wishes these sites to be reassessed. The sites needing to be reassessed (or taken off the list) are:-

Milton Lilbourne
Marlborough Road Pewsey

Sites which qualify already – Alton Road Wilcot and Andover Road Upavon.

Colin said that Rushall has had a SID in the past but is not on the list. Caroline explained that areas which do speed watch and record above 29 speeders in one session also qualify for the SID so this may be the reason but she would find out.

It was agreed to recommend to the area board that Milton Lilbourne and Marlborough Road, Pewsey be reassessed.

Action: Caroline to find out why Rushall was not on the list.

- Review of C and unclassified roads – each area board will be given a list of roads which will be scored by highway officers first. Each area board can put forward two roads for assessment per year. The area boards needs to liaise with neighbouring community areas as many roads will be in more than one. Roads with 30mph limits will not be considered until the pilot 20mph scheme has been considered, although limits may be extended. The lists would be brought to the CATG groups from April 2012.
- Waiting and Parking Restriction Review – any request for waiting or parking restrictions should be directed to the relevant town and parish council and they will submit requests to the council once a year. CATG's may need to be involved if parish council's opt out.

4. CATG Recommendations to Pewsey Area Board

Pedestrian Access to Pewsey Station

It is recommended that the £9,597.54 that was put aside for the scheme be spent on priority schemes that have already been identified and can proceed this financial year.

Brook Street/High Street, Great Bedwyn

It is recommended that the scheme go ahead and contribute £4,000 towards it.

Rushall

It is recommended that a further £4,043 be put towards this scheme which will allow the path to extend as far as the Old Barnyard.

Wilcot Road, Pewsey

It is recommended that the sum of £1,000 be put towards a topographical survey.

Swan Junction, Wilcot

It is recommended that this scheme request be rejected, but that some tweaks would be made to white lines, and that the parish council be invited to request some parking restrictions in the interests of road safety.

Woodborough

It is recommended that the board receive design and costings for traffic calming measures at its next meeting and if appropriate, a councillor led application for a financial contribution.

SID site allocation

To recommend that Milton Lilbourne and Marlborough Road, Pewsey be reassessed.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 22 February 2.00 pm – Pewsey Parish Office

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