

PEWSEY AREA BOARD

14 May 2012

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP **MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2012**

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide an update and recommendations to Pewsey Area Board from the meeting of the Community Area Transport Group meeting held on Thursday 19 April 2012.

Attendees

Robert Hall – Pewsey Area Board
Terry Eyles – Pewsey Parish Council
Colin Gale – Rushall Parish Council
Peter Deck – Pewsey Parish Council
Spencer Drinkwater – Wiltshire Council
Mark Stansby – Wiltshire Council

Paul Bollen – Wiltshire Council
Caroline Brailey – Wiltshire Council
Jerry Kunkler – Pewsey Area Board

Apologies

Patrick Wilson, Peter Hanson, Vince Logue
Stanley Bagwell

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. New Delegations to CATG:-

Review of C and unclassified roads

The list of roads including collision data together with a map of roads was circulated in advance of the meeting. A detailed discussion took place on how best to prioritise the roads to put forward to review. It was agreed that the areas would be prioritised on the basis of accident rates, the housing density, and length of road.

Recommendation

The roads that CATG have agreed to put forward to the Area Board for review are:-

First Priority: C8 (the road from Pewsey to Devizes through Wilcot, Alton, Stanton)

Second Priority: C38 (the road through Alton, Woodborough, Hilcot)

Third Priority/Reserve: C52 (the road from Prospect through Manningford and Wilcot crossroads)

The third priority will only be taken forward if the top two priorities can't be taken forward for whatever reason.

Area Board Issue 2201 request from Burbage Parish Council to move 30mph limit sign.

This wasn't agreed by CATG to be assessed as part of the review of C and unclassified roads. The affected road is only 100 yards.

Recommendation/Action

Caroline write to Burbage Parish Council and advise that the only way to have the road assessed would be if they would agree to pay the legal fees if the assessment is in favour of the change. It might not meet the criteria. The legal fees are approximately £3000

Addition to SID Rota Eastcourt Road, Burbage

Since the last meeting of CATG where the SID rota was agreed Eastcourt Road Burbage has now qualified for Community Speedwatch.

Recommendation/Action

For Eastcourt Road, Burbage to be added to the SID rota

4. Update since last meeting

Pedestrian Access to Station – Jerry explained that he and Caroline had met with Sean McBroom of First Great Western. As explained at previous meetings, they are at the moment tendering for a new franchise and will not know the outcome of this until December 2012. Sean was very supportive of the scheme; and asked for more detailed proposals so that he could share them with others in the organisation. Mark explained that this would be quite costly and offered to speak with Sean on the telephone. The proposed costs for the scheme are in the region of £80,000 which is for a traffic shuttle signal system.

5. Budget

- a) Review 2011/12 spend and 2012/13 allocation - Mark explained that the expenditure for the year was slightly over, but that this would be absorbed by the highways department, as it was due to miscalculations of estimates. The CATG therefore has a budget for this financial year of £12,377
- b) Substantive funding for 2012/13 – Spencer informed the group that this year's allocation is £250,000. The process is likely to be the same as last year and the closing date is expected to be end of June but this is yet to be confirmed. The groups should know in July/September if their bids have been accepted, and if not this will free up the match funding which can be used on other schemes.

6. Traffic in Villages

Caroline and Mark informed the group of a seminar they attended and had been arranged by the Marlborough Parish Forum. The Forum had engaged Ben Hamilton Baille to have a look at the problems they are having with traffic in villages. Ben presented a powerpoint of pictures to explain his philosophy, which is primarily to integrate traffic with the community, to allow the driver to drive according to the surroundings, rather than signage. One example given was the removal of a school playground's fence, and the integration of the playground with the road!

Spencer would score the Rushall schemes that are still on the list.

The revised recommended priority list is attached.

Recommendation – that the attached priority list be agreed.

10. Application for Substantive funding

Despite the current lack of clarity on if First Great Western can contribute it was agreed that the group apply again for substantive funding for the scheme to improve Pedestrian Access to Pewsey Station. This was also one of the priorities that came out of the JSA event that was held in January. Pewsey Parish Council have set aside £3,000 towards this scheme. It was suggested and agreed that CATG recommend to the area board that £4,000 be set aside from the CATG funding, with a further £10,000 being made available from the Area Board funding – this would only be used if the application for this and the Wilcot Road schemes are accepted.

It was agreed that funding towards the Wilcot Road scheme also be sought through the substantive funding scheme. The group agreed that £8,000 be set aside as the CATG contribution for this and Peter/Terry would find out if the Parish Council are able to contribute.

Recommendation: That the area board agrees to the above applications for substantive funding to be made and that it agrees to £10,000 being ring-fenced from the area board budget as a contribution towards the Pedestrian access to Pewsey station scheme – which will only be required if both bids are approved.

11. CATG Recommendations to Pewsey Area Board

Review of C and Unclassified Roads

The roads put forward to the Area Board for agreement to be submitted for review are:-

- First Priority: C8 (the road from Pewsey to Devizes through Wilcot, Alton, Stanton)
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Area Board Issue 2201 request from Burbage Parish Council to move 30mph limit sign. This wasn't agreed by CATG to be assessed as part of the review of C and unclassified roads. The affected road is only 100 yards.

If the area board agree to the above priorities for the speed limit review Caroline write to Burbage Parish Council and advise that the only way to have the road assessed would be if they would agree to pay the legal fees if the assessment is in favour of the change. It might not meet the criteria. The legal fees are approximately £3000.

Addition to SID Rota

For Eastcourt Road, Burbage to be added to the SID rota.

Manningford request for weight restriction

That the area board agree that the correct process has been followed and if so Caroline will contact the parish council.

Issue 1957 Traffic Calming / Crossing Woodborough School

That this issue be closed as funding has been awarded for this scheme.

12. CATG Priority List

That the attached list be agreed.

Applications for Substantive Funding

That the area board agrees to the above applications for substantive funding to be made (Wilcot Road Junction Improvements £8,000, and Pedestrian Access to Pewsey Station £4,000) and that it agrees to an additional **£10,000** being ring-fenced from the area board budget as a contribution towards the Pedestrian access to Pewsey station scheme – which will only be required if both bids are approved.

13. Date of Next Meeting

26th July – 2pm Pewsey Parish Office

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