# 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!

It was agreed to keep a watching brief to see if any Marlborough villages commission any work arising from this.

# 7. New Requests

- a. Pewsey Primary School Mark has agreed to look at additional signage to alert drivers that they are turning into a school.
- b. Manningford, request for weight restriction there is a freight assessment process and this route is on the list. It has been assessed but the freight management schemes to be taken forward in 2012/13 have not yet been agreed. However the C52 did not score highly in the freight assessment so it is unlikely it will be on the list of schemes going forward. The next stage for any schemes which do go forward is a detailed study which is extremely costly. If the parish council wish to override the process and go ahead with a detailed study they would have to pay for this to be done.

More information on the freight process can be found by on the website as follows: <a href="http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwayspavements/transportfreight/transportroadfreight.htm">http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwayspavements/transportfreight/transportroadfreight.htm</a>

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

8. Review current issues list

The group went through the highways items on the issues list – there were only one or two that needed discussion as follows:-

- Speeding at Prospect, Pewsey Mark confirmed that he is looking at the repeater sign provision parish council have not yet submitted metro count request form.
- Safety of children crossing the A342 Down View, Upavon Caroline read out the email from the Parish Council – the area qualifies for community speed watch. In terms of what else could be done, Mark agreed to visit the site and look at signage options.
- Traffic calming and crossing point, Woodborough School it is **recommended** that this issue now be closed as the area board has provided funding for this to be put into place.

A number of items on the issues list were addressed through the speed limit review and Caroline will update the issues system accordingly, if the area board agrees to those recommendations.

# 9. Review Priority List

Mark gave an update on the Wilcot Road scheme and circulated a plan. It was agreed that this is a worthwhile scheme. The costs estimate is £16,000 and Mark would check this with the officer working on this scheme.

The priority order was altered slightly and when discussing Elm Row, Rushall Mark said he would look at a sign to warn motorists that there may be pedestrians in 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.

# <u>Issue 1957 Traffic Calming / Crossing Woodborough School</u>

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

26<sup>th</sup> July – 2pm Pewsey Parish Office

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