

PEWSEY AREA BOARD
8 JULY 2013

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2013

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 Wednesday 5 June 2013.

Attendees

Jerry Kunkler – Pewsey Area Board
Terry Eyles – Pewsey Parish Council
Colin Gale – Rushall Parish Council
Peter Deck – Pewsey Parish Council
Paul Cowen – Upavon Parish Council
David Proto – Manningford Parish Council
Paul Oatway – Pewsey Area Board

Patrick Wilson – Pewsey & District Chamber
of Commerce
Kristian Price – Wiltshire Council
Caroline Brailey – Wiltshire Council
Spencer Drinkwater – Wiltshire Council
Mark Stansby – Wiltshire Council

Apologies

Vince Logue

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 and where necessary raise new matters with the Area Board.

3. Review of C and Unclassified Roads

Mark gave a brief update – the results of the assessments for the routes put forward for review last year should be ready at the end of July.

4. SID Rota, Additions or Removals

Caroline confirmed that she has checked as requested and Trenchard Lines has been added to the rota. Colin asked if the SID at Rushall could be utilised in two areas – one by the School and the other Elm Row, both facing North. Manningford said they were not on the SID Rota **Action: Caroline to check and also ask if Rushall can have a SID in two locations.**

A discussion took place about Community Speed Watch. Teams have been cut to do just two sessions a week per scheme due to lack of resources in the Police to process the data. The previous coordinator position has been made redundant. Jerry said he would discuss the matter with Cllrs Chris Williams and Jonathan Seed. This is a serious issue – people need sufficient training, and cameras need to be calibrated, and when registrations are sent through they need to be acted upon but letters are not being sent out. If the Council and the Police want volunteers to undertake Community Speed Watch they need to give them the tools that they need, which includes sending out the letters promptly. **Action: Caroline to draft a letter to the Police copying in Chris Williams, Jonathan Seed and the Police and Crime Commissioner.**

5. Budget

Mark confirmed that the current budget for this financial year is £13,861 – CATG and the Area Board have already ring fenced from this £7k for the Grey Flags project (plus £7k from last financial year).

Spencer confirmed that the cabinet report for the Substantive Funding Scheme has been published. This confirms a budget of £250k for CATGs across Wiltshire plus the substantive fund of £250k which each CATG can bid into. The deadline for applications to the substantive fund is end of July.

Spencer confirmed that the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) had awarded £2.45m for three elements relating to improving the rail offer. These elements are, i) support for rail services from Westbury to Swindon – although the franchise has delayed things a bit, ii) Interchange improvement elements, from this some money was given to The Knapp for dropped kerbs – this came to £9k. £5k for access to Pewsey Station feasibility study, and iii) Station Travel Plan workshop – this should lead to smarter choice measures, cycling walking, public transport, try cycling and buses. This is a three year project which commenced last year. There have been audits of walking and cycling access to stations, and Spencer would be happy for feedback and ideas from CATG. Any plans will be shared with CATG before going to public consultation. There is a small amount of funding for other stations which is why Bedwyn and Pewsey were able to be supported. There may be an opportunity for further funding if not spent in other areas.

6. Active Priority List Updates

Pedestrian access to Pewsey Station (53)

Mark circulated the initial findings which consist of a shuttle operating traffic light system with a phase for pedestrians, this is a complex scheme and would involve 5 traffic flows which would need to be singular plus a phase for the crossing – the consultants have estimated a ball park of £250k. This is the total amount within the substantive funding from Wiltshire Council so there won't be able to be a bid made to it for this project. There may however be some money left from LSTF. A discussion took place about alternative solutions particularly about using land at The Ridge. There is a locked gate and it is private land, but it was suggested that Jerry and the Parish Council look into this further. This could cost approximately £60k, plus any land purchase costs. Mark will put this to Atkins although it is referred to in their study. One more option mentioned retaining wall to get some land alongside main road with crossing – this would be a six figure sum but probably cheaper than signals – there are issues over who owns what though and there are a lot of services in that area. **Action – Jerry and Parish Council to investigate The Ridge access and ownership and who pays for upkeep.** CATG and PC needs to give view on final proposal once submitted by Atkins, just in case there is funding available. There is mileage in the proposal. Spencer will talk to LSTF and see if there is any more money available. **Action Spencer**

Wilcot Road, One way System

Still waiting for overhead light on 'Give Way' sign – remedial works done. Electrical cost now known, may be some money coming back. **Action: Mark will continue to chase**

Woodborough Road Safety (24)

This job is now complete, it came in under estimate £3,016.49 and some savings were achieved.

A345 Signage, Manningford

Highways officers have been out and some proposals have been drawn up for 3 new signs at Manningford Bruce, Manningford Abbots and Sharcott. There is already one at Prospect but this may need some hedge trimming. Kristian said that a new Chevron sign is needed at Prospect. There were three signs suggested which could be funded by CATG. David asked if the sign to

Manningford Bruce could say “access only”? Unfortunately local people won't be deterred by a sign or sat nav. The signage etc would be for visitors. The survey is due to be done soon which will show the extent of local traffic and those that are using the route as a rat run. There is already advisory lorry route signs at each junction. The cost for the three new signs would be £1,082.55 supplied and installed and including temporary traffic management. This cost also includes the removal of old signs. The HGV signs will stay, as will the blue signs at point of turn. These proposed signs are in advance of junctions. Parish Council/CSW volunteers are just waiting for the training so that they can do the survey and get data to Mark. They need to do before the school holidays. Other than physical measures on C52, which may or may not be welcome or feasible (some HGVs need to use) this really is the last thing that can be done, it was suggested that the survey be done now before signs go up. David requested that he be given an opportunity to discuss with the parish council. Mark responded that this proposal is a result of what was requested.

Action: it was agreed that CATG would recommend to the area board to authorise the payment of £1,082.55 for the three new signs but that Manningford PC, once they have discussed the proposal may turn this down if they so wish.

Manningford Parish Council and Spencer to liaise to undertake the surveys before the school holidays.

Footpath Grey Flags, Upavon (36)

The four landowners now have a Solicitor (one is working for all of them). There has been a slight delay in getting the deeds but this shouldn't be a problem. When the Solicitor has the deeds he can verify how much they actually own as there is some debate that some of the land may belong to the highway authority. The Solicitor is doing the work for £500 for all four properties. The Lottery is prepared to support to 70% but won't give any money or consider until we can actually confirm pricing. The owner of Grey Flags has spoken to the people who did the design on alterations to his Coach House Garage and Car Port about the fence. He had a question about the required pavement width, he said he thought it was 1.8 mtrs but Paul didn't think it was that wide – Mark confirmed that ideally it should be 1.4 but where there are land issues happy to go to 1.2. If they are going to incorporate footings for the road into the pavement he needs to know that figure – he will contact Mark. Once the land issue is resolved will need to quickly get price on the second part because money allocated here is being used as seed for lottery bid to do the whole project. The Lottery is prepared to accept the CATG funding as seed funding. The group said that this needs to be carried out this financial year. Also the planning permission needs to be obtained. Paul has spoken with the Planning department, if the parish council approve it could fast track quite quickly. Planners have looked at and think it should be ok. Mark confirmed that he can't do anything further until the land situation is resolved, and he can't provide any costing until he knows about the foundations for the wall/fence.

Footpath A342 Rushall (N Newton side) (36)

Waiting for topographical survey results, this came to £1400 not £2k parish council have funded this. Preliminary design work has been done but need survey to be complete before costs can be provided, which will hopefully be before the next meeting.

Rail & Canal Bridge pedestrian safety Great Bedwyn (38)

The Group approved that a feasibility study should be done **Action Mark.**

Inactive Priorities (for info)

a. Footpath A342 Rushall (Elm Row) (37)

Colin asked Caroline if there was any progress on the freight route assessment. **Action Caroline to chase**

b. Footpath A345 Sunnyhill Lane to prospect (28)

c. Footpath A345 Prospect to Pewsey Wharf (25)

Regarding the Substantive bid – it was agreed that CATG are not in a position to put in an application, however if any designs are done before the next meeting Mark will let us know.

7. Review current area board issues list

2469 - Cross Hayes junction, must ensure the road markings are kept clean, and renewed regularly.

2479 – Problems with vehicles hitting wall due to narrow road through Rushall – the works have been done, but a sign coming in to the village is twisted – **Action Kristian**

2700 – Lack of street light near Pewsey Station It was agreed that CATG approve £1,500 for the new street light, if the quote comes in below this amount.

Action: To recommend that the area board approves £1,500 for the new street light, subject to the quote coming in below this amount. Action CB to request updated quote.

2721 – Request for 20mph zones in Woodborough – the policy document is on verge of being handed to the new cabinet member

2778 – Narrowing of bridge at Manningford - highways have looked at this – they don't recommend formal priority scheme but are prepared to put road narrow signs in **Action: Mark**

2783 – Seymour Pond, Burbage – Kristian is discussing land ownership with Parish Council not sure owned by Wiltshire Council.

2786 – Dropped Kerb Burbage – this is going to be done.

2885 – Speeding on Wilcot Road, Nr Schools - waiting for feedback.

2945 - Speeding through Easton Royal, request for speed survey and the 30mph sign to be moved. Highways will look at – speed survey has been requested. **Action Mark**

Paul asked Kristian what the rationale is of cutting verges as the minor roads are done but the main roads are not. Kristian confirmed that minor roads are done first as you turn out of these onto the main road. Paul had concerns about visibility when people over take on the main road. He has attended the scene of many fatal accidents on the A342. Kristian confirmed that they would be cut.

Peter raised a visibility issue at Ball Road, Pewsey. **Action: Terry agreed to look at with Kristian** Also the yellow lines at Broomcroft Road have not yet been installed. Jerry confirmed that they are not in this year's programme but he will revisit to see why it isn't in. **Action: Jerry**

Peter also raised a question about a new fence at the bottom of Broomcroft Road, it is blocking visibility when coming out of the lane.. **Action: Kristian Price, Parish Council, Wiltshire Council Enforcement Officer.**

8. Summary of recommendations to the Pewsey Area Board

To authorise the payment of £1,082.55 for the three new signs to try and deter people from travelling through Manningford (Manningford PC may decide to reject once they have had chance to discuss)

To authorise the payment of £1,500 for the new street light at Pewsey Station, subject to the quote coming in below this amount.

9 Date of next meeting – 2pm 14 August Parish Office

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