

PEWSEY AREA BOARD
8 JULY 2013

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 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 17 April 2013.

Attendees

Jerry Kunkler – Pewsey Area Board	David Butler – Burbage Parish Council
Terry Eyles – Pewsey Parish Council	Michaela Grabowski – Burbage Parish Council
Colin Gale – Rushall Parish Council	
Peter Deck – Pewsey Parish Council	Kristian Price – Wiltshire Council
Jerry Kunkler – Pewsey Area Board	Steve Cross – Wiltshire Council
Noel Mascell – Upavon Parish Council	Caroline Brailey – Wiltshire Council
Paul Cowen – Upavon Parish Council	Spencer Drinkwater – Wiltshire Council
John Brewin – Woodborough Parish Council	Mark Stansby – Wiltshire Council

Apologies

Vince Logue
Cllr Robert Hall

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 Highways Services - Steve Cross & Kristian Price

Steve explained that he had taken over from Peter Hanson and Kristian had taken over from Paul Bollen. They cover the former Kennet area plus Amesbury. A new contract starts in June that takes on not just highway but also street scene, Balfour Beatty Living Places will be the contractor, and what's left is a small client team. This team will interact with communities and contractor. Ian Spanswick was initially earmarked to work as one of coordinators on the client side, he is now going to be working on the contractor side of things. The coordinator post is therefore not yet filled but is currently being advertised internally. In terms of CATG Caroline will liaise with Kristian, but the parish councils will liaise with the Coordinator. A letter is being sent to parish councils towards the end of next week. There will be regular dialogue between coordinator and parishes, with the engineer (Kristian) available when necessary. The Coordinator will have more responsibility and should be able to action things straight away as there will be community teams responding to matters.

4. Review of C and unclassified roads

Mark confirmed that the review of the c roads that were submitted last year is running late, this is due to there being a new consultant (Atkins Global). Mouchel passed their data to Atkins who are still sifting through this in order to put together their recommendations. It was hoped to have them by now. This is the situation across Wiltshire. We are however now

moving forward and are in a position to think about two routes to do this year. The same list as before was circulated, there has been no new collision data added.

The list was discussed

It was proposed and all agreed to recommend to the Area Board to put forward C52 and C261, with the reserve C192.

5. SID rota, additions or removals

Caroline explained that there had been instances where SIDs were reported as not working. The actual situation with at least one location was that the speeds were not triggering it to flash up. It was suggested by the coordinator of the SIDs at Wiltshire Highways that the speeds are reducing and it might perhaps drop off the rota. The location was at Pewsey Wharf on the A345. It was felt that it should stay on at least another round, and possibly be moved to the location that the metro count strips were laid. **Action: Caroline to make enquiries about moving it.**

Upavon asked if Trenchard Lines had been added to the rota as previously agreed. **Action: Caroline to check**

6. Budget

Spencer confirmed that the budget has not yet been confirmed for this year but believes it will be the same as previous years so the group could assume that it has the same budget as before £12,377. £7k has been earmarked from this budget and agreed by the area board for the Grey Flags Scheme (stretch A-B) which would leave £5k to be allocated to other schemes. Spencer believed there would also be an opportunity to bid to the more substantive scheme.

7. Active Priority List Updates

Scores ()

- a. Pedestrian access to Pewsey Station (53) consultants haven't produced report yet, it is ongoing, will be ready for next meeting. Estimate was less than £10k – there may be some money refunded to CATG.
- b. Wilcot Road One-Way System – apart from an illumination of the give way sign the work is finished – the white lining has been refreshed. This priority could now be removed. Still waiting on final account but it is under budget, there may be some money refunded to CATG. There are people still travelling down the wrong way, almost certainly residents. It was suggested that the Police monitor the people going down the wrong way and locals should give registration numbers to the Police. Jerry wondered if there may be an off site contribution from the proposed 14 new houses which could be used for bollards. **Action: Caroline to ask police to mailshot residents between Rawlins Road junction and the School to ask them to record registrations and pass them to the Police.**
- c. Woodborough Road Safety (24) – John Brewin confirmed that the Smithy Lane issue should be closed. The manual traffic study is underway. The School has received funding from TAOSJ and the Diocese to create a bus pull in within the playground and reinstate a playground at the rear – this has full parish council support. The parish council and road safety group had additional calming measures in mind, but with no funding and also has on record a request for 20mph zone – but based on trials last year there is unlikely to be a policy decision until later in year. He is disappointed it is taking so long, but if the delay might work in their favour as with advent of the new bus pull in, the work will not start until quarter 4 and there will need to be a review of any additional

traffic calming so that it integrates with bus pull in. They will therefore wait until final planning is approved for the bus pull in, during the summer time and will talk to the school and invite Mark along and share thoughts. Jerry wondered if it might be possible to use some of the Connor fund towards future works? John confirmed that whilst he has no problems approaching them, it is somewhat sensitive. Woodborough PC has used 2/3rds of their funds towards improving road safety. **Action: to recommend to the area board the issue 2593 be closed.**

- d. A345 signage, Manningford. Mark confirmed that he has two members of his team on long term sick so unfortunately there are no costs yet for the additional signage requests by the parish council.
- e. Footpath Grey Flags, Upavon (36)- Mark referred to a drawing which was for a path from the caravan park to the Grey Flags boundary – A-B – there are two entrances to negotiate. There are no drainage issues, so no extra drainage required. Removal of trees needs to be done (parish council has received a quote for the trees £900 plus VAT and fence £1,200 plus VAT. However the parish council hadn't allowed for this in their own costings as they thought it was part of the funding coming from CATG. Caroline and Mark confirmed that this wasn't part of the CATG allocation. The path starts with drop kerbs at caravan end, raise kerbs at bus stop area, to enable access onto buses. Concrete bollards need pulling out, top soil and seeding. Three raised covers two access points, one on new property. Highways have talked to owner. Dropped kerb at the end for push chairs and wheel chairs. There needs to be a legal transfer of ownership as the Council don't own enough verge across three properties to enable construction – details as follows:-

Wiltshire Council Legal Services Contact – Barbara Coombs - Principal Legal Executive
Estimated cost per land owner £600. Potential to rise to £1000 should any complications occur and dependant on the land owners appointed solicitors fees.
Estimated timescale 3-6 months, again dependant on appointed Solicitor's and any complications which may arise.

Legal requirements for free land dedication

Initial process for land owners

Land owners to appoint an independent Solicitor.

Solicitor's contact details (name, address, e-mail and contact telephone number) to be passed to Integrated Transport Team.

Follow instructions from their appointed solicitors, (property deeds, mortgage details etc may be requested).

Process for Integrated Transport Team

Provide Legal Services with following information:

- Land owners contact details (name, address, email and contact telephone number)
- Land owners appointed Solicitor's contact details (name, address, email and contact telephone numbers)
- Plan for each land owner showing area required outlined in black, coloured in pink.
- Any information regarding new fence lines, walls etc to be erected as part of the works.
- Brief description of proposals, including a scaled location plan.

The parish council are looking at lottery grant for whole stretch including Grey Flags. This could take up to 6 months. This half of the project can be used as a basis for original money, but can't complete this job and use as seed funding for big job. So they need to be done consecutively.

Construction costs (excludes preliminary works of tree clearing, fencing and reinstate fence) new contractor rates, £5,800 – the original estimate was £12,500. CATG (agreed by the area board) have pledged £14k (£7k from last financial year and £7k from this) which does not include the costs of land dedication and work to satisfy the Grey Flags owner (the new fence etc that he wants). He is prepared to contribute to replacement fence. Upavon pc based their Lottery funding application on previous figures. They feel that if they can get everything in place the funding from the area board could cover the whole cost. The legal position needs to be in place soon. Upavon Parish Council will get the legal side of it sorted out and get back to Mark with detail. Mark to look at the possibility of completing the whole job with the funds available. Need to know what the owner of Grey Flags would find acceptable. There are two hedges there now, the owner is happy for the first one to be removed. He would like to build a wall. The rear section to consist of a 12inch high wall and every ten feet a 6 ft pier and in between some board fencing that can be replaced every ten years or so. Fence will probably need planning. There hasn't been a drawing or costing for Grey Flags section – the wall issues need to be resolved before Mark can do a design for this stretch. The path will take the supporting weight of the wall foundation so need to know what can or can't be constructed. Paul will sort a) legals, b) contact planning c) arrange meeting with planning and Grey Flags owner to establish what is needed.

At the end of path outside Grey Flags there is a stone – this is a stepping stone that can't just be moved anywhere as on OS map – the owner of Grey Flags is happy to have back on his land.

- f. Footpath A342 Rushall (N Newton side) (36) – topo survey being done. Some preliminary design work has been done. Rushall parish council are paying for the topo survey which is £1400. Mark will arrange for full design to be done when topo survey is back.
- g. The Knapp Great Bedwn (dropped Kerbs) – done – can come off
Inactive Priorities (due to lack of funds)
- h. Footpath A342 Rushall (Elm Row) (37)- Colin said that there is due to be some recovery work due to lorries damaging Manor Cottage – bollards were put closer to property than should have been – bank seeding in spring, walk round and look at. **Colin and Kristian to liaise**
- i. Footpath A345 Sunnyhill Lane to prospect (28)
- j. Footpath A345 Prospect to Pewsey Wharf (25)

8. Review Current Area Board Issues List

The group went through each item on the issues list in turn and made comments/recommendations as follows:-

535 – Increased volumes of traffic using C52 Manningford - Caroline to email Richard and Spencer to remind them to do the survey **Action Caroline**

538 – Speeding on A342 and through Chirton – The group proposed that this issue be closed. The Police have monitored speed and did not find any issues. CATG could not see any further work that they could do at this time **Recommend to the Area Board to close issue number 538**

1594 – Commuters parking in Knapp Great Bedwyn - leave it open

1605 – Parking problem outside Chirton School - Caroline to write to parish council and School and ask them to let us know what is happening or if it is still an issue **Action Caroline**

1723 – Speeding through Alton Priors – Caroline read out email from parish council. Agreed that Caroline would forward to Police and request that they monitor **Action Caroline**

1884 – Footpath between Prospect and French Horn; 1931 – Footpath from Sunnyhill Lane towards Prospect - it was suggested that these priorities be closed but the parish councils be written to to ask them to resubmit in the future. It was felt that these are on the policy list and it isn't hurting to leave them there.

1964 – Footpath at Grey Flags, Upavon - dealt with earlier

2142 – HGV diversion sign – Highways changed the sign that they were requested to change. It was felt that the main issue had been dealt with (HGV signage) but when closing Caroline should add a note to ask that any further issues be submitted separately.

Recommend to the Area Board to close issue 2142

2202 – Speeding in Burbage - CSW volunteers are lined up awaiting training and waiting for SID to be deployed. They have been waiting for CSW training for just under a year. It was confirmed that the SID was due to be in Burbage end June/early July.

2431 - Dropped Kerb The Knapp, Great Bedwyn – this has been done and can be closed **Action Caroline**

2479 – Scheme being done, road being marked should be done this month

2593 – Road Safety, Woodborough – dealt with earlier

2700 – Lack of street lights near Pewsey Station – it was agreed not to do anything at the moment – see what study brings up.

2721- Request for 20 mph Woodborough – discussed earlier, pending policy from Wiltshire Council

2742- Speeding through East Grafton – nothing to add to status update

2778- Narrowing of bridge at Manningford - Mark made enquiries with bridge team who admitted slightly narrower but not as bad as it seems, cleared lots of vegetation so it is open and then looks narrow – narrower than before but he doesn't see it as a safety issue. Manningford Parish Council wanted priority system signage – Mark will look at this. Paul said that it would be very easy to hit the corner of post on the Oare side of bridge particularly in the dark, it needs some kerb stones or reflectors. Mark will look at.

Action Mark

2783 – Fencing Seymour Pond Burbage – Paul Bollen identified railings are past end of life – offered to replace post and rail wooden. Currently tubular steel painted white – rather than soft wood brown Burbage would prefer recycled white plastic fence, similar style to four new speed gates – Paul quoted £1500 plus installation. Burbage PC are considering contributing the difference between longer life low maintenance plastic and are asking would WC/CATG still honour the £1500 plus installation. Steve responded that this cost would have covered the gang costs plus material. Spencer pointed out that CATG is for new and improved infrastructure not maintenance. Kristian agreed to take this up and liaise with Burbage PC. A question was asked about whether there could be any money from development in the area but this could be years away and the work needs to be done asap. **Action Kristian**

2786 – Request for dropped kerb High Street Burbage– Kristian confirmed that they have some in stock and will arrange for this to be done. **Action Kristian**

2834 – Erosion of red patching at Oare. Once funding agreed for TAOSJ projects at Oare School this can be closed

2874 – Safety of pedestrians on rail and canal bridges Great Bedwyn. Spencer has now scored and it came out at 38 which is high. A path would improve the situation and the lighting could be improved. It was agreed to add this to the priority list

2885 – Safety of pedestrians at the School site, Wilcot Road. Mark agreed to request a safety inspection. It is felt that cars are speeding up to get through the lights before they change. **Action Mark**

9. Consultation

Mark advised the group there have been some issues in other areas where highways had received quite fierce objection when doing a job – highways officers do directly advise people affected of engineering i.e. the process and residents inconvenience but he wanted to remind CATG members and parishes that they are the promoters of these schemes, it's not highways to canvass opinion on crossings and footpaths – this was accepted and Peter used the example of The Messenger as a medium for consultation. It was suggested also that the partnerships transport group write to parishes with an explanation of this nature, and it could go in Wiltshire Council's parish news.

10. Pewsey Community Area Plan, Transport Section

The pages from the community area plan for the transport section were circulated with the agenda. There was very little time to go through it so everyone was asked to feed back comments to Caroline. **Action All**

Paul Cowen stressed the need for improvements to bus services. There are more and more houses being built in rural areas with no transport improvements. Peter advised that the Passenger Transport Officer was attending the area board meeting in July so questions could be put to him and followed up at PCAP.

Peter asked that Caroline send Mrs Bagwell a note on behalf of CATG and the Partnership and Area Board to thank Stanley for all he has done over the years and to wish him all the best. **Action Caroline**

Peter mentioned a listed bridge in Pewsey that is rusting and needs painting, Steve and Kristian have this in hand. **Action Steve & Kristian**

11. Summary of recommendations to Pewsey Area Board

To put forward C52 and C261, with the reserve C192 to be reviewed.
Recommend to the Area Board to close issue number 538 (Speeding on A342 and through Chirton)
Recommend to the Area Board to close issue 2142 (HGV signage in Devizes)
Recommend to the Area Board to close issue 2593 Traffic in Smithy Lane, Woodborough

12. Date of next meeting – 2pm 5 June Parish Office

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