

**Community Area Transport Group Recommendations to Marlborough Area Board**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update on the position of the proposals from the CATG meeting that took place on 11 July 2013.
- 1.2 To request that Marlborough Area Board supports the recommendations of the Community Area Transport Group made at its meeting of 11 July 2013.

**2. Finances**

- 2.1 Marlborough CATG received a funding allocation for 2013/14 of £13,615. All funding from 2012/13 had been allocated and therefore there is not rollover.
- 2.2 All of this £13,615 is available to be spent on highways projects within the Marlborough Community Area during 2013/14. There have been no allocations of funding to projects to date

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Councillor James Sheppard was proposed and accepted as Chairman of Marlborough CATG for 2013/14.
- 3.2 The project to increase the length of footway next to the road by the two bus stops at Avebury Trusloe and so change the place where pedestrians cross the A4361 has been completed. Avebury PC confirmed this scheme has made crossing the road at this point much safer and thanked CATG. This project included match funding from Avebury PC and shows how important a contribution from the local area can be.
- 3.3 At the last meeting of 2012/13, Baydon PC requested development of a physical traffic management feature for Ermin Street through the village, noting that the implementation of the scheme would require funding from the Highways Substantive Funding Scheme. This was accepted by CATG and £3,000 allocated as match funding towards this bid. Baydon PC would also allocate £5,500 towards the project. This scheme has now been developed to the point where it can be put forward for funding from the Substantive Scheme. CATG agreed a bid for funding for this project should be submitted.  
**Recommendation: Marlborough Area Board to agree to the submission of this bid to the Substantive Fund for physical traffic management features in Ermin Street, Baydon.**

**4. Priority Schemes for 2013/14**

- 4.1 It was noted that there are currently no schemes proposed for funding from CATG's 2013/14 budget. It was agreed that the Community Area Manager

would contact the Parish Forum and work with them to collate and prioritise a list of projects / schemes for funding during 2013/14.

## 5. Summary of On-going Issues

5.1 Of the traffic and transport related issues on the Community Issues System the following action is being undertaken:

5.1.1 Marlborough; concern for pedestrian safety at York Place, St Martin's - There was discussion as to the level of incidents involving pedestrians and the need for improvements at this location. A number of possible solutions were considered including new warning signage, build-outs into the road to improve crossing and changing bus routes to make it safer for users to cross here.

5.1.2 Traffic management through West Kennet – the Community Area Manager outlined the suggestions from a resident of this village for traffic calming. This broadly fits in with measures contained within Avebury PC's Village Traffic Plan. This issue no longer needs to remain as a separate item and can be removed from the Issues system.

5.1.3 Cycle Parking at Marlborough High Street – the Community Area Manager outlined the background to this and described the very successful meeting held between Transition Marlborough, Marlborough TC and Wiltshire Highways. A number of changes, including improvements to existing cycle parking and new provision were discussed and these were presented to CATG. These include improvements to existing cycle parking at the Bulge and outside the Library, new cycle parking on the build-out near Nationwide and new cycle parking in one of the central car parking spaces. This latter option would need an experimental traffic order to allow the change of use from car to cycle parking. Martin Cook and Spencer Drinkwater (Wiltshire Highways) confirmed that the costs of the Sheffield cycle hoops and their installation as well as the costs of the traffic order would be paid for from their own budgets and there would be no costs to CATG for any of these improvements. CATG welcomed and supported these changes and proposed the implementation of the traffic order be put in place. CATG noted it would still like the cycling survey proposed by Transition Marlborough go ahead and the results used to inform this work. **Recommendation: Marlborough Area Board agree to the installation of new cycle parking at the Bulge and Nationwide and the implementation of the experimental traffic order allowing a central car parking space to be used for new cycle parking.**

5.1.4 Improvements to Treacle Bolly bridleway. Transition Marlborough has developed a cycle network across Marlborough avoiding major roads. Treacle Bolly bridleway forms an important route from Manton towards the centre of town. During the winter, parts of the bridleway became flooded and very muddy. The Community Area Manager held a site visit with Transition Marlborough, Martin Cook and Esther Daly (Wiltshire Rights of Way) about improvements to the surface. Esther has suggested ways this could be done and was due to be putting together a project and funding with Sustrans. Spencer Drinkwater confirmed he had offered some funding towards this project. CATG requested a report from Esther Daly in this work and potential funding for it.

## 6. Other Highways Issues

6.1 The Community Area Manager updated CATG on work to re-surface Marlborough High Street: work is due to begin on Monday 5 August and will go

through to Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. The hours of work will be 6.00pm to midnight Monday to Thursday and 7.00pm to midnight on Fridays. No works are planned for weekends. Jim Bailey, the project manager, has previously confirmed that the costs of excavations and ducting necessary to install the electric points will be absorbed into the overall re-surfacing work. Southern Electric has quoted a figure of £14,500 to install 6 electric points. These will be three-phase, sufficient to power market and fair stalls (not large fair rides) and electric car charging. Justin Cook (Marlborough TC) pointed out this figure does not include any form of metering to allow users of the electricity to be charged for what they use. Marlborough Area Board has previously ringfenced £11,277 towards this project depending on certain criteria being met.

- 6.2 The Community Area Manager mentioned discussions he had held with Police colleagues about the occurrence of thefts from vehicles at local beauty and tourist spots. The Police's own warning signs are often removed and the Community Area Manager suggested more permanent sign might be provided by Wiltshire highways via CATG. CATG felt that these beauty spots did not need more signage and asked Wiltshire Council Communications to put out more information and warnings about this matter. There was a suggestion to work with car hire companies to make this clear to their customers.
- 6.3 The Community Area Manager described that there had been a problem over the deployment of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) throughout Wiltshire whilst the Highways contract changed over. This had now been resolved and the deployment rota was back on track. There was discussion about the devices themselves, their locations and the data they record. This led to discussion about other measures that can be taken locally such as Community Speedwatch (CSW). The Community Area Manager was asked to circulate information about the process for identifying locations for the SID or CSW
- 6.4 There was discussion around the review of C-class roads in the area. CATG had previously selected the C146 and C6 be reviewed with the C18 considered as a reserve. The C18 was chosen by Highways as being of greater benefit to Wiltshire, although the review has not taken place. Baydon PC is concerned that the C146 through their village will not be reviewed after many years of asking. There was a feeling that speed reviews such as this would not be carried out in future and the Community Area Manager has been asked to find this out from the Cabinet member.

## **7. Recommendation**

- 7.1 To support the recommendations from CATG meeting of 11 July 2013 as outlined above.

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**Background Papers**  
CATG notes of 11.07.2013

**Appendices**  
None