

MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD

24 September 2013

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 12 September 2013.
- 1.2 To request that Marlborough Area Board supports the recommendations of the Community Area Transport Group made at its meeting of 12 September 2013.

2. Finances

- 2.1 Marlborough CATG received a funding allocation for 2013/14 of £13,615. The Cabinet Member for Highways has since devolved decision-making and associated funding for carrying out C-class road speed limit reviews to CATGs in Wiltshire. This brings an additional £9,000 to Marlborough CATG.
- 2.2 £23,321 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 CATG Chairman, Cllr James Sheppard gave an introduction to the meeting saying how his view was that thanks to the development of so many Village Traffic Plans throughout the community area, he felt that the main role for Marlborough CATG is to connect the actions and projects contained within these plans with Wiltshire Highways and the resources they have on offer. CATG is to be the conduit for parish councils to approach Highways. Cllr James Keith reiterated this, saying how important it was for parish councils to allocate an owner for their plans to drive them forward both via CATG and at the parish council level.
- 3.2 It was noted that the bid to the Substantive Highways Scheme for funding to create a physical traffic management feature on Ermin Street in Baydon (C146) had been accepted and the funding has been allocated. Work on developing the project has already begun and will be continued to allow all ground works to be completed before the end of the financial year. Cllr Tamsin Witt thanked CATG and passed on Baydon PC's gratitude.

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. There was a great deal of discussion as to how projects arising from Village Traffic Plans, including 'quick wins' and longer, aspirational projects could be prioritised and dealt with through CATG. It was

recognised that not all of these, in particular the potentially more expensive aspirational projects, would receive funding in 2013/14.

- 4.2 Steve Hind, Wiltshire Highways, asked for a list of projects, including low cost 'quick wins', to come through soon to allow him to work on cost estimates so allowing CATG to make decisions on which projects it wanted to take forward and indeed could afford. He asked for no more than 5-6 schemes to be put forward as a first tranche for development in 2013/14. Cllr Keith said that this would be done for the next CATG meeting and that he would contact Steve to begin the process.
- 4.3 Cllr Sheila Glass raised a project from Ramsbury's Traffic Plan involving the use of coloured surfacing to demarcate a pedestrian walkway in Back Lane. This project would need to coincide with the planned resurfacing. After discussion, it was agreed that project would be passed to Steve Hind for development and costing so that a decision on funding can be made at the next CATG meeting.

5. C-Class Road Speed Reviews

- 5.1 As mentioned earlier, the decision to undertake speed limit reviews of C-class roads in the community has been devolved to local CATGs along with the associated funding.
- 5.2 Baydon Parish Council has long been requesting a review of the C146 Ermin Street through the village. Cllr Witt repeated this request in light of the ability of CATG to make this decision. After discussion of what the review would be trying to achieve, the benefits and costs, what the findings might be and the costs of implementing any change, it was decided to wait and see what effect the new physical traffic management feature might have on driver behaviour and vehicle speeds.
- 5.3 Cllr Witt asked about the review of the C18 (Broad Hinton to Marlborough road) which was chosen for review ahead of the C146. Steve Hind described the recommendation to change a length of the road closest to Marlborough (Frees Avenue) to a 40mph zone. It was unclear where the funding for implementation of these recommendations would come from and whether Marlborough CATG had to accept these findings. The Community Area Manager was asked to look into whether CATG will be paying for this or Highways given that the C18 was not one of CATG's two choices.

6. Requests for new signage or removal of unnecessary signs and street furniture

- 6.1 Requests for new road signage and the removal of unnecessary or obsolete signs and street furniture have previously been dealt with centrally by Wiltshire Highways on an ad-hoc basis. In future requests for both of these matters will be handled via CATG meetings. They will still be dealt with and funded centrally.
- 6.2 Cllr Witt requested a new sign for Ermin Street at the entrance to the village to warn drivers of pedestrians in the road, there being no pavement. This request was agreed by CATG and sent to Wiltshire Highways.

7. Summary of On-going Issues

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

- 7.1.1 Marlborough; concern for pedestrian safety at York Place, St Martin's – The Community Area Manager has met with a local resident about her concerns. The problem has been eased by bus drivers dropping passengers off at their desired locations but there is still a problem of inconsiderate parking making it very difficult for buses to access certain roads on their route.
- 7.1.2 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 has been given details of another Rights of Way officer and will pursue this with them.
- 7.1.3 C-Class road review – C146. This matter has previously been discussed and it has been decided to wait and see the effects of physical traffic management features that are to be installed in Ermin Street before further decision on a review is made.

8. Other Highways Issues

- 8.1 Cllr Justin Cook raised the issue of double yellow lines at Frees Avenue, Marlborough and how the re-lining has caused confusion over car parking there. He said Marlborough Town Council is requesting new double yellow lines further up Frees Avenue at the crossing by the rugby club. Martin Cook, Wiltshire Highways, mentioned that the new yellowing lining is the same lengths as before but agreed that the lines will be tidied and made clearer. He pointed out that any requests for new lining need to come through the Town Council and the Clerk has the necessary paperwork. Cllr Cook raised a second location, at Kennet Mews, where Marlborough Town Council would like to see new double yellow lines in order to improve sightlines at a tight bend. Again, Martin Cook responded that requests for new lining need to come through the Town Council.
- 6.2 There was discussion about the consultation on the policy to introduce 20mph zones in Wiltshire. Details of this consultation and the draft policy can be found on the Wiltshire Council website here:
<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?id=847>

7. Recommendation

- 7.1 To note the discussions held at the CATG meeting of 12 September 2013 as outlined above and the progress towards developing priority schemes.

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Background Papers
CATG notes of 12.09.2013

Appendices
None