

**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 8 January 2015.
- 1.2 To request that Marlborough Area Board supports the recommendations of the Community Area Transport Group made at its meeting of 8 January 2015.

**2. Finances**

- 2.1 Marlborough CATG received a new funding allocation for 2014/15 of £13,615. Along with money remaining from the previous financial year and rolled into this year, Marlborough CATG has a total of £16,726 available to be allocated in 2014/15.
- 2.2 At the October 2014 meeting, clear, actual figures for the costs of CATG project were requested. These figures were provided and discussed at this meeting. Based on the final figures of the projects completed so far, Marlborough CATG's remaining budget is for 2014/15 is £4,760.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 CATG Chairman, Cllr James Sheppard gave an introduction to the meeting followed by introductions from attendees.
- 3.2 A number of Actions from the last meeting were looked at and discussed. These included progress towards many of CATG's priority schemes and the Issues logged on the on-line system. Actions not relating to these projects included
  - the Community Area Manager producing a flow chart of the way issues or projects get to be logged with CATG, agreed upon and funded;
  - how parishes can request Metrocounts for roads with a limit greater than 40mph – Wiltshire's contractor, Balfour Beatty, can carry out these checks at a cost of £400;
  - details of Highway's Substantive Scheme which allows CATGs to bid for greater amounts of funding for projects it would not normally be able to afford – the Community Area Manager circulated examples from previous years of successful projects;
  - Cllr Sheppard noted discussions with Cllr Philip Whitehead, Portfolio holder for Highways about parish Councils from the Marlborough area acting as a pilot for those councils wishing to purchase and install their own Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) if Wiltshire Council withdraws central funding for them. There are several parishes from the area that are considering this.
- 3.3 This meeting looked at progress towards the projects allocated funding from the 2013/14 budget and are still underway. Several smaller projects for 2014/15 are also underway and their progress and timings were noted.
- 3.4 There was also a summary and discussion of the Highways issues logged on the area boards system.

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

4.1 Steve Hind (SH), Wiltshire Highways, described the further development made towards the six projects awarded funding in 2013/14.

4.2 **Broad Hinton:** Coloured surfacing and white gates at entrances to village

4.2.1 SH explained the coloured surfacing on the A4361 at the entrances to the village have been implemented, the new 50mph signs have been installed and new white gates at the entrances to the village have been installed. SH reported that because of complaints from a resident, Broad Hinton PC now wish to remove the rumble strips that are part of the scheme. After discussion and a show of hands, CATG agreed that it would not pay for this removal based on one resident.

4.3 **Lockeridge:** Coloured informal crossing points and new planters.

4.3.1 SH comments that the new dropped kerbs on the road near the school have been completed. He is not sure about the coloured surfacing as this needs to be done by a different team from the contractor and there are internal discussions within Balfour Beatty about this. JS asked for the email conversation between SH and Balfour Beatty to be sent to him so he can take the issue to Cllr Philip Whitehead.

4.4 **Manton:** Informal crossing at playground, Bridge St.

4.4.1 SH confirmed the crossing has gone in and the project complete. SH gave the final cost of this project as £2,352 compared to an estimate of £2,200.

4.5 **Manton:** Footway improvement to Bridge St / High St, Manton.

4.5.1 SH confirmed the Council's contractor, Atkins, has now carried out the survey in order for SH to complete the design but this design has not yet been done.

4.6 **Ogbourne St Andrew:** White gates at entrances to village

4.6.1 SH confirmed the new coloured surfacing and 30mph roundels on the road have gone in along with new white gates for the entrances to the village. There is not yet a final figure on the cost of this work, the parish council will contribute 10% towards it.

4.7 **Ramsbury:** creation of a new virtual footway and crossing point at Back Lane.

4.7.1 Both SH and Cllr Sheila Glass confirm that this work is now complete. Cllr Glass says that Ramsbury PC has not yet been billed for their contribution to costs. SH will have to confirm the completion of the project and that will generate a bill to Ramsbury PC.

#### **5. New Priority Schemes 2014/15**

5.1 Steve Hind described the further development made towards projects awarded funding at the 30 September 2014 Area Board meeting

5.2 **C18 at Frees Ave, Marlborough:** Implement recommendations from speed limit review.

5.2.1 SH confirmed that the implementation of a new 40mph limit on Free's Ave, to act as a deceleration zone between the 60mph and 30mph limits will be achieved by the end of 2014/15.

5.3 **Speed limit review of C189 Baydon to Ogbourne St George road.**

5.3.1 This work has been given to the Council's contractor, Atkins, and an initial review is due by the end of January. If there are any recommended changes from this, CATG will have to consider those against any costs of implementation. Cllr Sheppard asks that the results of the review are sent to AJ to be circulated around CATG members so that PCs can agree whether to implement any findings.

#### 5.4 **Pedestrian count at A346, Ogbourne St Andrew**

5.4.1 To qualify for a pedestrian crossing, at least 50 people per hour need to cross over four peak hours. The survey will cost CATG £800. It was asked if this is a good use of funding. Cllr Alan Brown felt this figure is not worth spending as there are not enough people in the village, including children going to school, to qualify for this figure. Cllr Sheppard asked for a vote to not spend this money and CATG agreed to no longer go forward with this project.

### 6. **Summary of On-going Issues**

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

6.2 **Maintenance of the kerb at The Green, Aldbourne.** Martin Cook, Wiltshire Highways, has put in the request to the contractor, Balfour Beatty, but has not had information back. This work needs to tie in with the re-surfacing work due to take place in Aldbourne in March. Cllr Sheppard asks that this be co-ordinated.

6.4.1 **Speeding traffic on A4 through Froxfield.** AJ explains that the village has already had a Metrocount that showed the location qualifies to be on the SID rota and has already had one deployment.

6.4.2 At the previous CATG meeting in October 2014, Froxfield PC was asked to prepare a village-wide traffic plan looking at a number of issues to be considered by CATG. No-one from Froxfield PC was present at this meeting to provide an update.

6.5.1 **Vehicle speeds on A4 at Fyfield and The Bell Inn, West Overton.** SH has met the PC on site to look at possible solutions here. SH felt a new warning sign at the junction at The Bell is possible. He also thought coloured surfacing at the junction with Fyfield could help make the junction clearer but it could wear off quickly and look messy.

6.5.2 Cllr Mike Morrissey commented that the new 50mph has made a difference in bringing down speeds but that sometimes speeding and over-taking can be bad. He mentioned a new development of 14 houses at Manor Farm which could have an effect on traffic there and asked for a new warning sign. SH felt that better verge cutting there could help with sight lines.

6.5.3 Cllr Morrissey says that the developer should be putting money in to improve the road and create new passing places. Cllr Sheppard asked if this money can go onto the A4 to improve the route there.

6.6 **New streetlamp at Ironmonger Lane, Marlborough.** At the last CATG meeting, Marlborough TC asked that this request be looked at as part of a review of street lighting on the High St. No work towards this review has been done so far.

6.7 **Pedestrian safety through George Lane car park.** At the last CATG meeting, it was agreed this is not an Issue for Highways or CATG, but that CATG supports the purpose. The Community Area Manager has contact Facilities

Management at Wiltshire Council, who have agreed to take on this work. Starting in January 2015, work will begin to create a new footpath along the bank of the river skirting the car park and will take pedestrians away from moving vehicles, which was the perceived danger originally.

- 6.8 **Raised kerb at bus stop on A4361 at Broad Hinton.** The Community Area Manager has not been able to find other sources of funding to help pay for this new raised bus stop. In other areas, the local authority's passenger transport unit has funded them, but Wiltshire's has stated they no longer will. AJ will continue looking for funding but it was accepted this may come back to CATG for funding.
- 6.9 **Speeding through Mildenhall on C6.** Cllr John Bevan pointed out that the requested Metrocount has still not taken place. AJ confirmed he would chase this up.
- 6.10 **More space on verge for wheelie bins, Ogbourne St Andrew:** Cllr Brown agreed there was very little space at this location. The Community Manager has been in touch with a colleague from Waste services about the amount of space available at this part of the village to store wheelie bins on collection day and was told providing safe space is not a responsibility of Waste Services. This was discussed by CATG, who felt Waste should be responsible. AJ was asked to take this matter to someone higher within Waste.
- 6.11 **Footpath widening at West St, Aldbourne.** At the last CATG meeting, Aldbourne PC was asked to agree which direction they would like the footpath widened – either into the verge or into the road, thus narrowing it and helping to slow vehicles. No-one from the parish council was present to confirm this.
- 6.12 **HGVs using inappropriate road in Marlborough.** This refers to a number of occasions where HGVs, often following SatNav directions, have used Silverless St, tried making the turning with Kingsbury St and hit buildings at that junction, damaging them. There was discussion about this, how it happens and what can be done about it. The Community Area Manager was asked to contact colleagues in Highways about putting up appropriate warning signs.

## 7. Local Highways Investment Fund

- 7.1 AJ explained that Area Boards have now been asked to confirm the list of roads in their areas to be treated in the coming year. As a sub-group of Marlborough Area Board, CATG is to look and agree the list. There were discussions about roads either already on the list or ones that need to be added to it.
- 7.2 Cllr Morrissey mentioned Bayardo Lane in Clatford and that this work clashes with the closure of the bridge. He asked about diversion routes.
- 7.3 Cllr Sheppard mentioned that new suggestions can be added, such as the Parade, Marlborough. Cllr Richard Allen would like to add the western end of George Lane, Marlborough, by the scout hut. Cllr Glass said that the road by the tennis courts, Ramsbury often fills with water and floods. MC felt the landowner does not do enough to dig out their ditch to clear the water. MC can contact the landowner and request this and Cllr Glass will pass this on.
- 7.4 Cllr Andrew Williamson asks about the B4003, The Avenue, Avebury and asks where along the length this is. MC talks about the technology used to assess the roads surface and the sensitivity of it meaning often quite short lengths of the same road are identified when in reality, one long length should be treated.

- 7.5 Cllr Williamson asked about the differences between surface dressing, surfacing and skid resistance. MC gives descriptions of each of these: Dressing is where a layer of bitumen is put down with a surface of grit; surfacing is where the top few mm of the old road is skimmed off and a new surface put down; skid resistance can be a number of solutions to improve grip.
- 7.6 Cllr Williamson would like to add Green St, Avebury to the list because of the number of potholes. He confirms this is highway.
- 7.7 MC adds that the Parade Marlborough is due to be surfaced, which is why it is not already on the list.
- 7.8 CATG agreed the list of roads on the list and added George Lane, Marlborough west end and Green St, Avebury

## **8. CATG support for further chicanes at Ermin St, Baydon**

- 8.1 Cllr Tamsin Witt from Baydon PC gave background to the installation of a new chicane at the eastern end of Ermin St, Baydon. This was funded by local contributions and the Highways Substantive Scheme, being a successful project in 2013. It has been successful in reducing vehicle speeds at this part of the village.
- 8.2 The PC would now like to install a second similar chicane at the western end of the village to slow traffic coming from the Swindon direction. She noted there have already been significant funding contributions from the PC and she would now like CATG to agree to put this project forward for funding from the Substantive Scheme in 2015.
- 8.3 This was discussed and SH described his time commitments in the run up to the submission to be able to provide the necessary designs for this scheme to take it forward. He agreed he should be able to complete this preparatory work.
- 8.4 CATG agreed to adopt this project as a bid to the Substantive Scheme in summer 2015.

## **9. St Peter's Place, High St, Marlborough**

- 9.1 The Community Area Manager described the layout of the short piece of High St north of St Peter's Church. In 2011, CATG agreed an experimental layout to make this stretch one-way in an east-west direction only. The experimental Traffic Regulation Order has now expired. Mark Stansby from Highways, who initiated this project is now looking to CATG to ratify the experimental TRO and make it permanent.
- 9.2 During the experimental phase, there were few objections to this layout apart from residents of St Peter's Place who have difficulty entering and exiting their courtyard because of cars parked very close to the entrance. Part of MS's solution, along with the one-way system, is to change the layout of the parking bays in this area. Under this suggestion, the amount of parking would increase.
- 9.3 Cllr Allen raised the issue of the new pedestrian crossing going into Bridewell St opposite Marlborough College and the effect this will have on traffic on both the A4 and High St. He also pointed out this matter had not gone to Marlborough TC yet. Cllr Allen called for more information about traffic flow before any decision could be taken. CATG agreed and did not make a decision.

## **Recommendation**

- 8.1 To note the discussions held at the CATG meeting of 8 January 2015 as outlined above and the progress towards developing priority schemes.

8.2 To confirm the list of Major Maintenance schemes for 2015/16 and the additions to the list as recommended by CATG.

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**Background Papers**  
CATG notes of 09.10.2014

**Appendices**  
None