

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

AMESBURY AREA BOARD, 26th March 2015

UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP (CATG)

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To provide an update from the CATG that took place on 17th February 2015

2. What is the CATG?

2.1 Each Area Board has set up a CATG to give local people a way to have a say about highways issues and priorities in the local area and how money should be allocated to support transport and highway improvements. The CATG meets quarterly to consider proposals submitted by the public and parish and town councils, and to recommend those schemes that can be taken forward in any one year.

3. Budget for CATG Schemes

3.1. The approved budget for 2014/15 is £17,731

4. Recommendations form CATG

4.1 To note this update report, and the attached notes from the latest CATG meeting.

4.2 To confirm support for the following requests outlined in 4.3 and 4.4 below which were put forward for funding at the 17th February 2015 CATG meeting.

4.3 A request for a footpath and traffic calming measures to slow traffic approaching the roundabout at Windmill Lane, West Gomeldon has been made to CATG. The CATG discussed both the matter of traffic approaching the roundabout and the lack of footpaths connecting the bus stops with the village. They felt that whilst they could not assist with the design of the roundabout, the provision of footpaths linking the village would greatly improve pedestrian access for bus passengers. The Traffic Engineer presented an outline design and costings for the additional footpaths. The estimated total cost of the scheme is £7,000. CATG agreed to recommend to Amesbury Area Board to fund £6,300 towards the scheme if the Parish Council were prepared to contribute £700.

- 4.4 Two schemes to explore the introduction of 20mph speed limits were brought to the meeting for consideration. Churchill Avenue in Bulford Great Wishford Village.

In theory both schemes could be delivered but this would take up the whole of next year's financial budget. It was stated that even if schemes were introduced this would not necessarily reduce the speed of traffic in these locations as in most cases the speed of vehicles is already below the speed limit set at present. Both schemes were discussed at length and after careful consideration CATG agreed to recommend to the area board to fund the Bulford scheme at this time. To bring the findings back to CATG to consider before making any further recommendations to introduce 20mph limit.

Dave Roberts, Amesbury Community Area Manager