

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Malmesbury Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>7 May 2014</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Small Scale Transport and Highway Improvement Schemes – Recommendations from Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</b>

## Purpose of Report

1. To ask the area board to consider and approve the recommendations from the Malmesbury Community Area Transport Group (CATG) outlined in this report and appendices.
2. Remind town/parish councils that a contribution of 25% is requested towards CATG schemes.

## 1. Background

- 1.1. In 2014/2015 Malmesbury area board was allocated a discretionary budget of £13,360 to involve them in the assessment and selection of small scale transport schemes to be progressed in their community area.
- 1.2. This funding allocation is for capital funding and can only be used to provide new and improved infrastructure. It is suitable for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking; cycling and public transport and improve traffic management. It cannot be used to fund maintenance schemes or to pay for revenue functions such as passenger transport.
- 1.3. Malmesbury area board agreed to the establishment of a Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to consider issues /schemes with the support of highways officers and make recommendations to the area board. The means by which the public and parishes can identify issues for consideration to the Malmesbury CATG is primarily via the [area board community issues process](#)
- 1.4. The current membership of the Malmesbury CATG comprises of Malmesbury area board councillors and a nominated parish council representative from each electoral division. Membership for 2013/14 is as follows:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Area Board councillor</b>	<b>Nominated representatives</b>
Malmesbury	Simon Killane	Vacancy
Sherston	John Thomson	Martin Rea
Brinkworth	Toby Sturgis	Ellen Blacker
Minety	Chuck Berry	Duncan Lamb

- 1.5. Membership for 2014/15 will be approved at 9 July area board.
- 1.6. Further information about how the CATGs operate can be found at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/catg-area-boards-practice-papers.pdf>
- 1.7. Parish councils and individuals who have submitted issues being discussed by the CATG are also invited to attend CATG meetings.
- 1.8. All issues referred to Malmesbury CATG will be assessed and scored to assist members of CATG to prioritise projects.
- 1.9. A condition of progressing schemes relies on parish councils consulting locally and demonstrating community support for schemes. They are also asked for a contribution of 25% towards the cost of schemes. Town/parish councils are reminded to consider this when setting their precepts.
- 1.10. Malmesbury CATG last met on 15 April 2014 and will next meet on 24 June 2014.

## 2. Recommendations from CATG and other information

- 2.1. Actions and outcomes of the Malmesbury CATG are contained in notes of the CATG meeting held on 15 April 2014 (see Appendix 1). Also shortly to be available from the [Malmesbury area board pages](#) of the council's website.
- 2.2. The area board is asked to note and approve actions and recommendations of the Malmesbury CATG contained in Appendix 1 with keys issues highlighted below:
  - The current CATG budget balance for 2014/15 (see Appendix 2) is **£31,794.05**
  - The CATG recommend the area board approves the footpath from 7 Dauntsey Road to the Old School, Dauntsey Road, Great Somerford is put forward as a substantive CATG scheme this year.
  - The following work as been completed:
    - Re-painting of Zebra crossing at Market Cross, Malmesbury
    - 'Children playing' signs at Newnton Grove had been installed.
  - The following issues/schemes were discussed/updated:
    - *Issue 1783 Parking congestion at Hillside, Leigh.* The CATG agreed that this issue did not fall within the remit of CATG, a fact supported by recent scoring (3) of the project. Highways would liaise with the parish council to address uneven kerb stones
    - *Issue 3103 B4696 Ashton Keynes, concerns about traffic speed.* Carriageway speed-limit roundels and signing + pedestrian in road' signs would be installed in the summer.

- Issue 3066 *Pedestrian safety at Bandy Bow, Oaksey.* Reversing the priority of traffic at Bandy Bow should be undertaken in the next 8 weeks.
- Issue 3129 *Pedestrian safety (footpath) from 7 Dauntsey Road to the Old School, Great Somerford.* The cost of the topographical survey may have increased and the cost would be conveyed to the parish council and confirmation sought of 25% contribution. This project would be scored and put forward for a substantive project.
- Issue 3128 *Road safety request for installation of white gates at Charlton.* CATG agreed the gateways should be addressed immediately with movement of speed terminal point (requiring a legal order) to be put on hold, to enable the parish council to consider the situation further.
- Issue 3134 *Pedestrian safety – request for crossing in Corston.* The footfall survey showed the greatest number of people crossing at the point nearest to the current crossing place, although numbers were not high. A formal assessment would be produced for the June CATG meeting.
- Issue 3151 *Metro count results on Foxley Road (in the vicinity of Haddon's Close) – were high with a 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of 38.5mph, making it eligible for CSW and Roger Budgen was going to raise the matter with local residents. A small Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) at the eastern approach to Foxley village would be investigated.*
- Issue 3164 & 3190 *Pedestrian safety – request for crossing on A429 at Blicks Hill.* Some non- crossing solutions including road warnings on the road, pavement etc costing £6-8k were considered. CATG happy for works to proceed, following final costs and parish council willing to contribute 25%.
- New issues considered included:
  - Issue 3221 *Request for pavement between the bus stop (by the war memorial) and Pikefield Crescent, Charlton.* This issue had been scored at 29. It was accepted that a pavement was needed. Costs were estimated £4k. CATG agreed to contribute £3k, conditional on the parish council providing 25%
  - Issue 3226 *Dark Lane/Bristol Street junction.* Concerns that cars peel off Bristol Street at speed cutting the corner on the wrong side of the road and then down Dark Lane. Use of a small over-runnable island and bollard at the junction with Bristol Street was suggested. The island would be bolted down to the carriageway and its effectiveness assessed before a decision made on its retention. If the island proved unsuccessful it could be easily removed. Cost estimated at £1,500 with the town council required to contribute 25%.
- The Traffic team were addressing de-cluttering of signs submitted by parish councils.

- 20mph areas
  - CATG agreed the 2 x 20pmh zones to be put forward would be: Oaksey, along Bandy Bow and Sherston from the entrance to Court Street up to the school at Knockdown Road. CATG agreed that like other CATG projects, parish councils would be asked to contribute 25% of costs if the sites proved successful in passing the full assessment stage and were subsequently agreed for implementation.

### **3. Legal Implications**

3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### **4. HR Implications**

4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

### **5. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

5.1. The schemes recommended to the area board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

### **6. Environmental & Community Implications**

6.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the CATG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community.

### **7. Financial Implications**

7.1. Malmesbury area board approved the recommendation of the CATG that town/parish councils should contribute 25% to all schemes.

7.2. All decisions must fall within the funding allocated to Malmesbury Area Board.

<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 – Malmesbury CATG Action Notes 15 April 2014. Appendix 2 – Financial Summary – Malmesbury CATG
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