

Malmesbury Town Council

Report on the progress of the council's extant community issues

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To invite the council to note the status and potential financial commitments of the council's outstanding community issues.

2. Background

2.1 Community issues can be raised by the public to highlight areas of concern and are subsequently reviewed by the area board to determine appropriate next steps. To progress a community issue beyond this stage the relevant town/parish council must support it including agreeing to the mandatory financial contribution in respect of highway issues. As previously reported this contribution has risen to 30% of total cost however the CATG chairman's discretion may be applied in exceptional circumstances.

2.2 The CATG budget currently stands at circa £30K

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CI reference	Description	Status
3963 & 3520	Pedestrian safety concerns along Holloway Hill	A priority 1 project, topographical and pedestrian surveys completed to enable plans for a virtual pavement to be prepared. Two schemes will be presented at the next meeting, one dispensing with the existing parking area and one retaining a small amount of parking. The project is estimated at £8K. New waiting restrictions will need to have been approved and implemented to take the project forward. There is an action to check progress of the waiting restriction application.
4022	Road safety concerns at Katifer Lane/West Street junction	Works package completed at zero cost to the council as it was absorbed in another work package.
3699	Road safety concerns along Bristol Street	Metro count data indicates vehicle speeds sufficiently low to implement a 20mph zone extension. Issue on hold pending review of 20mph zone requirements in the town.
4290	Pedestrianisation of the Market Cross	Issue closed as more appropriate for a Highways substantive scheme, no strong support for action from the town council.
4260	Change of priority of traffic flows requested at the junction of Abbey Row/Bristol St/Gloucester Rd, combined with the removal of carriageway restrictions	Parking enforcement asked to increase patrols in this area. Agreement that the traffic flows at the junction should be amended to reflect current driver practice. Issue pending and will be taken as part of the review of 20mph zone requirements in the town.
4620	Inappropriate parking in the vicinity of Pool Gastons/St Aldhelm's Rd/Burnham Rd	The implementation of the requested waiting restrictions will improve the traffic situation and the ability of the town bus to transit the area. There is an action to check progress of the waiting restriction application. Issue to be monitored.
4600	Use of Blick's Hill by HGVs	Assessment of the problem and the correct signage solution to be undertaken by Highways; conclusion to be reported to the next meeting. A project to install new signage could cost £800 but likely to be a Priority 2 project.

4524	A request for a dropped kerb on the High St side of the pavement by the gates to St Aldhelm's Mead.	Agreed as a Priority 2 project with costs being provided for the next meeting.
4512	Pedestrian safety at the bottom of Tetbury Hill	Now a Priority 1 project following a significant amount of 'unofficial' work having been jointly undertaken by the author of the CI, representatives from P&E and Highways to identify safety improvements for the area. Costs for the installation of the latest technology wigwags are being sourced in addition to a meeting at senior level within Highways to attempt to bring forward the resurfacing of the area in order for more prominent and extensive road markings to be introduced. A school travel plan is near completion that hopefully will allow a 20mph zone to be introduced with appropriate signage. The council's financial contribution is unknown at present.

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