

Report of the A595 Action Group

A Public Meeting and AGM was held at Grizebeck Community Hall on 10th January 2015. Fifty two people signed in as having attended the meeting. These included Cassie Curtis Smith representing the MP's office, Cllr Brendan Sweeney – Deputy Leader of Barrow Borough Council, Cllr Joss Curwen, Cllr David Fletcher, Carol Last County Council Engagement Officer, members of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council, a representative from Whicham Parish Council and Members of the A595 Action Committee.

The meeting was advised of the A595 Action Committees strategy and progress to date on -:

- A bypass of A595 between Grizebeck and Dove Ford
- Speed control past Burlington C of E School
- A safe pedestrian crossing
- A bus shelter for secondary school pupils

A bypass of A595 between Grizebeck and Dove Ford

On 18 Dec 2014 the A595 Action Committee presented its campaign to a meeting of Cumbria County Council's Cabinet. Details of this presentation were given in the last Parish Council Newsletter. At the end of the presentation Cllr Barry Doughty repeated his recommendation made at Barrow Local Committee on 14 November that this issue should now be taken to the Transport Select Committee.

Following this presentation our MP John Woodcock wrote Secretary of State for Transport Patrick McLoughlin asking for funding for a feasibility study for the Dove Ford Grizebeck By pass. Jamie Reed MP for Copeland has also publically declared his support for a A595 high- tech highway between Barrow and the West Coast. He is pressing the department of transport for long overdue investment in the A595 link. In the light of the multi billion pound investment in the next 15 years for projects in Furness and the West Coast. MP's John Woodcock and Jamie Reed are hosting an Economic Summit in Barrow on 27th February. The Action Committee will attend to make representation.

Local Issues

Speed control past Burlington C of E School, a safe pedestrian crossing and bus shelter for secondary school pupils.

Cllr David Fletcher welcomed the A595 campaign and responded to these issues:-

1. **Speed control and a safe crossing** -There is an urgent need for road repair in the immediate vicinity of Burlington School. It is Cllr Fletcher's intention to press for traffic calming devices and a safe crossing to be incorporated into these plans. There will be further consultation on this matter. The A595 Action Committee will continue to work with Cllr Fletcher and Burlington School to ensure a safe outcome for the children, residents and road users;
2. **A Bus Shelter for secondary pupils** – great concern was expressed at the meeting that the County Council Bus Shelter Group has recommended that no Bus Shelter should be built and the Bus Stop should remain at its current location. Cllr Fletcher and Carol Last, County Council Engagement Officer acknowledged the concerns of the meeting and gave an undertaking to seek agreement for a suitable alternative location for a Bus Shelter and Bus Stop in the village. The A595 Action Committee will continue to work with Cllr Fletcher and Carol Last to ensure a safe outcome for the children, residents and road users.