

A595 Action Committee Meeting 27th February

Regarding the items identified at the public meeting on 20th November 2013, a letter was sent to the County Council asking for a written response from them by 14 March 2014. The letter specifically asked when there will be a response to these items so that the A595 Action Committee can advise the concerned residents of Kirkby-in-Furness about when the deferred second public meeting can be rescheduled.

The letter also requested under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we be supplied with details of any previous proposals, designs, costings and approvals either full or partial for bypassing Dove Ford and Grizebeck. As of 17th March 2014 there has been no response to the letter.

Footpath

Discussions have been held with the landowners about pedestrian access to Grizebeck Village Hall via a footpath. Two thirds of the upper section from Kirkby is very accessible but the lower third is regularly waterlogged. This section and the inclines would not sustain a hard surface to support bike traffic. It was suggested to leave it as a green footpath. Our conclusion is that this subject should remain in abeyance and that pedestrian/bike access is considered with plans for a bypass.

Bus Shelter

We discussed a potential plan for a bus shelter with costs. Plans will be put to the Parish Council at their next meeting and funds will need to be pursued. It was noted that this will benefit the whole community as well as the secondary school children. We are advised that the Highways department will need to agree the design and site.

Speeding and Pedestrian Crossing

Mr. Morrish reported that it has been suggested that a crossing at Four Lane Ends by the shop would be problematic as the shop's passing trade would be affected. It was agreed that a crossing closer to the school would be much more appropriate both for children going to and from school and for the local population. We were advised that there have been discussion by our County Councillor about speed cameras at the school.

Involving Young People, Schools and Parents

We are hoping to work with children at Burlington, Dowdales and UVH to consider the issue of a crossing and how the young people can work towards road safety for the community. We plan to attend school assemblies to discuss the A595 Campaign aims and to ask Governors and Head Teachers formally for their support.