

## **Barrow District Association**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

#### **Part 1 Presentation**

CCC Network Manager (Barrow), Keiron Tetchner, gave an update on Highways in Barrow borough. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to ask Keiron for digital copy of his presentation to share with clerks. Here are some additional notes to go with those slides. Gullies are iron chambers at the side of the road and Department of Transport funding has been secured to do a full clean of the network (whereas normally only manage 1000 gullies each year because of budget constraints). Priority 1 roads are gritted within 2 hours and Priority 2 roads within 5 hours. CRASH Group discusses road safety and accidents and is chaired by the police. Barrow Highways team (both operational and technical) work out of Sowerby Woods Depot. Street cleansing is a BBC function. When reporting a faulty light, helpful to quote the number on the column of the street light so that team identify the correct one. Sowerby Woods is one of the county salt depots and there are four gritting routes from there (2 in Barrow town, 1 up to Coniston, 1 in Ulverston town – shown on CCC website). **ACTION:** Parish council need to put grit bin request on Highways Information Management System (HIMS). CCC then assess (eg. refused if already on a gritting route). Streetworks are all about a utility company (eg. UU, Cadent Gas) digging up the road. They do need CCC's approval.

Under development management, if developer enters an agreement with CCC to build a housing road to an agreed spec. then CCC will adopt; if not, it remains a private road and is not maintained by CCC. With Section 278 agreements, developer has to improve the public highway, eg. build a roundabout or traffic lights as part of a new industrial estate. With Section 106 agreements, a developer has to contribute a few thousand pounds per property and this is then used to improve a specific junction etc in Barrow borough somewhere once the contributions have accumulated. Countryside access is managed by CCC in Carlisle but Barrow team can pick up some maintenance tasks eg. paths linking housing estates. Under capital schemes, the drainage scheme is to investigate the regular road flooding near Parker's Pond. The surface dressing budget is to tar and chip four beds eg. Lots Road at Askam. There is £400,000 to address footways (that is pavements besides roads) as CCC Barrow Local Committee has agreed to replace flags with tarmacs to reduce trips and subsequent claims against the council. Minor improvement schemes are for traffic calming, dropped kerbs, signs and lines. Under revenue schemes, Better Highways carry out inspections of problems reported (eg. potholes) and then either deal with it immediately or programme into future works. Jubilee Bridge over to Walney Island needs manning even at night as it opens for boats.

Surface dressing of the primary route network (PRN) is yet to be finalised and is funded centrally by CCC (from Carlisle) but covers A595, A590 (from Park Road to Walney) and

A5087. There is significant current maintenance of Jubilee Bridge with waterproofing of the deck and painting. CCC passed special funding for the works, totalling over £4 million. A new bridge is a top priority for CCC Barrow Local Committee but its economic benefit will need to be made as island resilience is not enough of a reason. Most bridges in the Barrow are county structures, though Greengate Bridge is owned by Network Rail. There was a slide about the different options when reporting a problem to HIMS, so for example a road pothole comes under “carriageway defect” and a blocked drain under “flooding and drainage.” Most reports go to the relevant operational team but more complicated ones come to Keiron. CCC prefers the public to make contact via the HIMS online reporting system ([www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport) ) but there is still a Hotline (0300 303 2992) and email ([Betterhighways.Barrow@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:Betterhighways.Barrow@cumbria.gov.uk) ). **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to invite Keiron to update Barrow District Association of parish councils every March as by then the budgets and planned Highway works are known for the new financial year.

## **Part 2 Association Business**

### **Present**

Mike Cumming (Askam); Sandra Hadwick (Askam); Amanda McCleery (CALC); Alf Waite (Lindal); Des English (County Councillor for Dalton South); Wendy Maddox (Dalton); Ann Thurlow (Dalton).

### **1.Apologies**

Rick Petecki (CALC Chairman)

### **2.Approve the minutes**

Minutes of the second meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 were agreed as correct.

### **3.Matters arising**

*i) Lindal & Marton parish* – Inspector Bailey checked that the parish is mainly looked after by Dalton police, with PCSO Louise Johns attending parish council meetings. Any issues on SLDC-side, then Ulverston police sometimes attends if Louise is off-duty.

*ii) Speed gun* – this has been tracked down to Dalton police station and is being calibrated.

*iii) Gas canisters at Duddon Road car park, Askam* – police reported back to Askam parish council in October.

*iv) Venues for internet safety training* – **ACTION:** Parish councils to suggest local venues to their police contact for training on keeping safe online and avoiding internet fraud and scams.

#### 4.Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mike Cumming was re-elected. Election of Vice Chairman was held over until after May elections. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to add to the agenda of September meeting of Barrow District Association.

#### 5.Items of interest from parishes & CALC

- Problems with banking - Amanda McCleery mentioned the difficulties that some parishes were having with banking as banks thought parish councils are like charities and were asking them for constitutions. **ACTION:** Amanda McCleery to add to minutes some comments from CALC Chief Officer, Samantha Bagshaw, on this matter. "Banks often don't understand the structure of parish councils, which are statutory local authorities and wholly governed by statute. They are known as civil parishes (to separate them from ecclesiastical parishes) and were formed in England under 1894 Local Government Act to take over civic duties in rural towns and villages. The Act created nearly 15,000 parishes (there are around 10,000 in England now). A parish council could check when it was actually created by meeting CCC archivists to look at the first minutes. In summary, most civil parishes date from 1894, so some form of council would have existed since then as they had duties to carry out."
- Surveys of A590 – councillors lobbied Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling (when in Cumbria to announce Grizebeck bypass for A595) about safety on A590 and Greenodd roundabout and other locations (eg. Gilpin Bridge near Levens) are being surveyed.

#### 6.Date of next meeting & AGM

**It will be a Wednesday in September from 5pm in Askam**, following the JRC meeting at 4pm. Date to be decided at June JRC.