

Bus Shelter Options

Background

The children of the village raised funds to purchase the bus shelter on Criffel Road, so it is right that the children maintain the benefit from this. Initially only the public service bus was re-routed away from Criffel Road but the school bus still used that route, but now the school bus no longer uses that route either.

The Council had resolved to purchase a new shelter for Ramsey Drive, but when the school bus also rerouted, consideration was given to relocate the existing shelter from Criffel Road to Ramsey Drive instead.

Many of the school children now have to wait at the stop on the A595 opposite the Rosehill turning. There used to be a shelter at that location that was owned by Copeland Borough Council, but this was removed some years ago and the stop is now open to the elements. CBC have been asked if the shelter will be reinstated and they are looking into this, but have so far not confirmed this.

Current Situation

The bus shelter on Criffel Road is not being used. Need for a shelter has been identified at both Ramsey Drive and on the A595 opposite Rosehill.

Funding

Grant funding is available from Cumbria County Council towards bus shelters, up to £15,000 per application. Two separate applications could be made, one for each location if necessary.

Ongoing Budget Implications

Maintenance of the bus shelter would fall to Parton Parish Council. We would need to include a figure in our budget to clean and repair as required. A number of style options are included with this report. Consideration should be given to the likelihood of the shelter being vandalised and the ongoing maintenance costs.

Options

Ramsey Drive

1. Purchase a new shelter.
2. Relocate the one from Criffel Road.

A595

1. Wait for a response from CBC.
2. Relocate the shelter from Criffel Road
3. Purchase a new shelter.

If new shelters are obtained for both sites then the one on Criffel Road will be surplus. Consideration could be given to a third location or it could be left in situ in the hope that the bus eventually returns to the old route (the new shelters would still be used). There seems little potential for a resale. Old telephone boxes are often used as places for book swaps. It may be possible to use the shelter as a community point for something.