

**BROXTON COMMUNITY FORUM
BISHOP HEBER SCHOOL, MALPAS
24 NOVEMBER 2009
(7:00pm – 9:00pm)**

Subject: Bickerton Wind Turbine proposals

Present: Councillor Ann Wright (Chair)
Councillor Mike Jones
Councillor Neil Ritchie

Speakers: **Banks Developments**
Mr Phil Dyke (Managing Director)
Mr Martyn Earle (Development Planner)

Stop Bickerton Wind Turbines (SBWT)
Mr Mike Voisey (Chairman SBWT)
Mr Charles Hobson (Secretary SBWT)
Mr William Wright (Committee Member SBWT)

Officers: Rob Callow, Area Manager
Helen Davies, Area Working Team
Patrick Sebastian, Democratic Services

Also in attendance 120+ Members of the Public & visiting Parish Councillors.

Meeting Summary

Welcome from Councillor Ann Wright

The Chair, Councillor Wright declared the meeting open and welcomed members of the public and speakers.

Presentation 1

The Forum received a presentation from Mr Phil Dyke (Managing Director) and Mr Martyn Earle (Development Planner) Banks Developments that provided information on background to a proposal to site 5 wind turbines on a site at Bickerton, Cheshire.

Messrs Dyke and Earle provided detailed information on a number of aspects that included:

- Banks Developments
- Proposals not yet finalised – still awaiting results / figures and research
- Government Targets and Policy

- Kyoto
- Planning Policy 22 – Renewable Energy
- Explanation of process in establishing a Wind Farm
- Proposed number of Turbines not to exceed 5

Presentation 2

The Forum received a presentation from Messrs Voisey, Hobson and Wright of the Stop Bickerton Wind Turbines (SBWT) Group that set out a counter argument to the proposal to site wind turbines at Bickerton. The presentation provided information on:

- Issues faced as a result of Wind Turbines in a rural context
- Wind as a 'low quality' sources of energy
- Statistical data demonstrating the intermittency of wind power
- Carbon Footprint comparison
- Government subsidies
- Carbon Dioxide savings
- Scale of Development
- Site Proposal – Impact on Health, the environment and safety concerns

Open Forum

As short question and answer session followed, covering topics raised by members of the public.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance. Meeting closed at 9:00pm.

Date of Next Community Forum Meetings

Thursday 14 January 2010

7pm – 9pm

Coronation Hall, Bickley

Theme: Highways and Transportation

Wednesday 31 March 2010

7pm – 9pm

Barbour Institute, Tattenhall

Theme: Policing and Emergency Responses in Rural Areas

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