Broughton Community Energy Proposal Meeting
Summary Report

Broughton Village Hall, 2 December 2025

This document should be read in conjunction with the proposal presentation: A Proposal for Generating our Own Sustainable, Low-Cost Electricity.

Introduction

At the village meeting on 2 December at Broughton Village Hall, Broughton Community Energy (BCE) presented its proposal for generating clean, sustainable electricity, combined with a low-cost community electricity tariff.

Approximately 40 people attended the meeting, which was encouraging given the inclement weather.

The audience appeared highly engaged throughout the evening and asked pertinent questions during the presentation, breakout session, and Q&A.

The proposal was well received, but it was a self-selected audience.

This brief document summarises the audience's general feedback during the evening.

Audience Demographic

The average age of attendees appeared to be 50+, and the self-selected individuals were likely predisposed to renewable energy solutions. This was despite the whole village being invited to the meeting.

A few audience members commented that BCE should increase its efforts to engage younger members of the community.

Feedback

<u>BCE Objectives</u>

No dissenting views were expressed regarding BCE's vision and objectives.

<u>Site Location</u>

Nobody voiced concerns about the proposed site to the north-east of the parish, most likely because this area was identified as a potential site during the Future Energy Landscapes village workshop in December 2024.

<u>Solar PV</u>

The audience supported this element of the proposal.

Some attendees were involved in the campaign to support a previous local solar farm and had bad memories of heavy resistance from some residents to the planning application.

Wind Turbine

Contrary to BCE's expectations, the audience was mostly positive about the proposed wind turbine. That said, there was a general expectation that opposition would likely emerge during the formal planning process.

Everybody seemed to understand the need for a wind turbine to maximise year-round generation to ensure the economic viability of the project, and how well solar PV and wind generation complement each other through the seasons.

Battery Storage

Several people commented that we should maximise the use of battery storage to better match supply with demand and mitigate the impacts of local power outages.

Low-Cost Electricity Tariff

The audience was highly supportive of this element of the proposal and appreciated how a low-cost tariff could encourage the electrification of heating and reduce carbon emissions.

Subsequent questions have highlighted that BCE will need to explain better how this is enabled.

Project Risks

The attendees accepted the project risks that were presented, and no additional risks were raised.

Community Survey

A community survey has now been issued to the whole village to get feedback on the proposal from a broader demographic.