

## Minutes of the Public meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

**Present:** Councillor, Mrs P Mulholland, (Chair)

Councillors, T Fiddler, T Threlfall, A Smith, Mrs. L Willis, K McKay Mrs. N Whalley Mrs. N Griffiths, Mrs. C Thomas and 100+ members of the public.

**1) To Accept Apologies for absence.**

Councillors Mrs. J Atherton (other Business) and Mrs. F Craig-Wilson (unwell)  
It was resolved that the reason for absence should be accepted.

**2) Opening Remarks from the Chairman**

Councillor Mrs. Mulholland opened the meeting and expressed the Council concerns at the proposals for this project. She stressed that it was important that every resident should register their concerns about the Morgan and Morecambe wind farm and the deadline for consultation was this Thursday 23/11/2023.

**3) The Council's response**

The Clerk summarised the Council's response to this project that was issued on 18/11/2023. In addition, he reported that it had been identified that the route for the cabling would pass through a Quakers burial site in the field on the northern side of Quaker's wood on Lower lane.

Cllr. Threlfall reported that the final decision would be made by the Secretaries of State for Energy and the Environment. Mark Menzies, the local MP, was fighting our cause in Parliament. He indicated that a delegation from FBC were prepared to go down to London to lobby the Secretaries of State or invite them to come up and see the problems this Project is causing.

In addition, he stated that he had endeavoured to get a public meeting with the Agency in September but the Village hall was not available on the dates they had offered.

**4) Public Participation**

A number of questions and concerns were raised by members of the public. The Chairman reported that she was going to set up a "Committee" consisting of members of Freckleton and Newton Parish Council and Kirkham Town Council. It was suggested that knowledgeable members of the public should also be invited onto this Committee.

In addition, it was agreed that a Facebook page should be set up to keep the public informed of the developments of this Project. Councillor Mrs. N Griffith agreed to set-up the Facebook.

Signed.....P Mulholland, Chairman.....

Date...04/12/2023.....