

Energy Resilience Meeting – 20th August 2026

Attendees:

Malcolm Archer, David White, George Brogdon, Gavin Forster.

It was agreed that the priority was to assist some sites to become operational resilience centres in the event of a long term power outage through storm or emergency within the parish.

These sites should be in a position to function at short notice to provide light, heat, refreshments and power for recharging phones.

Sites should be located throughout the parish from end to end.

Initial sites identified as ideal were:

Allenheads Heritage Centre
Sinderhope Community Hall
Allendale School Sports Hall
Allendale Village Hall
Allendale Church Hall
Deneholme Care Centre
Catton Village Hall
Jill's Tearoom

Priority would be to obtain generators, changeover switches and equipment to enable these to be easily switched on.

It was proposed that the Parish Council assist in obtaining grants for this equipment to be supplied as is happening in other parishes.

The plan would be that this equipment was sited at the centres, ready for operation. It remains the property of the Parish Council.