

Annual General Meeting and Monthly Meeting



**Tuesday 27th February 2024,
Fallin Church Hall
AGM - 18:30 - 19:30
Monthly meeting 19:30 - 20:00**

Discussion Topics

Annual General Meeting

- Approval of previous AGM minutes
- Summary of the year passed
- Financial report for the year passed
- Constitutional Amendments
- Members Q&A
- Trustee Elections
- Close

Monthly Meeting

- Funding Update
- Community Garden Update
- Fun Day Update
- AOB
- Next Meeting

Attendees - Listed below in Table 1

Apologies - Nikki Thomas

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Approval of previous AGM Minutes

Minutes from the previous AGM were presented for approval, proposed by Michelle Robertson, seconded by Neil Taylor.

Summary of the year passed

Chair Neil Taylor gave a summary of the year passed, which couldn't have happened without incredible support of the community and close collaboration with key partners. Highlights, in no particular order, included:

- Putting on the annual free family fun day
- Delivery of more weekly Grub Hub community meals over winter
- Expansion of the village Christmas lights

- Putting on a Christmas fair in the Church Hall
- Beginning work on development of a community garden
- Coordination of a series of village litter picks
- Launch of an annual community hero award
- Providing informal and formally accredited training for volunteers
- Increasing membership from less than 10 to over 120
- Increasing trustee numbers from 3 to 4
- Expansion of our social media following - up to 1.6K Facebook members
- Launch of a website for the charity
- Empowering residents to make their voices heard via consultations, petitions, polls etc.
- Establishment of new partnerships with others interested in making a difference in Fallin
- Development of a three year strategy for the charity, endorsed by community partners

Financial report for the year passed

Treasurer Michelle Robertson gave a summary of the financial report for the year passed, which included:

- An increase in annual income from £19,835 in 2022 to £43,662 in 2023
- Increasing the range of funding sources from three in 2022 to 10 in 2023
- A closing balance of £30,103

A summary of the annual report and finances is available to view on our website.

Constitutional amendments

Naomi Ross (Secretary) proposed a constitutional amendment for members to vote on. The charity is applying for membership of Development Trust Association of Scotland, who require more prescriptive definitions of membership eligibility. To address this, the proposal is to:

- Amend section 11, to clarify that ordinary membership (i.e. those eligible to vote on charity matters), is open to those who reside in Fallin
- Amend section 12, to provide an associate membership option (i.e. for those ineligible to vote on charity matters, who may be anyone other than those eligible for ordinary membership)
- Amend section 18.1, to include a requirement on the board to keep a register of each members' category of membership
- Add an Annex, showing a map with clear boundary of the area members must live in to be eligible for ordinary membership

The exact wording of the changes proposed were presented in writing for members present to review, via tracked changes to the existing constitution.

It was further proposed at the meeting that the boundary be expanded to include the current Fallin Primary School catchment area, which includes the neighbouring hamlet of Throsk.

This amendment was unanimously agreed to by all members present.

The amendments as a whole were unanimously agreed to by all members present.

The proposals are available to view here.

Members Q&A

The floor was opened to those present to ask any questions of the trustees, ahead of the elections.

One member asked whether there were any plans to increase income in the coming year by charging for the Grub Hub community meals. Trustees (and Karen, Polmaise Community Council member and Grub Hub delivery partner) were unanimous in their response, which was that 1. These events were fully funded by external organisations, on the basis that they would be free, so it would go against the terms of those funding contracts and 2. These were deliberately free to ensure no barriers for those who need these meals most. It was accepted as unfortunate that there are some instances where some people may take more than their fair share, and acknowledged that some attend who could pay - but it is considered important for all to be able to attend, irrespective of demographic, to encourage community cohesion, reduce stigma and social isolation etc. So on balance, it is considered worthwhile keeping Grub Hub free. Trustees accepted that there are many other options that can be explored for increasing sustainable sources of income, and that advertising donation opportunities more widely could be done. This would benefit from additional support from volunteers and members.

Trustee elections

All existing trustees resigned: Neil Taylor, Michelle Robertson, Alison Grainger, Naomi Ross.

All four put themselves forward for re-election. Karen Perrie and Steve Royce-Rogers also put themselves forward for election.

All six candidates were unanimously voted in. At this point, the AGM was called to a close.

MONTHLY MEETING

Funding & community garden update

Nikki Thomas sent her apologies, but submitted a written update on both the funds she has been applying for and a general garden update. These can be viewed here.

Fun day update

Michelle confirmed a date has been set for this year's Fun day - Anyone interested in volunteering to help organise, ahead of, or on the day, please contact Michelle directly or email fallincv@gmail.com

AOB

Karen and Michelle requested more membership flyers for Bingo nights

Alison advised she was considering hosting a Dog Show in the village in September, which the group enthusiastically endorsed.

Discussion about the bus stored at the Alpha Centre - questions were asked about whether it was roadworthy, given the poor public transport provision. Use of it is tied up with the other banking issues with the Alpha Centre, so it is currently offline, but hopefully in the coming year will be available to the community again.

Alison raised the fact that the Church could do with a ramp to improve disabled access. Karen flagged that, if getting funds for this is proving difficult, there are probably people in the village who would do this at reduced cost. Alison to discuss with Church elders.

Questions were asked about access to the sports pavilion. There is still a fair amount of uncertainty over who has access rights and how much it is being used or what for. This is something that will be pursued in the coming year.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th March, 18:30, Fallin Church Hall

Attendees	
Neil Taylor (Chair)	Andrew Wylie (Alpha Committee)
Michelle Robertson (Treasurer)	Iain Guthrie (Strathcarron Hospice)
Naomi Ross (Secretary)	Sandeep Singh (Scottish Sports Futures)
Rev. Alison Grainger (Trustee)	Scott McMurray (Office of MSP Evelyn Tweed)
Karen Perrie (Polmaise Community Council)	Michelle McAvoy (Fallin Primary School)
Kevin Jack (Polmaise Community Council)	7 Private Members