

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 30th July 2024,
18:30 - 20:00, Fallin Church Hall



Discussion Topics

- Fun day final details
- Christmas lights update
- Community garden update
- Ska night
- AOB

Attendees - Listed below in Table 1

Apologies - n/a

Fun day final details

Michelle led a final run through of logistics for the day, and made sure everyone knew who was doing what. The goody bag contents were brought along, so that after the meeting time could be taken to make them all up.

Christmas lights update

Neil advised the connections for the lights should be in by the end of November and it was agreed that the rope lights ordered should be bright white, to match the colours in the main lights. Agreed to order one for every lamp post, and **Michelle** will do another push to try to get them all sponsored this year. **Naomi** will reach out to DLE via the owners wife to see if they would be interested in sponsoring any lights and will make up a Christmas Lights sponsorship ad for the Fun Day.

Community garden update

Nikki gave an update on progress, which included that the planning permission has now been agreed and the lease should be in place by end of August. **Nikki & Steve** will be talking to Maz and Scott Glass later this week to make sure they know they need to move their vehicles to allow us right of way access to deliver our infrastructure materials in September. The fencing company has been out and measured up. This should take around one week to install and will be the first job done before everything else comes in. A second assurance review will be happening 9th August at the library, with Nikki, Naomi, Neil and anyone else who wants to join. Almost £90K has been secured to date for the garden, covering all the essential infrastructure needed to launch and Nikki's position is secured until at least the middle of 2025. At a local food systems event, Stirling Council discussed the idea of a mobile kitchen that would travel around

Stirling according to demand. This is something we may be able to use in the garden. **Alison** has identified 9 chickens needing rehoming. She has agreed to contact the owners and will foster them until the garden has its chicken coop built. A resident flagged that his next door neighbour had some spare plastic sheeting that could be useful for the garden, and kindly offered a pergola cover too.

Ska night

There had been request online for a ska night at the Miners Club, with The Owls cited as a potential band to book. It was acknowledged that a lot of events have been held for children and that this would be a good way to do something for the adults in the village. It was agreed that Fallin Community Voice would pay for the band (approx £1000), and that tickets would be sold at £5 per person, which would include a free drink and anything left from that would be used to offset the cost of the band. The Miners Club are happy to give FCV use of the venue free of charge. Consideration was given to making the tickets free, but there was concern that people might just order tickets and not turn up, so the nominal fee, with drink included, was considered the best compromise to provide value for money entertainment for as many as possible. Provisional date agreed was 1st March 2025.

AOB -

Pavillion

One resident asked about the use and ownership of the Pavillion behind Tesco's as well as the shipping container next to the football field, querying whether we could make better use of either. It was advised that the shipping container owner is unknown, but the primary keyholder is Karen Perrie's dad, who stores the football field lawnmower in it. For now it is also being used temporarily for the community garden until proper on-site storage is in place - but the container is degraded and would not be a suitable permanent option. The Pavillion had previously been used for football club kit, but was no longer in use. It is council owned, and is on a list of council-owned buildings that FCV has note of and is keen to hear ideas about how it could be effectively used in future years.

Stockport incident

Alison asked if FCV would be ok with her sending a condolence card to the community on the charity's behalf, which was agreed.

FCV's role in the village

Following inspiration from a community group he came across in France, **Neil** will make up a list of what FCV does, what PCC does and what are the responsibilities of other authorities. This will go on the website and community noticeboard/socials, to help residents understand who they should contact about what, as it's clear there is sometimes confusion over respective roles and responsibilities.

Collaboration with other community groups

Following a visit to Plymouth, Steve and Nikki will be engaging with a community group there who have struggled to get funding for work similar to what FCV does, to give them some pointers and ideas about how to secure funds.

Tesco tokens

Nikki has a contact at Tesco and will look into getting Fallin Community Voice on the list for voting. Recommending this be done a few months down the line, in case there is any confusion over FVC and Fallin Community Enterprises who are one of the community groups being voted on at the moment.

Grub Hub

Funding has been secured to run weekly Grub Hubs from 4th October to a provisional end date of last Thursday in February.

SPEN bike track

A resident asked if there had been any update on this. Chris Burns had emailed the week before to say it was still being chased up, but still no notable update beyond that. Neil will be raising concerns again after the Fun Day.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th August, 18:30, Fallin Church Hall

Attendees	
Neil Taylor (Chair)	Alison Grainger (Trustee)
Michelle Robertson (Treasurer)	Kevin Jack (Polmaise Community Council)
Naomi Ross (Secretary)	Annemarie Hamilton (Alpha Committee)
Karen Perrie (Trustee)	Nikki Thomas (Project Coordinator)
Steve Royce Rogers (Trustee)	5 Private Residents