

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 24th Sept 2024,
18:30 - 20:00, Fallin Church Hall



Discussion Topics

- Climate Forth
- FPS Strathcarron Fundraiser
- SVE Awards
- Community Garden
- DTAS
- Christmas Lights
- Christmas Market
- Christmas Fundraiser
- SKA Night
- Bounce Back Breakfast/ Wallace High Careers Event
- Grub Hub
- AOB

Attendees - Listed below in Table 1

Apologies - Alison Grainger, Innes McCleod

Climate Forth

Alice talked about how their aims were youth engagement and working with the community with a focus on resilience.

At the consultations, it was discussed what climate change is and they wrote an action plan.

There is £45k to spend and now the voting will take place.

There will be leaflets handed out and also an opportunity to vote online for those that can't make the sessions. This will be open until 10/10/24.

Out of Falkirk, Fife and Clackmannanshire, Fallin was chosen as their target community.

Fallin Primary School - Strathcarron Fundraiser

The primary school is working with Iain from Strathcarron to do a sponsored walk. This will raise funds for the school, snowdrop cafe and Strathcarron and also tie in with absent friends week. It will also allow the community to take part if they wish. The walk will take place from the school to The Bing, the kids will be decorating rocks and make a cairn when they get there. This will be later removed after photos have been taken. It will hopefully take place on the 5th of November weather permitting, another date of the 8th has been pencilled in. Information on this will be sent home before the October break.

There is also going to be a rescheduled visit from Princess Anne on 01/11/2024.

Michelle suggested speaking to Christine to do one of her charity sheets to help with fundraising. They would also like attendees from the Swinging 60s to get involved.

SVE Awards

Discussed the awards and passed on congratulations to all involved in the award.

Community Garden

The community garden lease is ready to be signed. There's some amendments to be made but should only take a week or so.

Security fencing is ready to go next. Everyone is looking forward to seeing something physical happening. The tidying work continues.

We have hopefully sourced large containers for free.

It was discussed if we should get community justice involved with some of the work and engage with other communities, this could help them with their community service hours. They have a container with generators and a toilet, it's also anti-vandalism.

Nikki told the meeting about a fruit farm in Fife that has closed down and is selling off their polytunnels at half price. 8m x 20m - around £3k to install. Going to speak to Do It For Less regarding the polytunnel skins etc...

Steve Wilson has asked for a thank you card to be sent to MKM for their generous donation of slabs and bricks.

Also, it was suggested that someone speak Cleeshy about the groundworks.

Hopeful that the polytunnels, fencing and club house should be erected by the end of December.

The Lord Provost is potentially going to officially open the garden.

Naomi has to go over the schedule of condition to make sure we are happy with the site.

DTAS

Naomi gave us an update on DTAS as we are applying for a membership. We met with the assessors who asked lots of questions. She was happy we met the criteria and is going to recommend membership. This will be at a provisional level for 3 years with a cost of £90 per year.

Naomi reiterated that DTAS are not a funder but do offer networking opportunities and links to small funding.

We should have a response in a couple of weeks.

Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights on the lampposts will be put up on around 21st/22nd November.

All messages for plaques need to be received by 31/10/24, we will chase this up nearer the time.

Christmas Market

This year's Christmas Market will take place on 30/11/24. Michelle will confirm with the Church Hall. The Christmas Tree will be turned on that too, further discussions about a Christmas parade to take place as nothing yet decided. The market will be between 2pm and 4pm. Tree lights around 4.30pm and the local hero award will also be given out. We will be doing our own food again this year. Everyone is happy for Lily Dickson (Captain Gracie award winner) to switch on the tree. Michelle to check with her mum.

There was also a discussion about doing memory baubles for the tree at £5 each. Dave Perrie is going to help us look into this.

Christmas Fundraiser

Will be taking place on 21/12/2024, everything going well with planning. Tickets will be going on sale in a few weeks.

SKA Night

SKA night is confirmed for 01/03/25.

Michelle will look into the capacity of the big hall in the miners welfare.

Tickets will be priced at £5 with Fallin residents getting first chance at buying. Everyone else thereafter.

Bounce Back Breakfast/ Wallace High Careers Night

FCV will have a stall at this event. It's from 8.30am -10.30am. All children and families are invited. There will be a talk on kids' health and wellbeing. Lots of our partners are attending.

A teacher from FPS to contact Neil re Stem. Most likely Brian.

Grub Hub

GrubHub kicks off on 03/10/24. It's booked for 19 weeks.

Nikki looking into Cash for Kids, Holiday hunger grant.

The Alpha Centre now has WiFi which everyone is thrilled about!

AOB

Dorian Rixon confirmed he is going to help out with the community garden, they have used storage containers we can use. We expressed our gratitude. He also spoke about Building Bridges to help with construction courses. They also hold career days. Security for containers was discussed as well as transporting them. We will also be able to get drawings.

Scott - Dorian's son has a window cleaning business and he has offered his services to residents most in need.

Chris from Stirling Council spoke about the SPEN money. A colleague is currently off on holiday but he expects the money to be in the account in around two weeks. He explained about the SPEN project and there was £76k to spend with the remainder being allocated to the community garden. This funding can be spent on infrastructure which the council will procure themselves. Nikki is going to be having a meeting with Marco in which this could tie in with, no date has been set yet.

Laney confirmed that the swinging 60s is going really well with 30-40 standees every week. The Mother and Toddler group is also picking up.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 29th October 2024 , 18:30, Fallin Church Hall

Attendees	
Neil Taylor (Chair)	Chris Burns (Stirling Council)
Michelle Robertson (Secretary)	Dorian Rixon (BAM Construction)
Naomi Ross (Treasurer)	Scott Rixon (BAM Construction)
Steve Royce-Roger (Trustee)	Marie Brennan (FPS Head Teacher)
Karen Perrie (Trustee)	Iain Guthrie (Strathcarron)
Nikki (Community Garden Coordinator)	Alice MacPherson - (Climate Forth)
Kevin Jack (Polmaise Community Council)	7 Private Residents