

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 26th November 2024,
18:30 - 20:00, Fallin Church Hall



Discussion Topics

- Consultancy Opportunity
- Climate Forth Update
- Christmas Lights Installation
- Christmas Market
- Community Garden Update
- Strathcarron Update
- The Goth's OAP Fund
- AOB

Attendees - Listed below in Table 1

Apologies - Alison Grainger, Marie Brennan, Nikki Thomas

Consultancy Opportunity

Neil & Steve RR went to The Big Breakfast with SVE and met Angela Watt to discuss a fully funded consultancy opportunity. They'd like to meet with the trustees, this has been scheduled for 10/12/24.

Climate Forth Update

The Climate Forth Funding vote resulted in a 4 way tie between The Church Halle, The Community Garden, The Mining Museum/ Memorial and The Alpha Centre. To make any kind of significant impact, splitting the funding 4 ways wont work. Alice would like to rerun the vote online with the top two getting the vote share of the funding.

Meetings will then be set up with the relevant organisations. If improvements work get carried out in the meantime, funding won't be lost and will be able to be used in other areas of that organisation, within guidelines. Funding is coming from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and will have to have some expenditure before the financial year end.

Christmas Light Installation

All lights have been installed successfully on 22nd November and are looking fabulous. Everyone was very excited and complimentary about them. Neil would like to secure the install date for next year a bit earlier as he felt it was a bit fine with the timing and it was a little stressful. The lights will be taken down on 8th January 2025.

Naomi raised a point about a member of the public who had asked the question "why have Throsk not got any Christmas lights?" on Facebook. We all agreed that if Their community council and residents want our help we would happily provide it, however, we have reached out to them on several occasions about collaborating and this offer has not yet been accepted, but does remain open.

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market is on Saturday the 30th December 24. The Christmas tree has arrived. Everyone is meeting at 8am in the Church Hall ground to put the lights and memory baubles on the tree.

All stall holders have been contacted, we have requested raffle donations from them if they'd be willing, they can set up from 1pm.

We will get in touch with the Church group to see if they are doing Teas and Coffees again this year, if so we will make all stalls fit into the big hall. They have offered us both this year as we have slightly more stalls but we thought some villagers might like to sit down with food and a hot drink.

Community Garden Update

There is a temporary container there just now from the justice team, the generators aren't working but they're trying to fix them.

The containers from BAM are being delivered in the next 2 or 3 days, the groundworks for these have been done.

The security fence is going up on the 9th or 16th of December. Then the polytunnels can be put in place, hopefully in 2024!

The ordering for the garden has started, there's been an extra few thousand pounds awarded for plants.

Annmarie asked about raised beds. A lady from the stroke club wants to buy a few, Naomi will get the details. We all agreed this was a lovely gesture.

Andy asked about payment arrangements for raised beds. Naomi confirmed she will put a shout out on Facebook soon for people to reserve beds, this will be on a pay as you feel basis and they will also share what other communities are charging. There will also be community raised beds for everyone to use.

Naomi and Nikki will liaise with Forth Climate Forest about planting trees, hopefully tie in with the council on streamlining.

Andy suggested possibly having a rota for people to do a walk around the garden so it's seen to be monitored daily. Naomi confirmed that there will be formal security in place also, fencing and cameras to start.

Strathcarron Update

Iain wanted to formally thank Fallin Primary School and the community of Fallin for all their support. As at today, they have raised £3.5k which will be split equally between Strathcarron and the school.

Iain spoke about the video that was made of the sponsored walk and how well it's been received, it's touching. There were 200 kids which makes 200 lovely stories of what absent friends week means to them.

They are considering making the photo of the cairn they made into a postcard for the kids.

Emma's crochet club is considering working with the school, it will create a lovely intergenerational aspect to the projects.

Snowdrop cafe is having a Burns afternoon in the Goth on 31/01/2025. They are expecting around 80 to attend including members of other snowdrop cafe's.

There has been talk of creating a peer support group in the village to help deal with loss. Not necessarily just death, it could be loss of a marriage for example, divorce. It's more general.

There has been an offer of complementary therapy training for individuals, for example, head massage. Information will be posted on Facebook when received.

Snowdrop's Christmas dinner will be in around two weeks time.

Neil wanted to pass on feedback to Iain that he received at the SVE big breakfast. It was how positive an impact the Snowdrop cafe had had on someone's life. Iain was touched. He also commented on how large a profile Fallin has at Strathcarron.

They have been invited to the school's Burns celebrations.

The Goth's OAP Fund

Michelle spoke about how the Goth are raising funds for their OAPs who are customers in the goth. FCV have helped with a full house bingo prize for their fundraiser on 6th December and are going to make up Christmas bags for them. She asked if FCV were happy to spend a little money on this, all agreed.

AOB

1 - Iain told us that during the sponsored walk there were lots of conversations among the adults about the lack of youth provision in the village, and is there something we can do.

Chris Burns confirmed he had spoken with the head of youth services Theresa Marsili to arrange a meeting about this.

He also suggested speaking to the old youth leaders, and getting some training and PVGs in place. He said Fallin is classed as a priority area and this shouldn't be happening.

2 - WHS careers event. Neil attended this. The Navy were there and they offered to come to Fallin and do a recruitment event for young people and adults up to the age of 40.

3 - SPEN money. The funds should be sent in the next few days. He has a meeting ready to go when this is done. After the bike track is complete, whatever is left will be used for the community garden. Everything will need to be procured through Stirling council. Naomi would love these funds to be spent on plants and landscaping around the cycle path and this will tie in nicely with the garden.

4 - Victoria Hendry - member of the public who lives in Stirling Road. She wanted to raise serious concerns about the amount of cars speeding through the village. She told us a dog had been killed due to this last year and is concerned that the next time it could be a child!

We confirmed with her that the council and the police have all done surveys which returned results that confirm Fallin does not require traffic calming measures on the main street.

The community police are coming to the GrubHub on Thursday, we're going to speak to them.

We agreed as a group that this is not good enough and that we'd like to take community action. There will be an emergency meeting held in January.

5 - Clothes Bins behind the library. Annmarie would like to find out who owns these. They were full and people had dumped bags of clothes on the ground which are now wet and rotting. They have been there for weeks. It might attract rodents and it's also an eye sore. Karen is going to raise a cc enquiry.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 28th January 2025 , 18:30, Fallin Church Hall

Attendees	
Michelle Robertson (FCV Secretary)	Karen Perrie (FCV Trustee)
Kevin Jack (PCC Member)	Steve Royce-Roger (FCV Trustee)
Neil Taylor (FCV Chair)	Naomi Ross (FCV Treasurer)
Iain Guthrie (Strathcarron)	Chris BUrns (Stirling Council)
ALice MacPherson (Climate Forth)	Annmarie Hamilton (Alpha Committee)
Andrew Wylie (Alpha Committee)	4 Private Residents