

Monthly Meeting

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



Discussion Topics

- FPS Update
- Wallace High
- University of Stirling
- Railings at Miners Memorial
- Community Garden
- Christmas Lights
- Memory Baubles
- Christmas Market, Parade & Tree Light Switch On
- Christmas Fundraiser
- SKA Night
- AOB

Attendees - Listed below in Table 1

Apologies - Andy Wylie, Chris Burns, Neil Taylor

Fallin Primary School Update

FPS have had an offer from Recyke A Bike, 15 free bikes and accessories. There are bikes available for adults too. Qualifying receivers must complete a bike health & safety lesson. Email Gael at FPS email address for referrals.

The pumpkin patch will be on Thursday night, 28th October, donations welcome.

The sponsored walk along with Strathcarron will take place on November 5th in the afternoon. Community partners are welcome to join, e.g Laney's 60s/ Toddlers.

Alice MacPherson from CLimate Forth has been in touch with the school regarding Young Champions and recruiting Young Leaders. There will be 3 sessions carried out, and voting on a micro grant will also take place, possibly £3,500.

There has been a VSE inspection in the school which returned very good feedback.

Wallace High School Update

Innes wanted it noted that he has observed the seniors in school from Fallin and he is very impressed, and they are a very able group.

WHS is nudging its way into Future Destination, finding apprenticeship schemes etc...

12/11/24 Will be the careers fair, Neil Taylor has a stall there.

Innes will provide Michelle with a list of key dates to put on Facebook. The first one being the parents focus group. The 19th November in The Church Hall was agreed.

There will also be a Future Destinations evening in FPS around January or February.

Would like to report that everything is running smoothly with the buses just now, long may it continue.

University of Stirling

Alison Hennessy attended to discuss free tutoring for S1+ students, in STEM. She has run a scheme in Bridgend West Lothian for 2 years which has been very successful. It's all about getting kids into science and cyber security. It offers one-to-one tutoring which builds self-confidence. This scheme is for people of all financial backgrounds and abilities.

The two criteria for this are 1 - care experienced & 2 - trauma or poverty experienced.

She needs to arrange permission to use the Church Hall and discuss safeguarding.

At the moment they have 7 science students that volunteer for Fallin and Raploch.

There will be training provided for volunteers which will include information on trauma and safeguarding. Alison will be there for these sessions. The commitment would be once per week during term time. The commitment and relationship with the students is a very important mentoring role

There is funding from The Carnegie Trust to support the tutors and the young people. Interviews for potential volunteers will take place, and someone is welcome to attend to liaise.

Railings at Miners Memorial/ Museum

Steve Royce-Roger has taken photos. The metal fence is rotting.

Would like to look into getting it replaced.

First of all, we need to find out who owns it, then we can look for possible grant funding, Might be possible to integrate with the community garden/ climate forth.

Community Garden Update

Nikki confirmed - We have a lease! Everyone was very excited about this. It's taken 18 months in total to get this far, Nikki passes on her thanks to everyone involved.

Fencing - There will be a final measure up tomorrow, 30th October.

We have raised Dorian's office, so to speak (BAM Construction). Have had lots of useful items, it was very generous of them. Nikki will be in contact with Pat at BAM.

Naomi as Dorian if BAM are trying to offload items to get rid of them, are they free to anyone basically. Dorian confirmed that this was not the case, they are for good causes only. The transport costs are a lot.

The garden has to get the secure fence put up first before anything is ordered. Dorian is going to see if he can get a discount.

£23k was for containers, we have been given these free of charge. Nikki has confirmed that this funding can be used in other ways in other areas of the garden.

Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights will be delivered on 11/11/24. Arrangements for storage will be made.

There are 11 large motif lights and 41 rope lights being installed this year.

Lightways have confirmed an installation date of the 21st or 22nd of November.

Christmas Memory Baubles

These are going to be sold for £5. Each bauble will say "In memory of" and names will be added. We are going to order 100.

Christmas Market, Parade and Tree Light Switch On

Market is going to take place on 30/11/24. It will be shortened to 2 hours, between 2pm & 4pm. The Switch on and Local Hero award will be around 4.30pm.

We will sell mulled wine & beers, making our own food, and candy floss.

The Parade - it was agreed to do this nearer Christmas.

Church Hall confirmed we can use their tables for stalls. And also that both halls can be used.

Lily Dickson's parents and Lily are happy to go ahead with the switch on.

We are going to try and get the local hero award winners details so we can invite him along.

Christmas Fundraiser

All going to plan, will arrange to have tickets printed. These will be sold at Christine's Cottage.

SKA Night - The Owls

Date confirmed with band and venue 01/03/2025.

Spoke to Jon Baker their manager, we can go ahead with tickets, flyers and posts on socials.

AOB

It is Nikki's 1 year anniversary of working with Fallin Community Voice. Everyone congratulated her and Naomi gave her a lovely bottle of Champagne.

Nikki is keen on setting up a pet pantry, this will most likely be at the community garden. A local had floated an idea of opening a pet shop so she is keen to collaborate with them on this.

Next Meeting

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Attendees	
Alison Hennessy (University of Stirling)	Marie Brennan (FPS Head Teacher)
Michelle Robertson (Secretary)	Dorian Rixon (BAM Construction)
Naomi Ross (Treasurer)	Liz Perrie (Church)
Steve Royce-Roger (Trustee)	Mo Firth (Church)
Karen Perrie (Trustee)	6 Private Residents
Nikki (Community Garden Coordinator)	
Innes Macleod (WHS Deputy Head)	