

# Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 28th January 2025,  
18:30 - 20:00, Fallin Church Hall



## Discussion Topics

- Community Garden
- Fallin Independent Traders
- SVE Consultant
- Local Place Plan
- Wallace High School
- The Owls Gig
- Strathcarron
- Kids Christmas Party
- Funday 2025
- AOB

**Attendees** - Listed below in Table 1

**Apologies** - Alison Granger

## Community Garden

The fence has been put up and it's looking really good. There's been one complaint regarding it, but it's fairly minor, regarding extra distance that has to be walked now.

The next steps will be the poly tunnels. These are being bought second hand and we are 3rd on the list. These are being bought from LED Kelty Farms and will be around a third of the price of buying new.

The levelling for the containers is now complete and we are waiting to hear from Dorian regarding when they will be arriving and getting installed.

There are currently 14 people interested in raised beds.

After the storm there is one tree down at the side of the community garden but there is no damage to anything up there. Some trees have been uprooted but nothing major.

Online net zero training course has two species left.

We are currently looking into water and electricity connections.

Steve Royce-Rodgers talked about solar panels which is something that we are looking into.

## Fallin Independent Traders

Steve spoke about the newly established Facebook page which is called Fallin Independent Traders. He spoke about how all the traders' posts are still going onto the FCV page and seem to be getting lost amongst all the other posts. It's mostly Fallin residents that are posting there or commenting. He would like more traders to get on board with the page and has asked everybody at the meeting to pass on the information to any traders that they might know to put their information on there for everyone to see.

It was asked who can use the page, it will be mostly for people that service the village. It was also brought up about the possibility of having a local exchange of services where people do like for like jobs for each other.

## **SVE Consultant**

Stirling voluntary enterprises have chosen Fallin Community Voice for funding. This will allow for one consultant to help FCV in the areas that they feel they need it most. Angela from SVE is looking at solar options at the moment which would be for the land at the back of the goth pub. The options would be things like putting power back into the village, reducing costs, possibly selling to the industrial estate, car charging stations etc... The main focus is sustainability.

There will be a further update at the next meeting.

## **Local Place Plan**

Stirling Council are keen for the local area to develop local place plans to find out what each individual area wants to do. This was submitted back in October, Fallin have not yet started theirs. Because we already have the results of the Big Conversation Survey, there won't be a need for lots more surveying and the likes required, providing evidence etc., unless new potential priorities are identified. If any other things other than what's already been flagged as important to the village, this can be discussed with the view of keeping it realistic as there are lots of stipulations from Scottish government i.e. local transport, speed bumps, GP referrals, NHS - so we need to make sure we are careful with expectation management and budget priority, in terms of what we can achieve or influence and what's outside our control.

## **Wallace High School**

Innes McLeod spoke about the destination night that Fallin community voice held in primary school last year and how well it went, he hopes to do another one on the 4th of March 2025. This will be for fourth, fifth and sixth years to discuss work placement, apprenticeships and college places. At the moment Wallace High School has 46 3rd years, 27 fourth years, 23 fifth years and 14 sixth years. Neil said that the navy will be happy to attend, FCV will potentially have a volunteering stall.

In the lead up to exams there's the usual seven weeks to success where they would like to do supported sessions, one per week. These will run from 4 pm till 6 pm and they are going to provide the minibus to help with this. They are also going to run Easter school during the Easter holidays to help with studying, kids will have the opportunity to be picked up and dropped off by the minibus also.

Innes is going to email Michelle important dates for February to post on the community Facebook page.

## The Owls Gig

Ticket sales are going well and are open to the general public.

## Strathcarron

There will be a Burns lunch in THE Goth on Friday 31st at 1pm. People from other Snowdrop cafe's will be attending.

There are still a few tickets left for anyone who would like one.

The collaboration with the primary school went great. They raised £3,730 which will be split 50/50 with the school and Strathcarron.

Postcards from the pictures were made and there is going to be a display in the school of these.

They would like to develop an outdoor classroom area in the community garden. There will be training for young people experiencing loss. A full program of this will be going to FPS.

## Kids Christmas Party

Christine and Laura from Fallin Miners Welfare attended the meeting to discuss a kids Christmas party. FCV are happy to assist as they have been asked about this and not yet managed to have one due to other commitments.

It will be on 06/12/25 and will last 3 hours.

Children who can attend will be primary school aged who live in Fallin and Throsk. Also, kids at nursery and toddlers.

They have lots booked, will have food and gift vouchers. FCV said they might be able to help with some grant funding and funding to help run the party. We will discuss and get back to them. They are looking to spend very roughly £4,000 and have already started fundraising.

## Funday 2025

Michelle wanted to check that the date was ok with everyone - 02/08/2025, all agreed. Also that the funds were healthy enough to start getting things booked, this was all ok.

## AOB

1. We wanted to give M&S a big shout out, they provided around £4,000 worth of food at Christmas time to the village
2. Financial year end - although we don't have figures just yet, FCV have brought in around £125,000 this year which is absolutely amazing.
3. The Christmas lights project is now complete, everything went well. Potential for sponsors in the community garden in 2025.

4. The notice board - was meant to go up but was delayed due to bad weather. It will be going up very soon though. There will then be keys cut for the various groups to use it.
5. The war memorial in the church hall - where is this going to go after the Church closure? Advised to speak to Alison on this as no one else can provide information.
6. Alice from Climate Forth wanted to say thanks for the opportunity to meet the first minister. The Local resilience plan sees The Church Hall and The Alpha Center getting £22.5k each for grant funding, she is speaking with both on how this will be spent. Climate Forth and Fallin Primary will also be working together soon.
7. Chris Burns from Stirling council has a few update -
  - 7.1. The alpha center has significant damage after the storm, They hope to have structural engineers in by the end of next week. The Alpha is currently off limits to everyone.
  - 7.2. The Alpha have now formed a functioning committee. There will be lots of support for them e.g. SVE for governance, youth scotland and youth services, there will be access to PVG's for all that require them.
  - 7.3. NHS have been in touch - possibly nature health based improvements - there has been an email sent to be referred to, Nikki will be attending.
  - 7.4. Shared prosperity fund - Awaiting elected members looking at this. It will be less than last year and hope to have this confirmed within the next month.
  - 7.5. Spen - Still with the legal team, hoping to be dealt with in the next four weeks then projects can begin. Hopefully around £15k/£20k going into the community garden.

## Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th February 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)	Marie Brennan (Fallin Primary)
Innes Macleod (Wallace High School)	Nikki Thomas (Fallin Community Garden)
Laura Kirkwood (Fallin Miners Welfare)	Helen Kerr (Alpha Center)
Christine Laurie (Fallin Miners Welfare)	Laney McMeechan (Alpha Center)
Steve Wilson (Snowdrop Cafe)	Elaine Wilson (Snowdrop Cafe)
Joe Miller (Resident)	Irene McKay (Resident)
Wilma Perrie (Resident)	