

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 25th February 2025,
18:30 - 20:00, Fallin Church Hall



Discussion Topics

- Community Garden
- Community Garden Launch
- SVE Consultant
- STEM
- Surplus Food
- AGM
- AOB

Attendees (15) - Listed below in Table 1

Apologies - Iain Guthrie, Karen Perrie, Chris Burns

Community Garden

Two containers have now been received. They need to be painted and decorated.

The garden meeting took place, 18 people attended, went really well, and had lots of ideas.

Nikki needs to do garden risk assessments.

Wood has been ordered for the raised beds. There are a few volunteers to build and help with these.

Criminal justice team has done more clearing, there is a contractor clearing the fallen trees.

Location has been decided for the bee hives, nice secluded area, some concerns were discussed.

Looking for pallets, Nikki is doing a facebook post.

Poly tunnels and the delivery have been paid for.

17 people are currently on the list for raised beds the area can fit 50.

Annmarié asked if it would be an idea to have the kids paint the containers, this will all be covered under the educational partnership remit.

Adele is crocheting mushrooms for the school kids for the garden.

Community Garden Launch

There will be a soft launch on 03/05/25 for people to come along and have a look at the garden. There will be a BBQ for locals using the GrubHub funds.

SVE Consultant

Angela Watt is a free consultant through SVE.

She will be helping look into solar power and renewable energy. Is there a possibility we can put in electric car charging areas?

She is very positive about the village and has lots of good ideas.

Currently looking at a field near/ behind the Goth that has potential as a solar farm. Could it be leased, get funding from the bank?

Question was asked if wind power could be a possibility, at the moment the cost for this is very high.

It was confirmed SVE is - Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprises and they support the third sector.

STEM

The STEM project is based at Stirling University. They are currently collaborating with the Church of Scotland and Stirling Council to provide tutoring for care experienced children. Fallin was an area that was suggested to them as a good place to work with.

They are going to attend the future destinations event at the primary school on 11/03/25.

This project will start with 4 children from the village that fall under this remit.

Surplus Food

The surplus food opportunity in Fallin started on Christmas Eve when we received lots of surplus from M&S in Dunblane.

There is now an agreement in place for donations to be received from M&S in Stirling 3 days per week.

It is run by volunteers and the food is distributed from The Goth or the community garden.

Still trial and error until all the kinks are ironed out and working out all the admin at the moment.

AGM

The AGM will take place on 25/03/2025.

Current board members will officially step down, voting will take place for new board members.

We will then have our regular monthly meeting, finished with some light refreshments.

AOB

1. Alison asked about the free Lothian Broadband as they still don't have it. The woman that promised this no longer works there. She is going to apply elsewhere and is currently looking for recommendations.
2. The WW1 War Memorial outside the church - it was asked if it will be moved when the church closes. It was discussed that hopefully it would be to the garden on the main road across from the church hall. They will need to speak to the council for permission. Steve Wilson is going to look into this and what the best way to go about it is.
3. The Alpha - No damage done, just clearance of debris to be conducted. Hopefully getting access for supplies and equipment soon and the bookings will be reopened next week.
4. Free Courses - Katie How. Neil looked into this as it looked like a scam, It is not. She is government funded and currently looking for computers to use in the village.
5. Pride event. This will take place on 26/04/2024. There will be food and a film screening in the community garden.
6. Climate Forth event. Nikki will be attending this on 02/04/25 and will get information on how the Alpha and Church Hall are progressing.
7. Advertising was discussed to include people that don't use social media. The Community notice board is up and running.

Next Meeting - AGM

Tuesday 25th March 2025 , 18:30, Fallin Church Hall

Attendees

Michelle Robertson (FCV)	Marie Brennan (Fallin Primary)
Steve Roce-Rogers (FCV)	Kevin Jack (PCC)
Nikki Thomas (FCV)	Elain Wilson (Snowdrop Café)
Neil Taylor (FCV)	Steve Wilson (Snowdrop Café)
Naomi Ross (FCV)	Alisson Hennessy (Stirling University)
Alison Granger (FCV) (Church)	Christine McIntee (Resident)
Annemarie Hamilton (Alpha)	Joe Millar (Resident)
Helen Kerr (Alpha)	