

# Monthly Meeting & AGM



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

## Discussion Topics

- Elect role bearers
- Community garden update
- Rural pride event
- Dates for the diary
- AOB

**Attendees (23)** - Listed below in Table 1

**Apologies** - Chris Burns

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## AGM Summary

We held the AGM, which reviewed the draft annual report (available for download).

### Chair's Introduction

As we reflect on another transformative year for Fallin Community Voice, I am delighted to share our progress and achievements. Our mission remains steadfast—to empower and uplift our community through meaningful projects that foster collaboration, sustainability, and resilience. In just three years, we have achieved remarkable growth, and this past year is no exception.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our funders, volunteers, community partners, and supporters who have contributed to our success. Your dedication and belief in our mission drive everything we do. Together, we are building a stronger, fairer, greener, and more connected Fallin.

### Financial Summary

We are pleased to report a significant increase in income again this year, rising from £45,000 in 2023 to over £126,000 in 2024. This growth reflects our successful fundraising efforts, grant applications, and community support. With these additional resources, we have been able to expand our initiatives and invest in long-term projects that will benefit Fallin for years to come.

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## 1. Role Bearers

All current role bearers officially stood down. Neil confirmed that he will not be standing for re-election in 2025. He was sincerely thanked for his dedication and contributions to FCV and was presented with a small token of appreciation.

Elections for the positions of Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary were conducted, with the following results:

- **Chairperson** – Michelle Robertson was nominated and accepted the role. Her nomination was proposed by Naomi and seconded by Karen.
- **Treasurer** – Steve Wilson was nominated and accepted the role. His nomination was proposed by Naomi and seconded by Alison.
- **Secretary** – Naomi Ross was nominated and accepted the role. Her nomination was proposed by Michelle and seconded by Alison.

## 2. Community Garden Update

- Poly tunnels have been built and skinned.
- Porta cabins are currently being decorated.
- ¼ of the raised beds are completed, with ongoing clearing work.
- Marie Brennan inquired about school children visiting the garden. Nikki confirmed this is welcomed.

Bee-Keeping Course (Billy):

- An 8-week course covering site preparation and hive management has begun.
  - Two hives have been obtained.
  - Insurance will be covered upon joining the Scottish Beekeepers Association (£40 per year).
  - Potential bee seminar for school children in June/July.
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- Iain from Strathcarron has access to legacy funding, possibly for a permanent outdoor classroom.
  - Half of the raised beds have been reserved.
  - Timber pricing is in progress for additional raised beds.
  - A six-member volunteer team has been established for maintenance. Only these members are permitted to use power tools.
  - Acknowledgment of all volunteers' contributions.
  - Public access paths near the bus stops are being encouraged.
  - Path upgrades will be scheduled after electric/water connections.
  - Raised beds expected to be in use within the next month.

- Joe Miller noted that Homestead Nursery has stopped selling bedding plants—potential to acquire their raised beds.
- Discussion on water access: concern over using mains water. Joe suggested reaching out to the fire brigade.
- Question raised about demographic diversity: youngest participant is 16 (excluding Katie Kirkwood, who helps with planting).

### 3. Rural Pride Event

- Stirling Pride Rural Road Show to take place at Fallin Community Garden on 26/04/2024.
- Event includes a free screening of *Pride* at 1:30 PM.
- Concern about a schedule conflict with the church's Spring Fair; however, the fair is at 10:00 AM.
- Venue can accommodate 30 people, with an expected turnout of 20.
- Ticket information is available on Facebook.
- Alison offered the Church Hall as an alternative venue if the porta cabin is too small.

### 4. Dates for the Diary

#### Fundraising Events:

- 12/04/25 – Disco Through the Decades (feat. singer Toni).
- 16/08/25 – Festival Theme Night (feat. singer Ian Whitefield).
- 13/12/25 – Christmas Party (feat. singer Barry Honeyman).

#### Community & Social Events:

- 03/05/25 – Soft Launch of the Community Garden (BBQ funded by GrubHub).
- 04/07/25 – Burnt Island Bus Trip.
- 02/08/25 – Funday.
- 29/11/25 – Christmas Light Switch-On & Christmas Market.
- 21/12/25 – Sleigh Parade.

### 5. Any Other Business (AOB)

#### Iain - Cairn at the Bing Project:

- The project involving children has been well received.
- Proposal to create a recorded presentation titled *Little Village, Big Heart*.

#### Alison - Christmas Fair Accessibility:

- Concerns about congestion in a single room for disabled attendees.
- Proposal for a one-way system or use of multiple rooms next year.
- Suggestion to provide wheelchairs for scooter users to improve access.

### Steve RR - Funday Dog Fouling Issue:

- Discussion confirmed that fouling incidents occurred before the event.
- Consensus that banning dogs would not solve the problem.
- All dogs at the event were leashed.

### Karen - Facebook Group Clarification:

- Concern that non-FCV events posted in the group are sometimes mistaken as FCV-run events.
- Agreed to post a clarification reminding members that various organizations contribute to the page.

## Next Meeting: Tuesday, 29th April 2025

### 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)	Iain Guthrie (Snowdrop Café)
Karen Perrie (FCV)	Billy Hodgson (Snowdrop Café)
Alison Granger (FCV) (Church)	Joe Millar (Resident)
Annemarie Hamilton (Alpha)	Brian Hambly (Resident)
Helen Kerr (Alpha)	Irene Mckay (Resident)
Megan Firth (Fallin Parish Church)	Wilma Perrie (Resident)
Mo Firth (Fallin Parish Church)	Laney McMeechan (Resident)
Liz Perrie (Fallin Parish Church)	