

# Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 26th August 2025,  
18:30 - 19:30, Fallin Community  
Garden



## Discussion Topics

- Actions from previous meetings
- Grub Hub
- Christmas
- Fun Day 2026
- Local Place Plan
- Community Garden Update
- Geothermal Energy
- AOB

**Attendees (14)** - Listed below in Table 1

**Apologies** - Alison Grainger, Brian Hambly

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## 1. NACTIONS from the previous meeting

The action log was reviewed and updated and is available to review [here](#).

## 2. Grub hub

Grub Hub returns 2nd October, same format as previous years (Thursday evenings 6:30 at the Alpha Centre), in collaboration with Polmaise Community Council and the Alpha Committee. Funding permitting, we hope to run it weekly until the end of February. We have approximately £2,000 in grant funding carried over from Grub Hub 2024/5. This year, to try to increase the amount of overall grant funding coming into the community, the Alpha Committee is applying for Grub Hub funds (via Corra Foundation and Arnold Clark, as well as possibly the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund). This means Fallin Community Voice (as a separate charity) can also apply for grants from these funders, for the community garden, so hopefully we will bring in double the money to the village. **ACTION: NR** to forward CMHWP grant details onto Alpha Committee.

## 3. Christmas

This year's Christmas Fair will be Saturday 29th November at the Church Hall again. Joe Miller volunteered to help Steve RR with the xmas BBQ. The Goth has kindly agreed to sponsor this year's Christmas tree, up to a value of £500.

Lights are expected to go up the week before (w/c 22/11). We have a full complement of lights for the main street now, so no more sponsorship opportunities for these, but other ideas are welcome. We will be offering memory baubles again this year, the 2025 ones will be silver. These will be £5 each. The sleigh parade will be reinstated this year, thanks to an insurance payout to replace last year's damaged one.

**ACTIONS:** **SRR** arrange for food safety training if Joe hasn't done it already. **SW** confirm installation date with Lightways.

#### 4. Fun day 2026

Given the drop in grassroots income, discussed at the last meeting, we need to act now to get money in for next year's Fun Day if we want it at the same scale. There's been good response to the Bungee Jump sponsorship so far, which Stirling Observer and Stirling Council are also promoting for us. Michelle is also looking to reinstate collection tins in shops and is exploring sale of annual calendars for the village. If anyone has any other fundraising ideas, please speak to our trustees.

#### 5. Local place plan

Deadline for submitting to Stirling Council is 31st October and final draft needs issued to Councillors at least 4 weeks before (3rd October). We have had 56 responses so far, with 95% of respondents supporting the plan and its priorities. Everyone is encouraged to complete the survey and share with friends & family. The more support we have, the easier it will be to get future funding and pressure external bodies to deliver what we've identified as priorities.

NR & KP are running an in-person session at the Alpha Centre, Monday 1st September from 17:30 for anyone who wants to discuss the plan. Michelle, Christine and Billy confirmed that the the Miners Welfare Club and the Goth will endorse the plan. Gayle advised the Alpha and Church will endorse it.

**ACTION:** **KP** send SW the docs she's using with the Swinging Sixties for the survey, so Snowdrop Cafe can be surveyed.

#### 6. Community garden update

Pace of development continues to surpass initial expectations. Now only 2 or 3 beds available and there's a waiting list for indoor ones. Reminder that social memberships are available, suggested donation of £20/year for that. Residents won't be able to attend a lot of the garden socials if they aren't members. Container for the cafe and tool shed will hopefully be with us in the next week or two, which will allow the remaining beds to be placed and filled - thanks to folk for their patience with these! The tool shed will be split in two, with power tools access limited to those who've been trained. We'll likely need planning permission for the cafe, so although informal coffee & cake set up will be doable, it's unlikely to be a fully functioning cafe for another year or so.

Temporary compost bays have been built by Steve RR and we're grateful to all volunteers who continue to bring water while we wait for IBC connection, as well as to Joe for keeping on top of the day to day running and tidying.

Congratulations to all our winners of the Horticultural Show at Braehead Community Garden - out of 13 entries, 9 won 1st or 2nd prize!

Recent funds that have been applied for: Forth Environment Link for the build of the accessible beds and sensory bench. Volunteer Support Fund for Nikki's time; Arnold Clark & Corra Foundation; Currently applying for another round of the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund.

The next community garden members meeting is scheduled for 5pm Saturday 30th August.

## **7. Geothermal energy**

Councillor Alasdair MacPherson provided a report to the group on work he is doing with Nikki to explore potential for heating of the community garden via Geothermal Energy from the mines. Forth Electrical Services have agreed to do a feasibility study free of charge for us which, if positive, would help us get grants to access this eco-friendly energy source. The feasibility study should take a couple of months, and if we opt to proceed, timescales for accessing this supply are likely to be at least a year or two. A copy of his report is available [here](#).

## **8. Any Other Business (AOB)**

### **Last Years Accounts**

Steve advised the new accountant has almost done these, so we should be ready to submit to OSCR soon. With Xero fully understood, we should be able to get the 2025/6 accounts in much quicker, which will give us a better rolling picture of finances, for each project, on demand.

### **Christmas at the Miners Welfare Club**

Chrstine, Laura and Sharon advised the kids party will take place 6th December and will take over the whole building. Total costs will be around £4K and just £500 is left to be raised.

### **Hanging Baskets**

Gayle asked about appetite for installing hanging baskets in the village and suggested these could be paid for by sponsorship from local businesses. All agreed these would be nice, but logistics of managing them need to be ironed out. Discussed the options, from permanent fake ones (ruled out due to lack of pollinator benefit), to traditional annual

ones, and lower maintenance perennial ones. Agreed to revisit next year, when there may be the option to use plants grown at the garden in these.

## Book Club

Naomi asked if the trustees were happy to give up to £100 to volunteers looking to set up an evening book club for those who can't attend the library one, so they can buy the books they want rather than being restricted to what's available cheap. This was approved.

## Pump Track

Recycke-a-bike have a mobile pump track that they'd like to bring to the village but are struggling to find a suitable location. Brian Hambly had asked whether the garden would be suitable. **ACTION: NR** let Brian know Recycke-a-Bike should contact Nikki to discuss logistics and whether this is feasible.

## Next Meeting: Tuesday, 30th September 2025, Community Garden

### Attendees

Michelle Robertson (FCV)	Nikki Thomas (FCG Coordinator)
Steve Royce-Rogers (FCV)	Joe Millar (Resident)
Naomi Ross (FCV)	Irene Mckay (Resident)
Billy Hodgson (FCV & Goth)	Wilma Perrie (Resident)
Steve Wilson (FCV & Snowdrop)	Helen Kerr (Alpha)
Elaine Wilson (Snowdrop)	Christine Laurie (Fallin Miners)
Gayle Jeffries (PCC & Alpha)	Laura Kirkwood (Fallin Miners)
Alasdair MacPherson (Councillor)	Sharon Miller (Fallin Miners)
Bob Buchanan (Councillor)	Laney McMeechan (SS & Toddlers)
Katie Miller (FMW)	