

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 30th September 2025,
18:30 - 19:30, Fallin Church Hall



Discussion Topics

- Actions from previous meetings
- Community garden update
- Christmas
- AOB

Attendees (15) - Listed below in Table 1

Apologies - Alison Grainger, Brian Hambly, Steve Wilson, Billy Hodgson

1. Actions from the previous meeting

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

2. Community garden

All beds are now sold out and we have a waiting list. So the final few that have been reserved but are unused will be chased by Nikki to clarify they'll be offered to someone else if not used.

The potatoes are ready to harvest from the community bed and the school kids are due up to harvest them. These will be used in the community garden grub hub meals, for leek and potato soup.

Work begins 14/10 on installing the garden's electricity connection. Once SPEN have done the connection, Conor will get the plugs etc connected up for us, so we should have working electricity in place before Christmas. Water connection, we are just waiting for confirmation from CSET that we can use their fund to pay for this work. Should hear in the next couple of weeks.

The tool shed and other containers are due in the next couple of weeks, as are installation of the polytunnel ends.

We have our first "club" event at the garden next week: book club, run by Lianne. We met as trustees to discuss how we could make the garden as accessible as possible to as many folk as possible and will be creating a guide in the coming weeks.

Nikki met with the manager of Forth Valley Sensory Centre this month and they have offered to come out to advise us on what else we might be able to do to improve garden accessibility.

Funding has been secured for 4 sensory benches and accessible beds, which Steve RR will build.

Christmas lights at the garden - won't be fully developed this year, although we will have lots of fairy lights (subject to electricity connection). We do hope to have more festive displays in future years.

The cafe, once it's up and running (hopefully next year), is likely to be volunteer led, but this will depend on whether we can get funding for a paid person to.

3. Christmas

Christmas Fair is confirmed for Saturday 29th November 14:30 - 16:30. The tree lights will be turned on at 17:00, when the Captain Gracey award winner will turn them on (Lacey Morrison). We will also announce the Local Community Hero Award Winner. Nominations for this close end of October. 20 stalls have been booked so far and we will keep it at that for now until we have a clearer idea of the layout. **Action: MR** to invite Big Noise to play again.

Memory baubles will go on sale next week for £5 each. And we are looking for a tree around 14ft high.

The kids Christmas party at the Miners Welfare Club has raised enough money to go ahead as planned. There will be bouncy castles, face painting, snow globes, mascots, candy floss, goody bags, food and more.

There will be an "Angel Tree" set up again this year in Christine's Butchers, done in partnership with Women's Aid Stirling.

8. Any Other Business (AOB)

Geothermal heating update

Following Councillor Alasdair MacPherson's brief at the last meeting, OCS are in the process of carrying out a feasibility study to determine whether use of this renewable energy to heat the community garden is possible. The results are due in the next week or two.

Fun Day Bins

These haven't been emptied and are starting to generate complaints. **ACTION: MR** contact Stirling Council to request they be emptied.

Grub Hub venue issues

The walls in the main hall at the Alpha Centre are damp and it may not be suitable for children to use. **ACTION: MR** speak to the Alpha Committee to see whether the small disco room could be used as an alternative if the main hall isn't useable.

Nursery Health & Wellbeing

The nursery is hosting a health and wellbeing night Wednesday 8th October and is inviting FCV to attend. MR & KP confirmed they will be there. The nursery is also keen to have a bed or space at the community garden. **ACTION: NT** to liaise with the nursery on this.

Nursery help with grounds maintenance

The nursery has acquired some extra outdoor space but it needs cleared out before it can be used. They are seeking volunteers to help with this. Anyone who can should just introduce themselves at reception to discuss. **ACTION: MR** put a Facebook post out calling for volunteers.

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

Attendees

Michelle Robertson (FCV)	Laney McMeechan (Resident)
Steve Royce-Rogers (FCV)	Irene Mckay (Resident)
Naomi Ross (FCV)	Wilma Perrie (Resident)
Karen Perrie (FCV)	Helen Kerr (Alpha)
Nikki Thomas (FCG Coordinator)	Christine Laurie (Fallin Miners)
Brian Hambly (Councillor)	Denise Wallace (Fallin Nursery)
Bob Buchanan (Councillor)	Clare Gemmell (Fallin Nursery)
	Marie Brennan (Fallin Primary)