

# Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 25th November 2025,  
18:30 - 19:30, Fallin Church Hall



## Discussion Topics

- Actions from previous meetings
- Christmas Events
- Christmas Lights
- Community Garden
- Finance
- Geothermal Energy
- AOB

**Attendees** - Listed below in Table 1

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### 1. Actions from the previous meeting

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

### 2. Christmas Events

Michelle gave a final rundown of the Christmas events planned in for the week ahead and requested all Christmas Fair volunteers remain behind at the end of the meeting to finalise details for the day.

Karen confirmed 104 Christmas baubles have been sold this year. Last years uncollected ones will be sent to the community garden for use as Christmas decorations there.

### 3. Christmas Lights

Steve W confirmed the install date has been confirmed as Thursday 27th. Miners Welfare Club has offered complimentary storage space for the lights and other FCV items going forward, which will save around £1400 on storage costs for the lights. FCV will be responsible for safe storage and the club wont be liable for any damage. Trustees agreed this was a sensible move to reduce ongoing light costs.

### 4. Community Garden

BAM have now delivered the community cafe and tool container, which means all beds have been moved into their final spaces and are ready to be filled. The containers need some work done to them before they are ready to use. We secured funds for sensory and wheelchair accessible beds, which Steve RR is building over the winter.

British Gas have connected the garden to electricity, so we just need the local connection to be installed, which Connor will be doing for us. Containers 1 and 2 will be prioritised.

A final container with fitted toilets is being delivered this month by BAM too, which will be ready to use once we are connected to mains water supply.

Nikki has successfully secured a 2 year grant from the Volunteer Support Fund, which will cover a portion of her wages, plus the putting on of a range of events and training at the garden. We should hear the outcome of a further 2-year grant application from the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund shortly, which will cover the remainder of Nikkis salary for the 2 years. Arnold Clark Fund reopens 1st December.

## **5. Finances**

Charity finances for 2026 are looking a bit tight at the moment. Although project having enough to cover core costs for the Fun Day, Grub Hub and Christmas Lights, if we want to do more, we will need to raise more money. All ideas welcomed and please make Nikki aware of any grants that are worth applying for.

## **6. Geothermal Energy**

Alasdair MacPherson arranged an online meeting between him, Bob Buchanan, Nikki and Ros (Stirling Council) with 2 geothermal energy experts from Wales earlier in the month. They estimate a serious feasibility study would cost between £10-20K, which is substantially more than the £2-3K estimate from GCore. Billy, Nikki and Alasdair will be meeting next week with the Centre for Net Zero Buildings who are a potential funder and may cover the consultancy fees for the Welsh experts to help us progress this.

All agreed, the terms and scope of the feasibility study need to be driven by Fallin, but we do need the expert guidance given our lack of experience in this field. Agreed that, whilst heating the community garden would be the immediate priority, it makes sense to widen the scope of the feasibility study to the village as a whole, to ensure we understand what the maximum impact is that the mines might be able to have long term and help us plan for the future.

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

Bob was asked whether there was any update on the cycle track installation. There is another meeting planned for it soon.

A resident flagged that the newly upgraded cycle path is overgrown, to the extent that the upgrade works can't be enjoyed (lighting blocked etc.) **ACTION: Bob B** - chase up with Brian to see if this can be cut back.

Innes was pleased to advise that all S5-S6 students from Fallin have gone on to positive destinations with none dropping into economic inactivity. Recognised that there was a lot of support from local networks in this. Also noted that at the P7 open day, an S6 student gave a really reassuring message to new students about the close knit network of support amongst fellow Fallin students. Finally, noted that it seemed clear that Fallin's community work was having a positive effect: the school has noticed an increase in students saying they don't feel safe in their communities, however this is not the case for students from Fallin.

**ACTION: Innes** - Forward Michelle notable dates for the diary to go on Facebook.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, 27th January 2026, Church Hall**

### Attendees

Billy Hodgson (FCV)	Laney McMeechan (Resident)
Steve Royce-Rogers (FCV)	Irene Mckay (Resident)
Naomi Ross (FCV)	Wilma Perrie (Resident)
Karen Perrie (FCV)	Helen Kerr (Alpha)
Steve Wilson (FCV)	Joe Millar (Resident)
Elaine Wilson (Snowdrop Cafe)	Maureen Firth (Fallin Parish Church)
Bob Buchanana (Councillor)	Liz Perrie (Fallin Parish Church)
Nikki Thomas (FCV)	Innes MacLeod (Wallace High School)
Michelle Robertson (FCV)	Brian Hambly (Councillor)