

# Annual General Meeting



Tuesday 24th February 2026,  
18:30 - 19:00, Fallin Church Hall

## Discussion Topics

1. Summary of previous year
2. Plans for year ahead
3. Financial report
4. Q&A
5. Election of 2026/7 trustees

**Attendees** - Listed below in Table 1

**Apologies** - Billy Hodgson, Steve Wilson, Steve Royce Rogers

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## 1. Summary of previous year

Chair provided a summary of previous year's achievements, thanking those who have supported us with this, as follows:

Achievements this last year	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Fun Day</li><li>● BurntIsland</li><li>● Night time treasure hunt</li><li>● Ska night</li><li>● Monthly bingos</li><li>● Themed fundraisers</li><li>● Monthly book club</li><li>● Local zumba classes</li><li>● Christmas lights</li><li>● Christmas fair</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Local hero award</li><li>● Calendars</li><li>● Memory baubles</li><li>● Christmas Gift Bags to Swinging sixties</li><li>● Grub Hub</li><li>● M &amp; S Food redistribution</li><li>● Community Garden</li><li>● DTAS accreditation</li><li>● Local place plan</li><li>● Secured funding for Alpha and Church Hall</li></ul>

FCV partners who helped us deliver all this (plus individual volunteers)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Alpha Committee</li><li>● Big Noise</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Gothenburg Public House</li><li>● Justice Department</li></ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Braehead Community Garden</li> <li>● Cash for Kids</li> <li>● Christine's Kitchen</li> <li>● Corra Foundation</li> <li>● Fallin Miners Club</li> <li>● Fallin Nursery</li> <li>● Fallin Parish Church</li> <li>● Fallin Primary School</li> <li>● Forth Environment Link</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wallace High School</li> <li>● Polmaise Community Council</li> <li>● Robertson Trust</li> <li>● Scottish Government</li> <li>● Stirling Council</li> <li>● Stirling Voluntary Enterprise</li> <li>● Strathcarron Hospice</li> <li>● The National Lottery</li> <li>● UK Government</li> </ul>
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## 2. Plans for the year ahead

Key plans for the year ahead were shared, which are as follows:

- Regular events: Fun day, BurntIsland, bingos, themed fundraisers, Grub Hub, Christmas, Local Hero Award
- New fundraiser events: Fallin 5K run, Abseil, Race night, comedy night & Northern soul night
- Garden development (power, water, wifi; cafe, honey, hens; events, learning etc)
- Community-owned renewable energy (solar, geothermal - £50K in council budget)
- Work with council to deliver extra bus route (£100K in council budget)

## 3. Financial report

A financial update for the past year was provided, as follows:

Closing balance 31st January 2026 was: £33,262 (down from £57,480 last year)

Income this year: £71.4K (£57.5K less than year prior - £128.9K)

Reduction is primarily, as expected, due to:

- Less grant income for the garden, which needed substantially more the previous year.
- Less income from Christmas light sponsorship, now the main street is at capacity

However, grassroots fundraising was also down (no bonus ball, and a drop in bingo income).

Income has included:

- £50.5K in grants (down from £93.5K)
- £18.1K in fundraising/sponsorships (down from £34.8K)
- £2.7K in sales (up from £625)

This included:

- £44.9K specifically for the community garden
- £4.4K specifically for the fun day
- £4.5K specifically for Christmas
- £212 specifically for grub hub (less than last year, but Alpha Committee received funds)
- £2.8K for snowdrop cafe

- £500 for other local causes, raised via FCV just giving
- £13.9K of unrestricted income, to be spent as needed

The following financial information for the year ahead was given:

- Additional income is needed to deliver the full suite of community events proposed (see minutes from previous meeting). Reinstatement of the bonus ball and income from the £50 in 5 initiative, in addition to other ongoing fundraising activities should cover this.
- Nikki's wages for the community garden are covered for the year ahead and the costs of utility installation are covered. However additional income is needed to deliver all the other proposed development work (path upgrades, chickens, bees, cafe etc.) Nikki has several grant applications submitted.

#### **4. Members Q & A**

No questions were raised by members. Members and councillors commented that they were impressed and happy with the achievements of the charity to date and are looking forward to seeing future plans come to fruition.

#### **5. Election of 2026/7 trustees**

All existing trustees, with the exception of Reverend Alison Grainger, opted for re-election and were voted back on to the board. Alison was thanked for all her support as trustee over the years. AGM was drawn to a close.

# Monthly Members Meeting

Tuesday 24th February 2026,  
19:00 - 20:00, Fallin Church Hall

## Discussion Topics

1. Actions from previous meeting
2. FEL Home energy support
3. Fun day
4. Community garden update
5. Stirling Council update
6. AOB

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## 1. Actions from the previous meeting

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

## 2. FEL home energy support

Local charity Forth Environment Link attended to raise awareness of the support they can provide to help people lower their energy bills. This home visits to provide free, impartial advice to home owners, council tenants and private renters. They can advise on a range of areas, from home improvement upgrades, to switching providers.

They also advised on the community energy advice service they have, which they are engaging with FCV on for matters relating to the community garden.

Anyone interested in speaking to them can call 01786 234782 or emailing [energy@felscotland.org](mailto:energy@felscotland.org)

**ACTION: NR - Share information about FEL services on Facebook**

## 3. Fun day

Trustees had discussed plans for a change of type of inflatables being ordered and potential for a petting zoo. Although this is going to cost slightly more than the previous year, it was agreed this was a good addition to the day and were content to spend the additional money. The surf board that had been ordered the previous year would be cut, to make way for other inflatables.

## 4. Community garden update

All beds are now filled and ready for members to use. Nikki will be sending round bank details for bed hire soon. Social membership is still an option for anyone who wants it (suggested donation £20 per year).

The spring bulbs donated by the community are starting to flower, providing more colour to the garden. Joe will be requesting donations of summer bulbs soon, to extend the bulb flowering season.

We still don't have mains electricity or water access, due to ongoing issues caused by the mains installers. Nikki is chasing this up and will update as soon as there is more information.

Work is ongoing to apply for funds to pay for development of the rest of the garden's projects. Trustees and members confirmed they are happy for Nikki Thomas to apply for the Community Growing and Park Wellbeing Fund.

When we are ready for chickens, rescue ones will be considered, although it will depend on what's available at the time, volunteer capacity etc.

## 5. Stirling Council update

Bike track is still on track for installation April/May, in the field next to Tesco.

Money is being allocated within the council to increase grass cuttings, litter clean ups, maintenance of core paths and road improvements, as well as support for swimming classes.

There will also be funding allocated to put on an additional bus service in the village, running from Stirling to Plean, via Fallin and Cowie, which will run hourly and include a Sunday service. Final details are still to be ironed out, but the expectation is for this to be in place from June.

Money may also be made available for a heritage and culture fund, which may include allocation for the miners museum.

## 8. Any Other Business (AOB)

**Church sale:** The sale of Fallin Parish Church is imminent and the war memorial within it belongs to the council, so how this will be managed is yet to be determined. **ACTION:** BH & BB check with Stirling Council to see what can be done to protect the monument and keep it within the village.

**Family memorial:** A relative of an ex-footballer born in Fallin has been in touch with councillor Buchanan regarding the possibility of having a street named after him and whether this was something FCV could help with. Street naming is the council's remit,

not FCV's, so it was accepted that this was not within the charity's remit to take forward. It was suggested that, if renaming a street proved too troublesome, a bench with a memorial plaque somewhere in the village might be easier to deliver. This could include within the community garden if the family wished. FCV does not have the funds to pay for this, so it would need to be covered by the family, or community fundraising.

**Fallin square improvements:** BH suggested Quickblox, a company based in Springkerse Industrial Estate, might be willing to sponsor upgrades to the square, by providing the blocks to repave the pyramid section, when the time comes to tackle this area of the village.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 31st March, 18:30, Fallin Church Hall

### Attendees & Apologies

Michelle Robertson (FCV)	Laney McMeechan (Resident)
Naomi Ross (FCV)	Irene Mckay (Resident)
Karen Perrie (FCV)	Wilma Perrie (Resident)
Alison Grainger (FCV)	Joe Millar (Resident)
Nikki Thomas (FCV)	Maureen Firth (Fallin Parish Church)
Brian Hambly (Councillor)	Liz Perrie (Fallin Parish Church)
Bob Buchanan (Councillor)	Christine Laurie (Resident)
Megan Jack (Stirling Council)	Helen Kerr (Resident)