

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 26th May 2026,
18:30 - 20:00, Fallin Community
Garden



Discussion Topics

- Actions from previous meeting
- The Walkie
- Summer fundraiser
- Volunteer open day
- Fun day
- 5K run
- Council development plan
- New bus
- Garden update
- Finance update
- H&S
- AOB

Attendees - Listed below in Table 1.

1. Actions from the previous meeting

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

2. The walkie

Stacie gave an overview of the regeneration proposal she has been working on for The Walkie (the public walkway area behind Polmaise Crescent and Bruce Drive). The trustees have agreed to FCV supporting this project. Nikki has also agreed to work with Stacie and Naomi to come up with an initial funding bid to hire a freelancer - who will then focus on this in the same way Nikki has done with the garden, liaising closely with Stacie as lead volunteer, Naomi as lead trustee, and the rest of the trustees as required, to make the project a reality. First priority will be to make safe the areas which have been closed off, so they can be reopened. The rest of the plan is expected to take 5-10 years to develop and will depend heavily on securing of funding, support of the council (landowners) and community involvement. Any residents with questions/opinions about the plan, contact Stacie directly, or fallincv@gmail.com

3. Summer fundraiser

Takes place Saturday 6th June from 1pm, at the Miners Welfare, raising funds for FCV. Half the tickets for this have been sold so far and can be bought from Christine's Butchers, £20 per ticket.

4. Volunteer open day

Takes place Thursday 4th June from 530 at the community garden. An opportunity for folk to find out more about volunteering opportunities at the garden, with FCV and with partner organisations who will be there. Also a chance to find out what our existing volunteers have been doing. Other charities confirmed as attending include the Alpha Centre, Strathcarron Hospice, Fallin Church and Stirlingshire Voluntary Enterprise. Drinks and home baking, courtesy of Elaine, will be available.

5. Fun day

Record amount of money has been raised for this year's fun day, thanks to the support of the whole community. This means it will be bigger and better than ever. The ASN quiet hour will happen again. We have more inflatables, a petting zoo, mascots, stalls, a disco, Noah's ice cream cones, and the goody bags are back on the cards. We are also applying for a liquor licence, since we have been donated use of an inflatable bar.

Saturday 8th August, 11am-3pm, at the Alpha Centre.

6. 5K run

Due to take place morning of 16th August and will be family and dog friendly. Route for this is still to be confirmed, but it will all take place on the same side of the main road, for safety reasons and to avoid requiring a road closure licence. It will be free to enter, with sponsorship options available for those who want to use it as a fundraising opportunity. More details to follow once confirmed.

7. Council development plan

Stirling Council is surveying residents on the initial plans for its next development plan, which people have until 23rd July to comment on. In addition to the field behind the Goth being proposed for around 400 houses, the new plan includes turning greenfield land next to the recycling centre into industrial space, including renewable energy. Information online suggests this might include a hydrogen plant, to help power Superglass in the city centre, but the council have been unable to confirm so far. It also includes new plans for some smaller housing developments throughout the village. The council will be in the library Thursday 11th June 1-6pm to share more information.

8. New bus

The new route is expected to start in August and will run 7 days, between Plean, Cowie, Throsk, Fallin and Stirling City Centre (via the Peak and Aldi). It's a trial service that will

be reviewed in 2 years to decide whether it is worth keeping - and this will depend on how well used it is. The service will be cheaper than the current F16. The council have said they would like to meet with Fallin Community Voice and other community groups in the Eastern Villages every couple of months to review the service, so residents are encouraged to share their feedback - good and bad - so we can try to get improvements if they are needed.

9. Garden update

The garden finally has electricity! British Gas have fixed their mistake and refunded us for the cost of the alteration, as well as all standing charges. We are tied into a 3 year contract with them (as the only supplier who would take a new customer with no mains connection). After that, we expect we will look to use someone else - a renewable provider. Conor Paterson is in the process of connecting everything, so we will have lights, heating and fully functioning fridge/freezer in the containers this week. Then onto Billy's bee shed and the rest will depend on securing more funding.

IBCs along polytunnel 1 are now connected and successfully collecting rainwater. Once these have been trialled for a month or two, if no issues, the polytunnel 2 ones will be connected in the same way. A date for mains water connection is still to be confirmed. However Scottish Water have advised that drainage from surface water into the sewer system is not permitted, so other solutions to the surface flooding during heavy rain will need to be found.

Funding has been applied for to get solar panels, to help reduce the electricity bills, as well as for various other improvements, from the priority list pulled together a month or two ago.

Funding has now been officially secured from both Stirling Council and the Centre for Net Zero Energy for the Geothermal Energy feasibility study (all costs up to a total of £130,000 will be paid for). A site visit is confirmed for 1st July, at which point the technical experts will take the lead, with Nikki and Billy continuing to oversee from FCV side.

10. Finance update

Steve provided a finance update, a copy of which is saved [here](#). Special mention to Tam, Roy and James. Between them, with their sponsored walk and Stinky Fish challenge at the Goth, they raised an incredible £4,000, to go towards Fallin Fun Day. Karen's £50 in 5 months initiative has also raised £3,000. And income from garden beds this year has been £1,400.

11. Health & Safety update

Whilst we are still having to bring water into the garden manually, people are reminded to be careful when lifting as some bottles are really heavy. Also, visitors should be aware these are often being dropped off by cars, so be mindful of vehicle hazards.

12. Any Other Business (AOB)

Bees: Billy is away to check whether a local nest is either bees or wasps. The honey bees are struggling a bit at the moment, but he is keeping an eye and has introduced two new queens (the original one has flown away). **ACTION: BH** check whether some sort of display hive is possible, to help with education sessions, and whether there is any age limit for people getting involved with beekeeping.

Press coverage: The Courier is keen to visit the garden to do an article about it. Brian Hambly will organise this in the next couple of weeks.

Bike track: Stirling Council are arranging a community meeting about the SPEN kids bike track Thursday 8th June, which is due to start works the following week and should take 4-6 weeks to install.

Church war memorial: Fiona from Stirling Council attended to ask what the community wanted with this. Community ask is for the memorial to remain publicly accessible within the village, including to large groups during key events such as Remembrance Sunday. Since moving the memorial is likely to be challenging, Fiona will ask the church whether it would be possible for the memorial to remain where it is, with adequate public access, as part of the sale terms. If this is not possible, other options will be considered.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 30th June, 6:30pm

Attendees

Michelle Robertson (Chair)	Councillor Brian Hambly
Naomi Ross (Secretary)	Councillor Bob Buchanan
Steve Wilson (Treasurer)	Nikki Thomas (garden)
Billy Hodgson (Trustee)	Megan Jack (Stirling Council)
Karen Perrie (Trustee)	Fiona (Stirling Council)
Steve Royce Rogers (Trustee)	8 residents