

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 28th July 2026,
18:30 - 20:00, Fallin Church Hall



Discussion Topics

1. Bee update
2. H&S
3. Garden update
4. Finance update
5. Web update
6. Actions from previous meeting
7. AOB

Attendees - Listed below in Table 1.

Apologies - Michelle Robertson

1. Bees update

The honey is ready now, we are just waiting for jars to be able to sell. We have also purchased a display hive, to be able to showcase the bees at work to visitors.

2. H&S

Billy has passed his manual handling Train the Trainer course. He can now train people in the community on manual handling, and Mark has confirmed he can issue certificates for those he trains. He and Nikki will work together to organise 1 hour sessions for up to 6 people, prioritising garden members first.

3. Garden update

New members continue to join as beds become available. There are no outdoor beds left at the moment, but 1 indoor. The garden is producing lots of food at the moment, so please come help yourself, so it doesn't go to waste.

A big thanks to everyone who has brought water to the garden to help keep everything growing during the dry weather. The IBCs along polytunnel 1 are now full enough to start using, although water will probably still need to be brought until we have enough rain to totally fill them. The guttering to connect polytunnel 2's IBCs has been bought, we just need volunteers to help fit them, so we can harvest more rainwater.

Tool training has been organised for Braehead community garden. Once theirs is done, Fallin will be next.

21st August, the garden is hosting a networking event organised by Stirling Council, to showcase what we've achieved and hear from others doing similar things. Lunch will be provided. Let Naomi know if you'd like to attend.

4. Finance update

Finance report is available to view [here](#). This month, we agreed to match fund the community's donations to Alan Perrie's Commonwealth Games fundraiser, so donated £500 to this. We also had the final £7K in from Robertson's. This is unrestricted funding, and we need to consider carefully how we spend it, to demonstrate use of funding in a way that delivers something long term if possible.

5. Web update

Review of visits to our website was provided, which showed we've had +4900 visits since 2025, mainly to the following pages: "Home", "About Fallin", "Community Garden" & "Goth". Visits have mainly come from the following searches: "FCV", "Fallin Community Garden" and "Fallin Scotland". And outside of the UK, we've had site visits from Canada, Spain, India and UAE.

On our Facebook pages, we are now at +4,500 followers on the main FCV page, 330 for the Community Garden page and 330 on the Independent Traders page.

ACTION: SRR & NR get the list of fundraisers published on the website. .

6. Actions from previous meeting

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

7. Any Other Business (AOB)

Fun Day: Final logistics details were discussed, all on track for another great year.

Goal posts: Query was raised as to whether new goal posts could be secured for the Top Park. BH advised there maybe funds suitable for this and he would look into it for us. It was also noted that, given they had been repeatedly vandalised in the past, anti-vandal posts would be essential.

Council CEO visit: BH advised he would be showing the council CEO round the village to highlight areas which need attention, including path maintenance, strimming and clearing of gutters. It was requested that school security also be raised with him, noting that children continue to be able to escape the primary school and members of the public still have access to the grounds during school hours. Previously school workers

have been advised that necessary upgrades to the school to remedy this were cost prohibitive.

New bus service: This starts in a few weeks, and will be monitored regularly. If the bus is overly busy and impacting people's ability to use this, the council will consider options to either increase the size of the bus or increase how often it runs. Similarly,, if it is underused, the service may be reduced. Suggested names for the bus should be put forward. **ACTION: NR** put out FB post inviting name suggestions.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 25th August, 6:30pm

Attendees

Naomi Ross (Secretary)	Karen Perrie (Trustee)
Billy Hodgson (Trustee)	Steve Royce Rogers (Chairing)
Steve Wilson (Treasurer)	Nikki Thomas (garden)
Brian Hambly (Councillor)	Bob Buchanan (Councillor)
Liz Perrie (Church)	4 residents