

Monthly Meeting

**Tuesday 25th August 2026,
18:30 - 20:00, Fallin Church Hall**



Discussion Topics

1. Christmas fundraiser
2. Grub hub
3. Garden update
4. Bee update
5. H&S
6. New bus
7. Finance update
8. Actions from previous meeting
9. AOB

Attendees - Listed below in Table 1.

Apologies - Bob Buchanan

1. Christmas fundraiser

This year's Christmas fundraiser will take place 12th December from 19:30pm at the Miners Welfare, with early bird tickets available for £15 until 30th September. After this, they will be £20.

The fundraiser will be in the big hall, to accommodate a bigger audience, and all funds raised will be split equally between the Miners Welfare and Fallin Community Voice. A band and disco have both been booked.

2. Grub hub

This year's Grub Hub programme will run for 12 weeks, every Thursday from 18:30pm, starting 1st October. The final night, 17th December, will be a Christmas Dinner, and themed nights will be held on other nights.

Grub Hub is being run in partnership with the Alpha Committee, who have secured funding for the first half of the sessions. A further £3K is needed to cover the full programme, and grants are being applied for to cover this.

Councillor Hambly committed to trying to source a youth worker to attend if possible.

3. Garden update

The rainwater harvesting system at polytunnel 1 is now fully functioning and people can use the water from here to feed their plants. We may still need water brought onto site, depending on how much water is used and how much rain we get. But the second lot at polytunnel 2 are almost done too. So hopefully between these two, we will capture enough water to not need much top up from elsewhere.

Problems are ongoing with Scottish Water (not advising of appointments scheduled that need people onsite), so we still don't have a date for mains water connection.

Solar panels will be getting installed this week and the installer will take away the non-functional ones. Welding work to connect them across the containers is another fee we hadn't anticipated, which will cost a further £900.

We have been given funding to set up a tool library at the garden, so that people can come borrow from us, rather than having to go buy their own. The money will be used to focus first on tools that are useful at the garden, then we will look to stock up on other items from there. We will also put out a call to the community to see whether anyone is willing to donate items. We will be meeting with tool library experts before launching, for advice on the logistics of this, to make sure it runs as smoothly and responsibly as possible.

We have also set up a surplus donation partnership with B&Q, who will donate excess end of line stock to us from their Stirling and Falkirk branches. We hope this will supply a mix of tools and plants, but have only had one donation so far, which was a mix of random items.

Kids from Fallin Primary School harvested 13kg of potatoes from the garden recently, so we need to confirm whether the school want to use them, or whether to use with other community events. An events committee is also being set up for the garden, so we can run more community-focused events and cater for those who have taken out social memberships.

4. Bees update

After the bee equipment shed break in, PC Spike has been and taken DNA samples from Billy, to isolate his from any other found at the scene. We have been able to sell the shed for £190, so managed to recoup some lost money. We are also expecting to have another container delivered shortly to replace it. Despite this setback, it's been a great first year for the bees, with the bees doing well and producing lots of honey. Around 8.5kg honey has been salvaged and will be made available once it's jarred up (roughly 18 1lb jars). Billy is now into winter preparation with the bees getting food supplements and mite treatment.

Braehead community garden is also hosting a honey festival on the 5th September, which is open to anyone.

5. H&S

No issues to note, although a reminder of the importance of good housekeeping at the community garden to avoid any issues occurring. Power tool training is still to be arranged, but should be done soon.

6. New bus

Early days of the new bus seem to be going well, with uptake higher than the council had projected. The existing bus will be replaced shortly with a lower one to make accessibility easier. The bus will be card only (no cash) for safety reasons for the driver, although the council recognises this isn't convenient for everyone. Council is also aware of the times at the end of the day not complementing the F16 times. However, this is because the overall route (based on community demand) takes 65 minutes, so it's not possible to keep the times the same every hour.

7. Finance update

A copy of this month's finance report is available to view [here](#). The fun day this year cost £9.7K, but £12.3K was raised, which means £2.6K can be carried over for next year. Steve Royce-Rogers and Naomi's husband Andy will be doing a Forth Rail Bridge abseil in October to raise more funds for next year. Since our electricity has been connected, we're spending around £60-80 a month at the garden. This should come down once the solar panels are installed.

Our annual accounts for the previous year are due to be submitted to the regulator at the end of October, so this is going to be a focus for the weeks ahead.

8. Actions from previous meeting

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

9. Any Other Business (AOB)

Speeding: Speeding continues to be an issue in the village and residents want it dealt with. Speed tables have proven too loud, with communities asking for them to be removed when used elsewhere. A raised zebra crossing apparently costs around £20K, which the council would not be able to afford. **ACTION: BH** raise this at council upcoming meeting. **MR** issue community poll checking whether this is an issue for the whole village and if so, who is prepared to volunteer to help. Community speed checks may be an option. **ACTION: BH** Check with Dunblane Councillor what this would entail.

Kids dancing: Ryan Hutton has been putting on affordable kids dance classes, but many parents are unable to afford the basic costs. He is requesting support to keep these going. Trustees agreed that this is an important community benefit and therefore would fund the hall costs until Christmas (£30/week). Beyond this, if Ryan is able to

submit a proposal detailing the requirements and costs, FCV will explore grant options to fund this.

Christmas fair: Joe Miller's wife is making notebooks and has kindly agreed to donate ~100 for FCV to sell for funds at this years fair.

Antisocial behaviour: Stirling Council has set up a group to try to tackle this.

Supporting local charities: Forth Valley Recovery Centre are keen for somewhere local for their service users to meet and BH has asked whether the community cafe would be an option when it is up and running. Trustees agreed to support this and offered to provide use of the existing garden facilities if helpful.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 27th October, 6:30pm, Fallin Church Hall

Attendees

Naomi Ross (Secretary)	Michelle Robertson (Chair)
Billy Hodgson (Trustee)	Steve Royce Rogers (Trustee)
Steve Wilson (Treasurer)	Karen Perrie (Trustee)
Nikki Thomas (garden)	Brian Hambly (Councillor)
6 residents	Liz Perrie (Church)