

Glasgow Food Policy Partnership

GCPH, Olympia Building, Bridgeton, Glasgow

16th February 2017, 14:00 to 16:00

Draft Note of Meeting

1. **Welcome**

Present: Angela, Bill, Alison, Abi, Lorna, Jill (Chair), Robin, Deirdre, Ken, Nigel, Ylva, Pete

2. **Apologies:** Alison, Deirdre

3. **Agree previous minute** - agreed as accurate – final version to go on website

4. **Matters arising**

- Zero Waste food target workshops – Ylva reported that were underway and were proving successful. A Glasgow workshop is planned for 7th March to which GFPP members are invited if they are interested. Action: Ylva to circulate information
- Rowett Steering Group on local food – Angela will provide an update on these meetings by email. Action: Angela
- GCPH sugar tax report is still in preparation – Jill or Fiona will update when it is available.
- Social media update – carry forward to next agenda
- Food insecurity questions in Glasgow Household survey – Nigel reported that discussions were ongoing within the council about the usefulness of including the Food Insecurity Experience Survey questions (base or 8 question version) in the Glasgow Household Survey. Given that they are going to be included in the Scottish Health Survey and the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health and Wellbeing survey there are questions about the merit in also including them in the Household Survey. After a brief discussion it was agreed that it would make sense to include the baseline (3 question) version. Action: Jill to get more information from SG on the questions to be included in the SHS. Jill to provide some context text to Nigel for inclusion with the questions.

5. **GFPP future plans**

Jill gave some background. Following our Chair's resignation, falling membership and some questions about membership, we agreed at the last meeting to revisit our purpose and role, to plan the scope and detail of future work and to review membership.

Reflections were offered on the GFPP to date – a group of enthusiastic and passionate people working on food related issues in Glasgow or across Scotland who have been making a positive difference to the conversation and activity in Glasgow on food issues such as food insecurity, local food economy, food waste/surplus food and food growing/local food. In particular the development of plans for a Glasgow Community Food Network was considered a highlight of what has been achieved.

The GFPP as a forum for city wide information exchange was felt to be under-ambitious and some members felt this would not be a good use of their time if this was the main purpose of the partnership. Rather it was considered that the **collective voice** of the GFPP (e.g. influencing consultations, pulling together collective views, highlighting issues/challenges/blockages that prevent progress) was one of the most important roles. Related to this was the opportunity it provides to **make links** across different areas of food related work, and between people and organisations working in the city, was considered to be an important role of the partnership. **Informing/influencing strategic plans** at city/CP level was also considered important.

After a wide ranging discussion, there was agreement that the partnership has been useful and positive, and that we should continue in a broadly similar way. However, membership needed to be more reflective of the range of stakeholders in Glasgow. In particular, the partnership would benefit from representation from the business sector (possibly a social enterprise or someone from the Scottish Business in the Community green network). GCC membership was also discussed: while Ken and Nigel are valued members of the partnership, their scope does not extend to cover the range of food related issues that are important to the GFPP and we need to find another way to engage with other parts of the Council. There is also a recognised need to engage more effectively with the CPP. Fiona announced that, due to other professional commitments and demands, she would be stepping down from the GFPP and highlighted the opportunity this provides for considering NHS representation on the GFPP. All commended and thanked Fiona for her important and valued contribution to the development and evolution of the GFPP and wished her well.

Abi suggested that it would be useful to have a dedicated development session on the GFPP to explore our shared understanding of our role, the opportunities to develop our work, and to develop a vision which we can work towards. It was suggested that prospective GFPP members could be invited to participate in this with no commitment to join. Alison Linyard was suggested as a suitable facilitator for this session.

Actions: Jill to invite Alison Linyard to facilitate a development session (March?) for the GFPP; Abi to write a proposal for the development session and circulate for agreement;
Jill to draft letters of invitation to the session and circulate for agreement; Letters of invitation (once agreed) to be sent to the NHS (to the DPH in the first instance) (Jill), Scottish Business in the Community Green Network (Jill), Slow Food Movement (Jill)

6. The Glasgow Community Food Network

Abi previously circulated the proposal she developed for the network. She gave a brief summary of progress. Plans are on track for the network to be established by Spring as planned. They are also planning a visit to Bristol to learn more about the structures and processes in place there. SG funding (£10k) has been confirmed for the next year for the network. This is being held by GCPH until the network is formally established.

7. Funding opportunities

A pre-meeting took place before this GFPP meeting to discuss various funding opportunities. The following were discussed:

NESTA funding – to develop online interactive mapping of food projects, food growing and other food related spaces in Glasgow. This is being progressed by Nigel at GCC, but will link to the Community Food Network once it is established.

Social Innovation Fund – a number of people have been approached about this funding. The deadline is imminent (Friday) so there is no time to develop other bids. Dalmarnock Legacy Hub has submitted a proposal for a food insecurity related project to be based there, in collaboration with Deirdre and Andy Cumbers at UofG. Jill advised that GCPH has also offered support in kind for this project.

Sustainable Food Cities funding – this was considered to be an opportunity to seek funding for a coordinator for the GFPP. This post would help make links, build relationships, manage communication and be central point of contact regarding the GFPP. However the deadline is tight (Tuesday COP) and some people felt that the GFPP needed to be clearer about its future plans and membership first. Others felt that a coordinator would help us work towards this clarity. It was agreed that it would not be possible to develop a proposal for the funds in the time available and that we should prepare a proposal over the coming months so that we are in a position to take advantage of funding opportunities when they come along in future. It was agreed to consider this as part of the development session planned for Spring.

8. AOB

- Jill advised that there were plans amongst colleagues to invite Kevin Morgan to deliver a seminar in Glasgow in May 2017. She suggested it was an opportunity to invite him to contribute to a GFPP event at the same time. This could be a follow up to the previous event (2014) that he contributed to and that we could use it to celebrate how far we have come and discussing our future plans, or it could be to formally launch the Community Food Network, or to raise the profile of our work and the issues we are working on with newly elected councillors, or a combination/something else.

Action: All to consider what we might usefully invite Kevin to contribute to when he is in Glasgow and send comments to Jill by **17th March 2017**.

- Membership of the GFPP has fallen for various reasons. We don't have representation from all sectors and we no longer have a Chair. There is also a question about whether the Terms of

Reference need revised. It was agreed that the next meeting should focus on agreeing the purpose of the GFPP and, then, whether the structure and membership are right for this purpose. There is a Particular need to consider strategic link into GCC, NHS/HSCP. Until we have this discussion at our planned development session, Jill agreed to continue as acting Chair.

Action: To be discussed at the development session.

- Local Government Elections – there was a brief discussion about what our role was in relation to highlighting the issues relating to sustainable food so that potential voters are informed to ask questions of their local candidates. There was a sense that this was important but would be difficult for some organisations. Pete (Nourish) informed the group that they would be doing some work to raise the debate in the run up to the local elections and that he could share what he was doing with those who are interested.

9. **Date of next meeting**

This will take the form of a development session and the date will be sent after discussion with Alison (the intended facilitator). There may also be a need to have a meeting specifically to discuss and plan any event with Kevin Morgan in May.

Action: Jill to inform members as soon as dates are clear with Alison, and after views are received from GFPP colleagues about the possible event in May.