



Glasgow Food Policy Partnership

5th November 2018, 2-4pm

Glasgow Centre for Population Health

Present: Abi Mordin, Pete Seaman, Ken Harris, Pete Ritchie, Riikka Gonzalez

Apologies: Jill Muirie, Nigel Kerr, Rachel Smith, Beth Webb, Deirdre Shaw, Ylva Haglund, Robert McMaster, Andrew Cumbers, Bill Gray, Robin Gourlay

In attendance: Kelda McLean (notes)

Notes and actions

1. Welcome and apologies

Riikka was welcomed to her first meeting in the role of Glasgow Food Policy Partnership Coordinator.

Ken advised that he is taking forward Community Empowerment Act aims in relation to the sustainable food growing strategy, looking at site availability etc. Pete spoke about the vacant lots toolkit for Pittsburgh that he can send to Ken.

Action: Pete

Abi asked if City Property give leases to community gardens – Ken advised he would check. Ken is using the greenspace matrix to identify the two areas with the highest allotment waiting lists.

Action: Ken

2. Note of last meeting

Agreed as accurate – matters arising covered in agenda items.

3. Workplan/action plan

The Action Plan for the following year had been circulated in advance and priority areas identified are:

- 1) Food procurement
- 2) Food waste
- 3) Food insecurity

Food procurement:

Beth Webb from Soil Association had sent a detailed update on procurement to Riikka in advance of the meeting. Beth had advised that the GFPP procurement subgroup have decided to focus on Glasgow City Council, particularly school food procurement. The Soil Association had initially been well represented by other organisations including NHS, Universities and colleges, but attendance at last couple of meetings was very low. There was discussion by other partners of perhaps not focussing solely on Glasgow City Council; however, Soil Association does not have much capacity at the moment and feels that working with the Council would be a good starting point.

Food waste:

Zero Waste Scotland is leading on the food waste subgroup. Ylva Haglund gave a short update prior to the meeting and would like to develop a plan on how the partnership could ask Glasgow City Council to take action on food waste. She will be writing a detailed report on the progress later this month.

Partners present at the meeting wanted to clarify whether the food waste subgroup is talking about food waste or surplus food. The group also felt that schools are an important to involve; perhaps there could be a Food Waste pilot in some of city's schools?

Action: Ylva

Food insecurity:

Pete gave an update on the joint GCPH/GFPP consultation response to the Glasgow City Council's Food Inequality [Enquiry](#) that was closing 9th November. The response emphasised the need to move away from emergency food aid to community food provision. Abi advised that Glasgow Community Food Network had held focus groups to inform their own submission to the consultation, which will be sent separately.

4. Membership of group/remit/group health check

The Sustainable Food Cities (SFC) network has advised that, although they encourage representation from the private sector, no one company should be invited to join, however representative bodies are encouraged. Riikka will contact Glasgow Chamber of Commerce to ask if they would be interested in joining or meeting with GFPP.

Action: Riikka

The group also felt that NHS should be represented by the partnership. NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde/Glasgow HSCP will be contacted, particularly Health Improvement teams who might be able to lead food sustainability work in their existing areas of work.

It was agreed that it would be useful to have a Councillor as partner as this has worked well in other cities. Riikka will investigate the best way to take this forward.

Action: Riikka

There was not enough time to complete the partnership health check at the meeting so Riikka will contact partners individually. The aim of this exercise is to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the partnership.

Action: Riikka

5. Food summit

The SFC network recommends that its member cities organise their own food summit and it was agreed that the Glasgow GFPP should host their summit sometime in Spring 2019. It was suggested that it might be a good idea to coincide this with the visit from Corinna Hawkes, Director of the Centre for Food Policy, London. Pete Seaman informed that she had been invited by GCPH to give a seminar and he would confirm the date as soon as it is known.

Action: Pete Seaman

SFC is not able to provide funding for the event, but they can send a facilitator and staff if required. This will be a good platform to attract new organisations across Glasgow to the sustainable food agenda and to the GFPP.

6. AOB/Information sharing

Pete Ritchie advised that Helen Crawley from the London Food Board would be visiting Edinburgh on 17/18th December (date tbc) and he suggested that it would be useful for Glasgow GFPP to invite her to Glasgow on the same day to give a presentation on the London city wide food policy and what has worked there. This would be a good opportunity to invite a Councillor and potential new partners along.

Action: Riikka and Pete Ritchie to liaise

Abi gave an update of the progress of Veg Cities Glasgow and advised that 16 restaurants had taken part in the Chefs' Challenge and the final took place in the City of Glasgow College, with Scotland's National Chef Gary MacLean judging.



7. Date of next meeting

Riikka will send a doodle poll to arrange.

Action: Riikka