



Glasgow Food Policy Partnership

23rd January 2019, 10am-12am

Glasgow Centre for Population Health

Present: Abi Mordin, Jill Muirie, Stephanie Mander, Ken Harris, Nigel Kerr, Riikka Gonzalez, Nicola McPhee, Cheryl McCulloch, Frances Birch, Kelda McLean (notes)

Apologies: Cllr Anna Richardson, Rachel Smith, Beth Webb, Deirdre Shaw, Ylva Haglund, Robert McMaster, Andrew Cumbers, Bill Gray, Robin Gourlay, Pete Ritchie

Notes and actions

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies are as noted above.

Newly welcomed to the meeting were:

- Nicola McPhee, who will be taking over from Ken Harris as the Glasgow Council representative.
- Cheryl McCulloch from the Chamber of Commerce, who attended the meeting and gave input on her work on the Circular Economy.
- Stephanie Mander from Nourish Scotland who attended to provide an update on the Good Food National Bill.
- Frances Birch who attended in place of Bill Gray from Community Food and Health Scotland.

2. Note of last meeting

Agreed as accurate – matters arising covered in agenda items.

3. New Partner Update

Riikka advised that Cllr Anna Richardson, City Convenor for Sustainability, has joined the Partnership as an elected member.

Cheryl McCulloch will discuss with colleagues whether Chamber of Commerce will become a full member in due course, however she has advised that she is happy to maintain links in the meantime.

A meeting was held with Fiona Moss at NHS GGC Health Improvement to discuss the possibility of re-joining the Partnership and we are waiting on confirmation of this.

Riikka met with partners from the University of Glasgow Adam Smith Business School recently and they advised that we write a letter directly to the Principal of the University to ask him personally to encourage the relevant university departments to commit to full engagement with the aims of the Partnership. Kelda will circulate a link to a recent catering survey undertaken by the University. **Action: Kelda**

Meetings have been arranged with the Scottish Grocers Federation and Fareshare also.

4. Strategy for 2019

Food Poverty/Insecurity

Nicola McPhee provided a brief update on the outcome of the report presented to the GCC General Purposes Committee regarding Food Poverty/Insecurity, which collated responses from the recent call for evidence and workshop. The report submitted can be circulated to the group. **Action: Nicola**

It was noted that the recommendation to set up a working group will be progressed and a group will be established to develop and drive a food strategy. Nicola is meeting the lead officer for this and confirmed that the GFPP will be represented on the group to avoid duplication of work by GCC and GFPP. Nicola will provide an update on this at the next GFPP meeting. **Action: Nicola**

Abi mentioned that there is a [food map](#) on emergency food aid on the Urban Roots website.

There was discussion on promoting the Glasgow Living Wage with partners and Cheryl advised that she could find out if the Chamber of Commerce is involved promoting the Living Wage in Glasgow. **Action: Cheryl** All partners were asked to find out if their organisation is a Living Wage employer and if this applies also subcontractors. **Action: All**

A question was asked on the rollout of Universal Credit and if volunteering in community food projects would be count towards the claimant commitment.

Best Start vouchers – Riikka and Jill met with Sonya Scott from NHS GGC to find out more about the scheme starting this year. The Scottish Government will be launching a campaign to promote the vouchers and Riikka has the contact details for the responsible officers from the Scottish Government.

Alexandra Rose vouchers – Abi, Jill and Riikka will attend the information event on Friday 25th January and Riikka will circulate notes from the event. **Action: Riikka**

Food Procurement

Jill and Riikka met with Beth Webb from the Soil Association who advised that the multidisciplinary working group that they had set up in Glasgow had only run for a short time and the Soil Association has therefore now decided to focus on school food procurement. However, it was discussed that GFPP as a group should still engage with other key organisations, particularly universities and the NHS. Frances Birch advised that she could send her NHS procurements contacts. **Action: Frances**

Riikka will make links with other higher education institutions in due course.

Jill commented that the GCPH David Pencheon seminar on ‘Health, climate change and sustainable development’ was useful for explaining the important role of NHS in food procurement to address climate change. More information on this talk, including a podcast, can be found here: <https://www.gcph.co.uk/events/197c>

Food Waste

Jill and Riikka met with Zero Waste Scotland to devise a plan for the Food Waste Subgroup. Zero Waste Scotland will also concentrate on school food waste. It was decided to concentrate on three areas:

1. Find out what has already been done about recycling in schools (kitchens and dining rooms)
2. Recommend that GCC implements a ‘food pre-ordering’ system to cut down food waste
3. Encourage GCC to distribute ‘Love Food, Hate Waste’ lesson plans for schools.

Abi gave an update on Scottish Power’s Green Energy Fund application and advised that, if successful, electric vehicles would be purchased for food distribution across the city. She will find out if the bid has been successful in March. Anaerobic Digestion unit was not part of the application. Nigel Kerr advised that AD units cannot be used for domestic waste as food and garden waste cannot be mixed. Abi advised that there is a need for a feasibility/scoping study for the potential of AD to be used more widely in the city, however funding of around £5k is needed. Cheryl mentioned the Circular Economy Investment Fund and it is possible that this could be used for applications for AD in the city. More information can be found here: <https://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/circular-economy/investment-fund>

Food Summit 29th May

The Food Summit was discussed and Riikka circulated a draft programme. There was discussion on potential venues, speakers workshop themes and exhibitors.

Venues: options include Glasgow City Chambers, 200 St Vincent Street, SWG3. Additional suggestions were City of Glasgow College. Factors to consider are capacity, room choice/layout, ease of access, cost and quality of catering. SFC has no budget to fund a summit.

Speakers: Corinna Hawkes from London Food Policy is confirmed and an international speaker is being considered, along with someone with a more local focus.

A number of ideas for workshop themes and exhibitors were discussed. Riikka will take all of the above ideas forward. **Action: Riikka**
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5. GFN bill and how GFPP will respond

Stephanie Mander from Nourish Scotland gave an update on the Scottish Government's Good Food National Bill and related consultation:

The Scottish Government announced new legislation to support a transition to Scotland becoming a Good Food Nation in their September 2016 Programme for Government. This followed a commitment made in the SNP's election manifesto, and builds on their publication of a Good Food Nation policy document in 2014. Scottish Labour and the Scottish Green Party also committed to crosscutting legislation for the food system in their 2016 election manifestoes. The scope of the legislation remains unclear; becoming a Good Food Nation –one in which everyone has access to the nutritious food they need, where diet-related diseases are in decline, food production is environmentally sound, work in the food sector is rewarding, and people value good food–requires action on multiple levels across a wide range of issues.

The introduction of the Good Food Nation Bill is a key element of this transformation. It has the power to develop a statutory framework to draw together food policies, outline ways of working that facilitate continued progress, and establish a clear trajectory towards a Good Food Nation, allows a systemic approach to the challenges we face in the food system in Scotland.

An overview is available here: <http://www.nourishscotland.org/campaigns/good-food-nation-bill/>

The consultation closes on 29th March and Stephanie advised that Nourish Scotland are running roadshows to help increase the response.

6. AOB/Information sharing

A number of updates were given on activities not covered above. These included:

- Pedal smart – Abi advised that she is involved in a plan to purchase some cargo bikes for distributing produce.
- Helen Crawley, Director of the First Steps Nutrition Trust, coordinator of the Healthy Start Alliance and member of the London Food Board visited Edinburgh and Glasgow to give an overview of the work of the London Food Board. Riikka will provide some more information to anyone who is interested.
- The Glasgow's bid to the Urban Innovation Action Fund was discussed.
- The [EAT-Lancet Commission on Food, Planet, Health](#) will be added to the next meeting's agenda for discussion.
- GCC is holding a number of community events to identify permanent and temporary spaces that can be used for food growing.
- Veg cities/Veg Power
- School Food Challenge Poster – winner
- Chef's Network
- CHEX and SCDC conference and human rights workshop
- Community Development Summit.

7. Date of next meeting