



## Glasgow Food Policy Partnership

2-4 pm, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Online meeting

**Present:** Abi Mordin, Jill Muirie, Riikka Gonzalez, Louise MacKenzie, Ylva Haglund, Bill Gray, Mark Fitzpatrick, Robin Gourlay, Pete Richie, Nick Hopkins, Kelda McLean (notes)

**Apologies:** Cllr Anna Richardson, Cheryl McCulloch

### Notes and actions

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

Abi welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was conducted online as a result of the COVID19 situation.

#### 2. Note of last meeting

The note of the last meeting was agreed as accurate.

Cate Devine's article covering the city food plan was published in the national press and is also available on her [blog](#).

The future Chairperson of GFPP was discussed in March, in light of Abi's move to Dumfries and Galloway. Now that GFPP meetings can be carried out online, Abi is currently still able to chair, with Jill as co-chair. Going forward an alternative or rolling chair might be preferable and this will be discussed at a future date.

Inviting a professional working in procurement was discussed at the previous meeting and Riikka will take this forward, depending on the context of COVID19 etc. **Action: Riikka**

Riikka and Jill are continuing to liaise with the Principal Investigators of the UKRI bid on the New Scots Diet and will update when more is known.

#### 3. COVID-19 update from partners

- **How do you think the current situation will/should shape the future food system in Glasgow?**
- **How can we connect food to other groups in Glasgow? (for example Resilience Group/GCC Recovery Group/Post Pandemic Economic Recovery Group)**

There was discussion on the varying situation across Glasgow and there were a range of responses and experiences of those working in different geographic areas and sectors. One issue noted for foodbanks was that many of their volunteers were unable to work for

health reasons; also different foodbanks have very different need for donations. The [Glasgow Helps](#) online resource, collated by GCVS, was noted as a useful portal for signposting individuals to support organisations. Food for Good Glasgow (FFG) Coalition run by GCFN is supporting around 20 organisations in different areas of the city providing food for those in need. Interfaith Food Justice Network is good at linking organisations with excess food with those who need it.

There was discussion on whether any systematic data collection on the COVID19 responses and impacts and Jill suggested that she could pull together available indicators, using the Understanding Glasgow website as a starting point. We will also need a list of questions and what data needs to be collected/who the data would be for? **Action: Jill & Riikka**

Some emerging themes from the COVID19 situation are:

- The likely future recession and impact
- The human right to food should be a feature of the food plan
- Job creation schemes should be used to ensure a more localised food chain
- Food waste data is required to see if this was reducing and if this would be sustained post lockdown.

#### 4. Glasgow City Food Plan

- **Update**
- **Online Consultation & Engagement Events**

The current draft plan and recommendations will be sent to be circulated to relevant colleagues and stakeholders for comment. Following this it will be available for full consultation from mid-August, with a view to launching the plan in early spring 2021.

In addition to this Riikka has been in contact with around 70 organisations involved with the Food Plan development so far to ask how COVID19 has impacted on their work. It is very important that COVID19 recovery is considered in the Food Plan.

Siobhan advised that NHS GGC's Health Improvement teams have redoubled their commitment and have allocated an individual for each sector.

It was suggested there is an opportunity for the food plan recommendations to be very ambitious in line with notion of 'building back better'. There is an opportunity for the plan to build more resilience in the system and to link with the GFN and Human Right to Food campaigns.

Riikka will circulate the updated timeline for development to everyone. **Action: Riikka**

## 5. COP26 update and opportunities

COP26 has been postponed and will be rescheduled for some time in 2021, date to be confirmed. Abi advised that in the meantime some fringe events are still taking place and she will circulate the website that contains the relevant info. **Action: Abi**

Pete informed us that Nourish is working in partnership with Copenhagen to collect some Food Systems Metrics; they should have the data prior to COP26.

## 6. AOB

Support for a joint letter to Nicola Sturgeon regarding food banks was discussed, but a conclusion was not reached during the meeting.

It was decided that this would be a good time to approach potential new partners; Landworkers Alliance, CEMVO, Scotland Excel and Scotland Food & Drink. **Action: Riikka**

Riikka has been participating in the weekly SFP webinars and will send everyone a link to these and case studies from different SFP relating to their emergency food responses. **Action: Riikka**

## 7. Dates of next meeting:

Scheduled for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2-4pm, via Zoom