



## Glasgow Food Policy Partnership

2-4 pm, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Online meeting

**Present:** Abi Mordin, Jill Muirie, Riikka Gonzalez, Louise MacKenzie, Ylva Haglund, Bill Gray, Mark Fitzpatrick, Simon Kenton-Lane, Nick Hopkins, Siobhan Boyle, Fiona Richmond, Zarina Ahmad, Roz Corbett, Anna Richardson

**Apologies:** Deirdre Shaw, Andrew Cumbers, Robin Gourlay, Pete Richie, Tierney Woods

### Notes and actions

#### 1. Welcome and apologies

Abi welcomed partners to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. We had 3 new partners joining us; Fiona Richmond from Scotland Food and Drink, Zarina Ahmad from CEMVO Scotland and Roz Corbett from Landworkers Alliance.

#### 2. Note of last meeting

The note of the last meeting was agreed as accurate.

Inviting a professional working in procurement was discussed at the previous meeting. Riikka has been in contact with Scotland Excel, who are looking into joining our partnership .

Regarding COVID-related data collection, Mark gave an update on the impact of Food for God Glasgow on Community Projects the coalition is working with. FFG and GCVS have been doing research on how many organisations will continue emergency food provision after July and report on this is available soon. Riikka also mentioned that some University of Glasgow researchers have been doing case studies on work of FFG. Jill noted that not a lot of data is easily available, but GCPH is looking at changes in food insecurity. Mark has a report by John Sherry on income insecurity, which he will send to Riikka to share. **Action: Mark & Riikka**

Regarding COP26, Abi will circulate a website with latest information. **Action: Abi**

#### 3. Glasgow City Food Plan

Jill gave an update on the City Food Plan development. The planning group has been working on the narrative and actions over the summer and is doing its best to incorporate comments about the effects of COVID-19 in the plan. The draft plan and suggested actions have been

circulated to a group of experts we call 'critical friends', as well as GFPP members for comments. GFPP members had the following discussion about the draft plan, others had sent some comments on the plan in advance:

Bill Gray:

- Plan recognises detail and change in policy
- Changes might be needed because of constantly changing situation; flexibility important
- Action plan and strategy need to be more streamlines
- Need to tie outcomes in each section of the plan
- Actions are cross cutting, so need to use icons from each working group to make the interconnections clear
- Possibly too much emphasis on COVID; don't know how long this situation will go on for

Zarina Ahmad:

- Children and Young People (CYP) covered; how about elderly people? There was a discussion about this and working group felt CYP important on its own; all other age groups covered in overarching aims; sustainability, equity & health

Anna Richardson:

- How far can we push ourselves? Could the plan be more ambitious?

Simon Kenton-Lane:

- Use we MUST, not could in statements and actions.
- Needs measurable targets and numbers.

Jill Muirie:

- We are not being overly bold, because we want to work with partners and not lose them by pushing them too much. Genuine partnership working takes longer to commit to hard targets.

Fiona Richmond

- Would like to help update Food Economy Section; include Food Recovery Plan
- Important to define food provenance; what do we mean by 'local'?
- Include links to Food Tourism Recovery Plan and Scotland Food & Drink Partnership's sector recovery plan, when available.

Ylva Haglund

- Will send detailed comments about Food Procurement & Catering
- Stronger emphasis on food waste needed

Roz

- The plan could set some targets and ask how people feel about them

### **Food Plan Communications & Engagement**

Since the consultation period could not go ahead in the spring, plans are now being made for a consultation period. The plan will go to public consultation for 12 weeks via the GCC consultation page the last week of September. GCPH Communications Team is helping Jill & Riikka with planning a consultation launch, follow-on engagement events and communications plan. We are also putting together a list of events planned by other organisations where we could go and talk about the plan. We talked about:

- Possibly including some video clips or using Zev's films about Glasgow's food system
- Using shareable content and social media presence; possibly something around different themes
- Interfaith Food Network has community picnics where we could promote the consultation; could give out toolkits at these events
- GCFN can liaise with its members
- Any events/opportunities to be shared with Riikka to add on an events calendar

### **4. Future Food Structures in Glasgow**

Riikka talked about the need to agree how the delivery of the food plan will be coordinated and reported. The un-constituted partnership structure of GFPP does not currently fit into any city governance structure. The plan is for the GCFP is to be accountable to Public Health Oversight Board, which sits under the Glasgow City Community Planning Partnership. We talked about different options for the responsibility for overseeing GCFP delivery

- 1) GFPP would be merged with the Food Sub-Group of the Social Recovery Taskforce currently being set up and this group would have long-term review of the Food Plan in its remit.
- 2) GFPP would remain a food advisory body for Glasgow City, but it would advise the Food Sub-Group of the Social Recovery Taskforce, which would take over responsibility for the City Food Plan with advice from the GFPP.
- 3) GFPP are the responsible body for overseeing the work of all the food groups in Glasgow that relate to the GCFP. This would require representatives from each of those groups to join the GFPP partnership. GFPP would have responsibility for the overseeing delivery of the food plan.

Louise pointed out that Social Recovery Taskforce is a senior forum, and possibly quite short-lived, so linking the Food Plan with this task force might not work.

Jill emphasised the fact that is difficult to be in charge of GCFP without governance structure, hence will repost to Community Planning Partnership with a possible link to Sustainable Glasgow. If GFPP becomes constituted we need people on board who can put plan into action. May need to review membership; some local full members (actioned), some non-voting national organisations to advice. If GFPP will not become constituted a new food group needs to be created, but expanding GFPP sensible since it already is a multisector partnership.

Abi pointed out that it is important that those organisations involved in creation of plan to have ownership of it. Bill wondered if there is also more opportunity for other organisations to join if GFPP becomes constituted.

Riikka will send a voting poll about becoming constituted out in August. Edinburgh will be re-doing their plan and is also looking at becoming constituted. After joint decision has been made we can start talking about governance structures.

**ACTION: Riikka**

Simon will circulate Powerpoint and other resources of governance structures.

**ACTION: Simon**

## 5. Equity Statement

Many food partnerships are now developing racial/equity statements as a results of Black Lives Matter movement. We talked about the need for a statement on GFPP website and decided to set up a working group to come up with a general equity statement. Friends of the Earth have a statement and GCPH has an Equity training event coming up. The members of the group will include Zarina, Louise, Simon and Riikka. Riikka will organise a meeting. **ACTION: Riikka**

## 6. AOB

Riikka pointed out that GFPP Terms of Reference was updated in January 2020, but is missing details on voting for things. SFP network is asking us to sign letters things without much notice, so it's not always possible to get votes from everyone. Last week's letter to Robert Jenrick MP about supporting food markets was not signed because it was school holiday season in Scotland and was not possible to get replies from many partners. Also, all the relevant powers are devolved to Scotland, so it was perhaps not that important for us to sign it.



Riikka also said that Scottish SFP member are currently working on writing to the Scottish Government jointly to support our work. This will be signed by head of SFP, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen.

**7. Dates of next meeting:**

Decided to have this the week beginning the 7<sup>th</sup> September. Riikka will send a Doodle Poll around. **ACTION: Riikka**