



Glasgow Food Policy Partnership

23rd March 2021, 2-4pm
Online meeting

Present: Abi Mordin, Riikka Gonzalez, Anna Richardson, Ylva Haglund, Mark Fitzpatrick, Siobhan Boyle, Bill Gray, Tierney Woods, Russell Jones, Cheryl McCulloch, Nick Hopkins, Kelda McLean (minutes)

Apologies: Louise MacKenzie, Andrew Cumbers, Robin Gourlay, Pete Ritchie, Deirdre Shaw, Samantha Whitehead, Simon Kenton-Lake, Stephanie Anderson

Notes and actions

1. Welcome and apologies

As noted above. Russell was welcomed to the meeting. Russell will be attending in place of Jill until her return.

2. Note of last meeting

Agreed as accurate.

3. Glasgow City Food Plan

Riikka provided an update on the work that's been taking place since the last meeting.

The Consultation Summary link was attached and a planning day had taken place on 8th March with the original working group members and over 60 people attended. She advised that the plan will be submitted to various Glasgow Council Committees in April and May and the aim is for the plan to be launched in May.

In terms of comments received, these will be incorporated and range from very positive, to issues raised in terms of more ambition being desirable in some places, such as in relation to organic produce. Riikka will send round the final version for information in due course. **Action: Riikka**

In terms of evaluation, there is potential for a researcher at MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit to focus on the school food component, and a meeting will be held soon to discuss.

It was suggested that the food plan should refer, perhaps in the opening paragraphs, to the current fluidity of the situation and the need for the plan to be flexible and dynamic. Abi/Riikka will check this. **Action: Abi/Riikka**

It was confirmed that the plan will not be printed and will be an online document.

4. Future of GFPP

There was discussion on the potential future of the GFPP. Riikka advised that nothing had been decided, nor had resources been allocated.

One main focus would be the implementation of the food plan. There were questions raised over the authority and accountability of the plan and its relationship to Community Planning. Siobhan advised that it is useful to have the plan listed on the workplans of other groups operating in the city. Another suggestion included the continuation of the thematic groups that had been set up to inform the city food plan and to support the implementation. In terms of managing this, it was felt that one representative from each group could feed into the GFPP going forward.

A potential GFPP development day was discussed for going forward, potentially with new organisations invited, particularly those with a delivery remit. Recommendations included inviting GCVS, The Pantry Network, GCC Financial Inclusion, Kirsty Collins (GCC) who worked on the Glasgow Helps project, Volunteer Glasgow, Glasgow's Golden Generation, Glasgow Disability Alliance and relevant unions. The practicalities of development day was discussed and the question raised about whether the sub group members have had a discussion about the future of the group. In terms of managing this, it was felt that one representative from each group could feed into the GFPP going forward.

Riikka will schedule the Development Day/Sessions, with support, for the beginning of June, after the plan has been launched. This should be a series of session rather than a whole day. Initial 1 to 1 conversations should be held in advance in order to co-create the structure of the development sessions. One option could be to have a short online event/information session prior to this. Riikka will pull together a list of potential invitees. **Action: Riikka** The leads from each thematic working group should also contact members of each group to ask who would be interested in remaining in the groups. **Action: Thematic Leads**

5. SFP Bronze award

Riikka advised that we are scoring strong in some areas and less in others, however these are likely to be filled going forward. Riikka has been working on addressing the gaps and is working towards a final submission date of 15th April.

6. COP26

Riikka advised that Pete from Nourish had provided an update on the submission that had been made for a food related exhibition near the Science Centre. Several partners are named on it.

Abi added that she is working on a project, called Fork to Farm, that consists of a series of dialogues with farmers about how to bring produce to market in a sustainable way and this will be presented at the COP Green Zone. Another project GCFN is involved in is 'Small Farmers Cool the Planet' which will be located in the Blue Zone. Abi advised that Food and Climate Action Glasgow will be organising a food fringe, with a series of walks, talks, discussions and debates to run in parallel with COP26. It may tie in with the Lateral North Space, located next to the Kingston Bridge.

Anna advised that Glasgow City Council are supporting the whole city to support COP26 activity in the city; however, she noted that planning is currently taking place for both an online and in person event, due to unknown status of future travel restrictions.

7. AOB

Child Healthy Weight: Siobhan advised that recruitment has commenced for area leads on this project. Russell advised that he will be working on the evaluation and could provide an update at a future meeting.

GCPH Seminar: Russell advised that Professor Sir Michael Marmot will be delivering a seminar on social justice and health equity on 12th May. Russell will circulate the event invite. **Action: Russell**

Cash First Approach Leaflet: Mark advised that IFAN, The Trussell Trust, GAIN, Glasgow Community Food Network and Nourish Scotland will be launching a new leaflet for Glasgow, based on the Cash First Approach, entitled Glasgow's 'Worrying About Money?'. It will be distributed widely in Glasgow and will be accompanied by a supporting event on 12th May.

Food Growing: Anna advised that the Glasgow City Council budget included £200,000 towards food growing and it will align with the Food Growing Strategy. Abi wondered if this should be added to the food plan? Abi will get wording on this from Sandy. **Action: Abi** Riikka will also be able to use it for the Bronze award application. **Action: Riikka**

Riikka advised that Glasgow has been approached by Sustain to take part in Barcelona Challenge to represent UK together with London and Bristol to commit to food and climate action aligned with the Glasgow Declaration.

8. Dates of next meetings

Confirmed for Tuesday 18th May, 2-4pm and July 27th 2-4pm, online.

