

**GFPP MEETING**  
**GFPP MEETING 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 10am-12 noon**  
**Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Riikka Gonzalez, Jill Muirie, Thalia Groucott, Lorna Hamilton, Kristina Nitsolova, Gillian Edgar, Aimee Dale, Catherine Pendreigh, Andrew Williams, Gerry Boyle, Norma Gray, Cat Train, Nick Hopkins, Laura Muir, Mark Fitzpatrick, Siobhan Boyle, Kelda McLean (minutes)

**Apologies:** Abi Mordin, Cllr Angus Millar, John Meehan, Mary Baker, Anna Chadwick

**1. Welcome and apologies**

Jill as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly those who were attending for the first time.

**2. Note of last meeting and matters arising**

All items covered in agenda items. Minutes were agreed as accurate.

Matters arising:

- Jill advised a meeting with the new Councillors Christie Mearns and Angus Millar was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September and this went well. In terms of the new strategic plan for the council, the Glasgow City Food Plan wasn't included, although there have been assurances that the City Food Plan is still supported by Glasgow City Council.
- There was no strong feeling indicated on whether to ask for more reassurance/commitment from the Council as this stage, so Jill advised that she would take it back to the project team before deciding on next steps. Action: Jill
- Siobhan advised that, as part of Thrive Under 5, Alexandra Rose vouchers have been distributed to several families in the target areas. In Ruchazie, the pantry is being used and a small budget has been made to make sure that fresh fruit and veg is available for both Alexandra Rose vouchers and general consumption. Gillian suggested that she could help to make links with local convenience stores and Siobhan advised this would be of interest and Siobhan, Lorna and Gillian will meet to explore further. **Action: Siobhan, Lorna and Gillian**
- Lorna confirmed that a bid will be submitted for the next three years' funding of Thrive Under 5.
- GFPP submitted response to the Scottish Government Consultation on restricting the sale of high sugar, fat and salt food items and this will be made available on the [website](#).
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- Jill advised that Nourish Scotland produced [guidance](#) on the Scottish Government Consultation on proposals for a new [Agriculture Bill](#), which closes on 5<sup>th</sup> December.

### 3. Glasgow City Food Plan Draft Annual Report - Jill Muirie

- Main Report & Briefing & discussion of learning

Jill advised that the first annual report has just been [published](#) for the period June 2021 to June/July 2022.

Jill presented some of the key sections of the report, starting with the shifting context and environment as well as key achievements and learning. She noted that most of the short-term actions were on track and progressing well. Those which aren't are being looked at in detail by members of the thematic groups.

- Circulation & Communications

Riikka advised that there is now a Communications Working Group for the GFPP and GCFP, helping to circulate GCFP reports and the work of the partnership more widely. The group will also help guide Thalia with the delivery of 'Good Food for Glasgow' campaign.

- Evaluation and Research Wish List - Jill

Jill advised the team are often contacted by researchers and students who are looking for projects for research bids or projects. She commented that if there are any specific projects that would benefit from research or evaluation please contact Jill or Riikka. **Action: All**

There is wish list of potential projects that Riikka will circulate. **Action: Riikka**

### 4. Update on Food Plan progress – Jill (and all working group leads)

Summary of updates are available [here](#).

Key points noted were:

Food Poverty group: Siobhan updated that there has been good attendance with a mix of organisations. They felt they needed to have some meetings outside of the main meeting to take some actions forward. A lot of work has been done in the city just now in relation to the cost of living crisis and more time has been devoted to that so sub-meetings with key partners have been set up and that has been useful. There was a really good conversation about data and what's available in the city in relation to access to food support, and fuel support because, if people don't have a money for fuel, they are not able to cook their foods.

Food Economy Group: Riikka advised the group held quite a small meeting in August, and part of the reasons for that is that they have been quite a few changes to the partnership in terms of membership (changes in staff and lack of capacity) and they are looking for more food industry engagement. Next meeting will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Catering & Procurement Group: Katherine advised that it's a really challenging time for catering and procurement in terms of the inflationary rises and food costs and noted that it's not the best time to be trying to make improvements, and changing in terms of what institutions are buying. However, she noted that the Council are still very engaged in this agenda, although upgrading to the SFP Silver Award may take a little bit longer because of that context. There has also been discussion around indicators and collection of data, and how to actually measure success in that group.

Children and Young People's Group: Jill advised that they're working on having one of the pupil forums and looking at focusing one of those on food and hearing from the young people about food issues in the school lunch times, what they learn about food, and a whole range of other issues. There is also Vitamin D related work going on as well as a focusing on preventing food waste. They also plan to extend our membership to think more about food growing.

#### **5. Revised Food Plan launch/Food Summit, early summer 2023**

Jill advised that the previous food summit was held in 2019 and it would be good to hold another event and hold another one and she asked for thoughts on this.

There was good support for this, particularly in light of changes in staffing and representation over the years. It would be a good opportunity to talk more about the food plan and launch any new actions or changes at the same time, as well as learning from experts/invited speakers. It would also be good if the wider community were invited to the event.

Suggested speakers included a representation from the Scottish Government and the Draft Good Food Nation plan. Another potential speaker who could be invited is George Monbiot, perhaps as part of a panel. Also suggested was representatives from other UK cities and abroad (London/Copenhagen) as inspiring case studies. Jill and Riikka will write a proposal for the next GFPP meeting. **Action: Jill/Riikka**

## 6. Funding

- Shared Prosperity Fund – Jill

Jill described the Shared Prosperity Fund and advised that it had to be applied for by a third sector organisation. In this instance it would be Glasgow Community Food Network. She advised that this might be an opportunity to apply for some funding to cover the next two years, but the funding can't be used for what they are currently doing. However, it could be used to address some particular issues that we recognize are emerging in Glasgow.

This would mainly consist of:

- Building and maintaining an online hub using a system called ALISS
- Establishing a physical distribution and training centre
- Providing a food distribution service
- Utilising excess food to produce 'ready meals'
- Employing community chefs to work across the city
- Provide a community cooking small grants programme
- Provision of co-ordination and administration

Siobhan also recommended the Glasgow Helps website as a potential resource.

- SFP funding – Riikka

Riikka advised that an application has been made for to continue Thalia's good food movement campaign. Another application has been made with the GCFN Food & Climate Action team to combine and further grow the previous Chef's Challenge with the Glasgow Sustainable Food Directory. The bid includes some training sessions for chefs to encourage them to take part in both.

- National Lottery funding - Riikka

The Food and Climate Action team have applied for more funding to continue the work of their team. The decision will be made early January.

## 7. Good Food Movement (GFM) Campaign Update – Thalia

Thalia explained how the Good Food Movement Campaign is the outward facing communications and community engagement arm of the Glasgow City Food Plan. Thalia advised that she has been involved in lots of activities such as:

- Running craft activities as means of community engagement person
- Running workshops
- Recording the GFM podcast on themes in the City Food Plan
- Promotion of different food work in Glasgow through social media

She also spoke about future plans for a campaigns group and also highlighting different good food organisations in the city through case studies and on social media. Many of the activities and resources are available on the [Good Food For All](#) page and [via social media/linktree](#)

## 8. Application for SFP Silver award - Riikka

Riikka advised that after receiving the Bronze award we received two years of funding to apply for the Silver award. It looks like the expression of interest is due now early 2023, and final application is to the spring of 2023 with the winners to be announced the winners meet in early summer 2023. This timing will link well with the proposed Food Summit. Riikka will bring an update to the next meeting. **Action: Riikka**

## 9. GFPP Partner Updates

Link to updates [here](#).

Some additional items were highlighted. These included:

- Siobhan's update on six-week cookery classes, funded by the HSCP. Attendees are supported to buy ingredients and equipment. Siobhan will circulate the flyer for more information. **Action: Siobhan**
- Nick advised that they will be employing a money advice worker to work with the people that are coming to their foodbank distribution centres.
- Mark advised that GCFN have a networking event planned to refresh the work and appoint new directors.
- Lorna advised that she, Amy and members of the Health Improvement Team will be attending a strategic planning meeting um with Glasgow Life looking at venues, warm spaces and other issues.
- Amy spoke about the 'Your Body Matters' resource and asked if anyone on the group would be able to review the food waste sections. Gerry volunteered and they will make contact. **Action: Amy/Gerry**
- Gerry advised that Zero Waste Scotland are in a process of reconfiguring work priorities and many align with the funding proposal noted above.

## 10. AOB

Jill advised that we have six thematic working group and a communications group along with the urban agriculture working group. She commented that another group is being devised to work on education and this will be established soon. This will bring coherence to the work on education and make sure, for example, the messaging is the same to make sure that there is a pathway from different aspects of education, so that we know what's available in the different colleges around training and development and cooking and growing and sustainable culture etc. John Meechan will be leading on the group and is currently developing terms of reference so as not to duplicate what is already going on, and an update will be brought to the next meeting. **Action: Jill**



**11. Date of next meetings**

10-12 noon 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

10-12 noon 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023