



GFPP MEETING
23rd November, 2-3.30PM
Via Zoom

MINUTES

Present:

Mark Fitzpatrick, GCFN

Sarah Gowanlock, Food for Life Scotland, Soil Association Scotland

Riikka Gonzalez, GFPP

Jill Muirie, Glasgow Centre for Population Health – GCPH (GFPP CHAIR)

Kathleen Caskie, GCVS

Kristina Nitsolova, Glasgow City Council

Louise McKenzie, Scottish Pantry Network

Thalia Groucott, GCFN

Helen Traill, University of Glasgow

Apologies:

Aimee Matheson-Dear, Gillian Edgar, Katherine Long, Gillian Pagani, Deidre Shaw, Lorna Hamilton, Mairi Baker, Siobhan Boyle, Alex Patterson

Apologies:

1. Welcome and apologies

As noted.

2. Note of last meeting and matters arising

These were agreed as accurate.

Matters arising:

Riikka shared that Glasgow has now been awarded Silver in the SFC. She congratulated everyone who has contributed to this award and noted that it recognises how far Glasgow has come.

Jill advised that she, Riikka and Siobhan have been invited to visit all the Community Planning Area Partnerships in the city and they have attended 8 so far. They have found them really helpful for sharing and learning.

3. Glasgow City Food Plan Update

Jill noted that the University of Glasgow evaluation of the Food Plan had been very informative for shaping the next phase and thanked everyone who was involved.

Jill spoke about the Food Summit and the accompanying city tour. She advised that the new City Convenor for Food, Cllr Elaine McSparran and a few other councillors had attended.

In terms of feedback from the Food Summit, it was noted that a number of feedback forms were received and noted that all feedback is included within the event report.

Update on the revision of the food plan actions. Jill advised that:

- The Food & Environment Working Group will be split into two groups – Food Waste and Urban Agriculture working groups
- There currently isn't a lead for the catering and procurement working group so we're still discussing what our options are there - if anybody has any thoughts around how we can take forward the catering procurement group, Jill asked if they could let Riikka or Jill know. **Action: All**
- We have been successful in winning one of the 8 grants for a cash-first initiative in Glasgow, which is a 24 month project in Glasgow that will be looking to further develop, and our cash first approaches and build capacity in the system, so that our cash first approaches are coherent and consistent across the city, and our front line colleagues are well able and to engage in that in those approaches. She advised that GCPH will be appointing a project manager for that project in the coming months.
- NHS colleagues have allocated a budget to providing a number of training courses and cooking courses, with training courses for community chefs and cooking courses for communities over the coming year, and also a small grants scheme for community food organisations.
- Plans are in place for a new market in Whiteinch in December and it is hoped that it will be a bit of a blueprint for other markets and to develop in other bits of the city, particularly areas currently don't have very easy access to fruit and veg on the doorstep.
- There have been early discussions on how we can take a more regional approach to thinking through sustainable procurement and with the city region and further updates will be provided.
- In terms of food waste reduction work, Glasgow is one of the hubs for the King Charles Coronation's Project A, which is about redistributing surplus food. Glasgow is going to get its hub next year.
- Three schools in Glasgow have been awarded funding for edible playgrounds. This was a national initiative where they got funding to have architecturally designed playgrounds that support food growing.

- There's good work progressing to develop good food groups in schools in Glasgow, and those will be pupil led teacher supported groups that look at developing a whole school approach to food and thinking through where food sits in the curriculum.
- Gallant and the Glasgow City Portrait are research projects that relate to food growing.

4. Communications and Campaigns Update

General Comms update

- Thalia advised that the podcast is almost to a thousand listens and the latest one was on Nourish's Veg summit and she is working on the next one.
- Riikka advised that Thalia also produced the city walking tour and a virtual work walking tour of the east end of Glasgow and advised that, if we if we get some extra funding, we might want to be able to produce those for other areas of the city as well.
- Riikka advised that there is funding in place for Comms until the end of April and we're actively looking for new funding for beyond that.
- Riikka noted that, in terms some of the feedback from the Food summit it was requested that that there be some general food related webinars and Riikka asked for any ideas for topics to be sent to her or include them in the document.:
Webinar series - link to suggested topics:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nDP_yFfTaD5-a7lKgvaacU6g8wmvPg6K/edit **Action: All** She also asked when it would be best to hold these (e.g. lunchtime/afternoon or mornings?). Ideally these will be action focused rather than just information provision. It was noted these will also be recorded. Sarah commented that one topic could be community wealth building and catering and procurement side of things and can we align these? Sarah will look into potential contributors. **Action: Sarah**
- Jill noted that City Council are really keen to develop a food plan section to their own website and asked for links to any existing resources, such as films, to be sent to her or Riikka for forwarding. **Action: All**
- Helen shared a link to [TableDebates](#) a global platform for knowledge synthesis, for reflective, critical thinking and for inclusive dialogue on debates about the future of food.

Beans Campaign

Riikka introduced the new 'Full of Beans' campaign, an idea she has worked on with Jenny from GCFN, who had attended a 'slow bean' conference in Italy. Thalia is also part of the



campaign team. She noted that the campaign links with a global campaign by the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2 Advocacy Hub. She advised that this potentially a great way to engage with lots of different people and get more beans and plant-based menu items in lots of different settings, such as schools or restaurants and get market gardens and community growing spaces involved in bean growing. It was noted that beans are not just healthy and full of fiber, but they're very good for the environment as well, because they lock the nitrogen enriching the soil, as well as being a very cost-effective way to eating. Riikka advised that there is no additional funding available for this, but there is a small education budget from GCFN that that we are able to use, plus the plan is also to contact some external sponsors, funders and partners.

Riikka described examples from elsewhere, including in New York, and suggested we could use some of their ideas and some of their some of their resources. In addition, there could be a training day for chefs, and we are working on details for this.

The next steps will be to announce the campaign on social media on the sixth of January, which is National Bean Day, and then in February there will an online launch webinar and some training events, and from March onwards there will be more activities planned, perhaps involving schools, caterers and retailers. Riikka is working on a briefing paper and will circulate. **Action: Riikka**

In the general discussion there was positive support for the campaign there was a suggestion that beans could be incorporate it into the community cooking courses and the community chefs training as well.

SFP Silver Award

Thalia advised that, in relation to the SFS Silver Award, she will do a special edition of our newsletter and also to tie in with kind of the run up to Christmas including this and any other festive news. She welcomed any additional news for sharing. **Action: All**

In recognition of the award, Riikka advised that there weren't currently any plans to organize a celebration due to capacity; however; there will be use of social media for sharing what a great achievement it is for the city and for partnership working.

5. GFPP Partner Updates

Prior to the meeting, there was a request for partner updates to be added here: [AUGUST 2023 - GFPP PARTNER UPDATES .docx - Google Docs](#)

In addition, it was shared that:



- GCFN are having a 'cash first' event at the Pearce Institute.
- Louise advised that several pantries are interested hosting visits and will share more details going forward.

6. AOB

Riikka advised that the Good Food Nation Act consultations have been delayed and are expected to be shared in the New Year.

7. Date of next meetings

14th March, GFPP meeting

September, GFPP meeting (date TBC)

October, GCFP/GFPP in-person networking event (date TBC)