

Glasgow City Food Plan: Food Economy Working Group

Thematic Working Group meeting	
Date	26th August 2-3.30 PM
Attendance	Riikka Gonzalez (GFPP), Dale Todd (Courtyard Pantry), Jane Carr-Gomm (City of Glasgow College), Scott Erwin (Greencity Wholefoods), Scott Crawford (Scottish Pantry Network), Keith Morrison (City of Glasgow College), David Lyon (Glasgow City Council), Gerry Boyle (Zero Waste Scotland), Jay Mansfield (GCC), David Cairns (Glasgow Community Markets), Jennifer Robertson (GSEN)
Apologies	Stephanie Anderson (Adam Smith Business School), Natalie Johnston (Pipers' Tryst), Gillian Edgar (SGF Healthy Living Programme), Lana Reid-McConnell (GCC), Mima Fair (Glasgow City Council), Mandy Morgan (Scottish Pantry Network), Joe McMenemy (Novotel), Jamie Corletto (GCC), Jill Muirie (GCPH), Kelda McLean (GCPH), Rebecca Ricketts (Circular Glasgow), Louise McKenzie (Scottish Pantry Network), Ewan Curtis (GCC)
Brief Overview	
Next Meetings	November 2024

1. Welcome and apologies

Riikka welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies.

Riikka advised that there will potentially be two new members joining in coming months - Peter McKenna from Gannett, and Juan Ortiz, who has The Good Choice sustainable food shop on the South Side, which has been part of the Sustainable food directory for the last three years.

2. Note of last meeting

Agreed as accurate.

It was noted that:

- The topic of Public Diners has been moved to the Community Food Working Group.
- The topic of 'Meet the Supplier' events has been passed to the Procurement Group.
- GFPP responded to the Good Food National Consultation and the submission is available on the [GFPP website](#).

3. Matters arising

Riikka introduced the matters arising, which were as follows:

- Work with housing associations – Riikka had previously agreed to contact the Wash House Garden, who advised that they have been working with Parkhead Housing Association and are happy to be contacted but are not going to be actively involved in anything at present. Dale advised that Queens Cross Housing Association have been supportive of their work at the Courtyard Pantry and he will speak with Riikka to confirm what specific work could be done further with housing associations. **Action: Dale to speak with Riikka**
- Pop-up shops – David Cairns mentioned that he had read that there will be fund available for pop up shops leading up to Christmas and he will speak with Dale at Courtyard Pantry as it could be a way of generating capital. **Action: David C/Dale to discuss**
David Lyon will send a link about the fund to Riikka for circulation, when available. **Action: David L/Riikka**
It was also noted that space/shop units are also being made available on a rolling basis and ideas can be submitted for consideration at any time.

4. Brief update on Food Plan developments since last meeting (Riikka)

Procurement working group– Jane Jones from NHS GGC has been chairing and it will continue with a rolling chair, with regular meetings planned until future plans are more clear.

Community Food working group – this will reconvene soon, as there is a new project manager for the Food and Climate Action project, GCFN, who will help revitalise the group.

Urban Agriculture working group – the first meeting will take place this afternoon and Ebony from GCFN will be chairing. This means that the Food Economy subgroup will not look at urban growing actions.

Website – Riikka posted a link to a new [GCFP Priorities page](#); she advised that the names or organisations will also be posted there, along with working group meeting minutes.

GCFP/GFPP annual stakeholder meeting– this is being planned for 31st October and Riikka requested suggestions for a venue that would hold around 80 people. She also asked everyone to keep this date free **Action: All to note**

Funding is being sought to support those from small businesses or charities who would otherwise find it difficult to attend this and other meetings.

5. Priority actions for 2023-2026

- a. [Update on progress](#)

Action area 1:

- City of Glasgow College hosted a Full of Beans Campaign event in June what was open to the public. This was led by a Chef Lecturer Niall Murray.
- City of Glasgow College participated in the Eating Out, Eating Well pilot project and this will be relaunched later, after feedback has been considered. As a result of taking part in the project, the college has implemented new things into their outlets.

- City of Glasgow College are considering what they can do to tie in with/support the Glasgow 850 Celebrations. These celebrations which will begin in January 2025. A project will be called 'Taste the Place' with a focus on celebration, community and belonging and of reconnecting people with food through storytelling and a food trail will be promoted and City of Glasgow college students will potentially be involved in collecting engaging content. 38 businesses have been recruited so far.
- BaxterStorey, the catering provider at City of Glasgow College, received a Soil Association Bronze award in July.

Action area 2:

Community Markets

- David Cairns thanked David Lyon and Jill Muirie for their help with setting up the Whiteinch Community Food market. This has been going well. There are six local people being employed and a marketing agency will be engaged later on in the year. Opening times are currently 10am to 2pm every Saturday.
- The market is part of a 10 year plan to open 19 markets across the city. Each market will have fruit and veg, meat, fish, dairy and bakery items. There is an aim to include as much Scottish produce as possible.
- The next site will be in the East End and architects are involved helping to design the site. The aim is to open this in Easter 2025.
- David has been offered a fellowship to visit other markets around the world.
- Long term, the aim is for a 'Borough market' style operation to serve all of Glasgow.
- Alexandra Rose are developing debit cards instead of vouchers, which links with the cash first approach.
- An event for Glasgow Councillors will be held at the Whiteinch market.
- David asked for suggestions of areas that would benefit from a food market. **Action: All to note**

Pantries

- The Scottish Pantry Network are having a conference on 24th September.

Work with Housing Associations

- Dale and others will approach their contacts at Housing Association to see if they would be supportive of a food market in their area. **Action: Dale/all to note**
- It was suggested that Housing Associations could also be involved in co-ordinating bulk buying of food with tenant members as this brings down cost.
- David Lyon suggested that after we know more about possible interest, we would collectively write to David Bookbinder from the Glasgow & West of Scotland Housing Association.

Action area 3:

Campaigns

- The Full of Beans campaign is coming to an end and there will be an event for partners and stakeholders next month. A researcher from University of Glasgow will be in attendance as they are carrying out evaluation interviews. The report will be out by the end of October.

Sustainable Food Standard for Events

- Gerry Boyle advised that GCC and Zero Waste Scotland produced a sustainable events guide for the Commonwealth Games and this is currently being updated. They have been working with DF Concerts and it will be published early next year. Riikka has had discussion with Glasgow Life about inclusion of food in their new sustainable events strategy, and she will make sure to connect Gerry with her contact. **Action: Riikka**

Action area 4:

- Riikka informed that the 3rd edition of the Sustainable Food Directory is now published and the launch was on 3rd September at the ARC at University of Glasgow. All were asked to invite relevant businesses to attend if they are potentially interested in being involved in the next directory. **Action: all**
- The 'meet the producer' event will be removed as it is now under the remit of the Food Procurement subgroup. **Action: Riikka**

6. Funding

- The link to the [Regional food fund - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot) was circulated and the deadline is 5pm on 30th August, with projects to be completed by 30th March 2025.
- Funding required was raised by Riikka as a standing item for discussion but nothing was raised at this time.

7. Partner updates and opportunities for collaboration – discussion

- The Courtyard Pantry has been nominated for the 'Social Enterprise of the Year' awards in the 'One to Watch' category. Congratulations were given to Dale and the team. The award ceremony will take place on 7th November.

8. Agreed actions and next steps

Updates will be circulated as they emerge.

9. AOB

David Cairns mentioned a meal that will be taking place to discuss issues around conflict in the Middle East. He will speak to Rikka and Jill about it and asked people to email him in the meantime if they are interested in finding out more. **Action: All to note**

Scott E noted that next year is the UN International Year of Co-operatives and the International Cooperative Alliance recently held a research event at Dundee University to discuss this and other issues. He advised that there are a lot of tie-ins potentially with activity next year. Scott advised that some Housing Associations do already organise bulk buying through Greencity. Rikka asked if a toolkit was available for others to learn from this model? Rikka advised that we could revisit the idea of a toolkit to coincide with the UN theme for the year. Scott E will link in with David Bookbinder. We could also discuss with David L.

Action: Scott Erwin will send current guidance to Rikka to for circulation.

It was noted that [ScotHot](#) will take place in February and is a good event to hear talks and network. This will link well to 'Eating Out, Eating Well' and the Glasgow Sustainable Food Directory Work.

10. Future meetings dates Nov/Feb/May

