



GFPP AUTUMN MEETING

10th September 2024 , 2-3.30PM

Via Zoom

MINUTES

Present:

Riikka Gonzalez, GFPP

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

Thalia Groucott, GCFN

Ania Neisser, GCVS

Mairi Baker, Glasgow City Council

Catherine Pendreigh, Zero Waste Scotland

Siobhan Boyle, Glasgow HSCP

Kathleen Caskie, Glasgow Child Poverty Programme

Cllr Elaine McSparran, Glasgow City Council

Gillian Edgar, Healthy Living Programme

David Lyon, Glasgow City Council

Erin Dobson, GUEST

Kristina Nitsolova, Glasgow City Council

Gixia Leishman, Glasgow City Council

Nick Hopkins, SW Foodbank

Aimee Matheson-Dear, NHS GGC

Margaret Gilmour, Soil Association

Apologies:

Katherine Long, Deidre Shaw, Lorna Hamilton, Alex Patterson, Louise McKenzie, Kelda McLean, Mark Fitzpatrick, Sarah Gowanlock, Helen Traill, Laura Muir, Pete Ritchie, Mandy Morgan, Catherine McMahon, Cllr Christy Moore, Satya Dunning, Simon Kenton-Lake, Ewan Curtis, Cllr Christy Mearns

Apologies:

1. Welcome and apologies

As noted.

2. Note of last meeting and matters arising

These were agreed as accurate.

Matters arising included:

- The Good Food Nation Plan Consultation. Jill advised that GFPP had submitted a response in April and this is available to view [here](#) on the GFPP website. Results from the consultation are expected late in the year or early 2025 and these are likely to include guidance at both a local and national level.
- University of Glasgow PhD project on how community organisations can support the Glasgow Food Plan has been appointed and will be a collaborative post with University of Glasgow and GFPP.
- Discussions are continuing in relation to potential food growing at farmland owned by University of Glasgow.
- Nourish Scotland will be hosting a public diner event at the end of September in Glasgow. The accompanying report is available [here](#).
- Nourish Scotland's project, bringing fruit and vegetables into nursery settings through has been completed and was evaluated by the University of Glasgow through the Scottish Alliance for Food funding. The report will be circulated in due course. **Action: Siobhan/Riikka**
- Rebecca Ricketts is working with Glasgow Chamber of Commerce on the food aspect of Glasgow 850 Celebrations. The main food related project will be called 'Taste the Place' and around 40 food venues have signed up to be included in a self-guided tour what demonstrates the history and diversity of food in Glasgow.

3. Terms of Reference Update

Jill advised that the [ToR](#) were being revisited as this hadn't been down for some time and they were supposed to be revisited annually. Riikka pointed out some potential changes to be made including sub-group names, funding sources, the Chair (moving from GCFN to GCPH), and voting.

Riikka advised that there is still the potential for silent partners to attend (who may wish to opt out of voting) and this should be flagged up with Riikka or Jill. **Action: All to note**

Riikka will update the list of member organisations. **Action: Riikka**

Riikka will change the reference from 'Public Oversight Board' to 'Public Oversight Group'.
Action: Riikka

It was noted that the Communications Working Group are meeting more frequently than expected and this will be updated. **Action: Riikka**

David Lyon asked about how GFPP could influence the UK food system as a whole, eg. in regards to food waste, and better link our work to Westminster level. Catherine agreed to connect David with her colleagues at ZWS regarding food waste. **Action: Catherine & David.**

For further information Jill provided a summary/overview of the history of the GFPP. She noted that issues that surface in Glasgow are taken forward through the Sustainable Food Places Network. Riikka advised that, as we are members of the network, we collectively use this partnership to try and influence policy at the Scottish and UK level eg. by jointly writing to MPs. She also informed that the Sustainable Food Places Network will have a [Day of Celebration and Action](#) on Wednesday the 13th November in Westminster. This will be used to showcase and celebrate the work of network, strengthen relationships with MPs and flag up on issues of importance. There could be an opportunity for someone from GFPP to attend. In addition, there is the Scottish network which has recently written to MSPs with recommendations for policy. Any issues that would be best addressed at a national or UK level should be brought to the GFPP for discussion in the first instance. **Action: All to note** Thalia highlighted a recent podcast episode she produced on the politics of food looking at work at local, Scottish and national level. You can listen to the podcast [here](#). **Action: All to note**

Any further comments on the current ToR should be sent to Riikka for inclusion. **Action: All to note.** The ToR will be renewed in Autumn 2025.

4. Glasgow City Food Plan

- working group updates
- annual report

Updates were given on the sub-groups, as follows:

- **Fair Food For All** – this has just been renamed as the ‘Fair Food For All Partnership’ as it has recently merged to include the Food Poverty Pathfinder Group. The partnership will lead on the Food Plan’s poverty related actions. A key priority is the 2-year Cash First project, which was funded by the Scottish Government to research and support a move away from emergency food aid. Faiza, the Cash First Co-ordinator is now in post and is currently focussing on running two training webinars in October and November. The group is also working on producing an early infant feeding pathway and resources for foodbanks.
- **Food Waste Reduction** – Jill has been working with the Glasgow City Council school food team to look at food waste in schools. This has evolved into a range of food waste reduction work taking place in schools this autumn. General food waste is also being promoted and it was noted that the Zero Waste Scotland have been working on [bitesize training in reducing food waste](#). Another project is the King’s Coronation

Food Hub, in conjunction with Fareshare, which may come to Glasgow and could be a focus for food waste reduction activities. This is still to be confirmed.

- **Community Food** - the community food theme hasn't met for a while, largely due to resource challenges however discussions with Glasgow Community Food Network are ongoing in order to secure a new chair and restart this subgroup. Related work has been continuing however through the Food and Climate Action Project, who have developed a community composting project and a climate crumbs training and tool kit, which is a tool kit for bringing the climate into discussions with classes, teaching opportunities and communities. This will also be the focus for the next [GFPP webinar](#). NHS GGC Health Improvement have been supporting community chefs to get their food hygiene certificates with REHIS. In addition, HSCPS were allocated a specific amount of money via a community food framework to focus on four priorities that they fit in with the city food plan and the Food Policy Partnership. These will run as pilots until March and will then be evaluated. Another focus is on Autumn/Winter events for communities such as Ruchazie and Drumchapel, such as pumpkin foraging.
- **Catering and Procurement** – Jane Jones has joined this group and they have restarted meeting, with varied attendees and a rotating chair.
- **Food Economy** – have agreed their priority actions and group is currently concentrating on sustainable catering and retail and increasing provision of sustainable food education. Recent activities include: the development and launch of the [3rd edition of the Sustainable Food Directory](#) in Glasgow; the launch of the Whiteinch community food market and a new food charter for major events in the city is also being discussed.
- **Urban Agriculture** – has met recently and updates will be given at the next meeting.
- **Children and Young People** - the group is developing well and have agreed priority actions. Recent activities include:
 - Good food groups in schools are developing well and there's a really enthusiastic group of teachers that are leading good food groups across a number of schools. A celebration event was held with an early years group to celebrate their work, which was really positive.
 - 'Waste Warriors' work is taking place in schools.
 - The launch of Your Body Matters curriculum resource for primary schools last year went well and has been rolled out; the resource is being evaluated by University of Glasgow.
 - Glasgow has maintained its UNICEF Baby Friendly Gold Award and is rolling out the Breastfeeding Scotland campaign and there was a webinar in June.
 - The Thrive Under 5 project is doing really well and supporting families with young children in three areas of the city to improve access to fruit and

vegetables. Siobhan advised that the Thrive Under 5 project has moved to become part of the whole family well-being funds and is now part of the whole family well-being funding primary care project and, through 12 GP practises in the city, Thrive Under 5 will become a part of that offer of support.

- Food nutrition courses and early years physical activities are also being rolled out. 'Say Yes to Veg' is another project that has been supported.

Cllr McSparran noted that, in relation to activity in the city, 'Not all poverty is visible' and advised that we should keep in mind the working people and families who may not be eligible for benefits are also struggling and miss out on a lot of targeted funding. This particularly applies to people in areas in varying SIMD areas.

Jill advised that there will be a report on the delivery of the new priorities and much more detail will be published in the annual report in the next 4-6 weeks.

Jill and Riikka also advised that a Stakeholder Day is planned for 31st October to give all subgroup members a chance to learn more about, and influence, the overall work of the Glasgow City Food Plan. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Courtyard Pantry. Riikka will send out invitations to everyone organisation and potentially ask them to nominate an attendee. **Action: All to note**

Riikka raised the issue of payment for attending work group meetings, as some attendees from small businesses/community organisations may be finding it difficult to come along to meetings from an affordability perspective. Riikka asked for people to contact her if they come across any relevant funding pots to support this. **Action: All to note** Thalia that it would be good to have an open, transparent policy when this comes into place. In terms of funding, the Tesco Community Awards from supermarkets could be an option. Siobhan thought we could potentially devise a plan to raise funds to support this work.

5. Communications and Campaigns Update

General Comms update:

Jill noted that the Comms working group has been every active and are meeting regularly.

Riikka advised that the GFPP newsletter will be going out at the end of September and asked for contributions to be sent to her or Thalia before then. **Action: All to note**

Webinars and events:

Upcoming webinars and events include:

- 12th September – webinar on the Food and Climate Action Project (including 'Composting for the Future' and 'Climate Crumbs' work).



- 18th September – Full of Beans Campaign celebration.
- October – In person City Food Plan event for all working group members and stakeholders on 31st.
- 10th October – ‘Cash First, Reducing the need for foodbanks’ project launch webinar.
- November – plans for a webinar to link with [National School Meals Week](#)

Thalia advised that the recent/planned Good Food for Glasgow podcast episodes are available [here](#). The latest episode is on ‘Political Change and UK Food Policy’ and the next one will be on Glasgow’s Sustainable Food Directory. Another episode may link to UK Fungus Day and Riikka asked for links to any mushroom contacts in Glasgow. **Action: All to note**

Riikka asked everyone to email her if they had any suggestions for speakers. **Action: All**

Helen advised that she had sent Jill a report by TNI who could bring an international perspective on procurement and Jill will look into this. **Action: Jill**

It was noted that ideas for webinars and podcast are always welcomed. **Action: All to note**

Full of Beans Campaign:

The campaign will conclude with a celebration on the 18th September at CIVIC House in Glasgow. Thalia has been working on a short film and a recipe book to record the activities that took place throughout the campaign. More information can be found [here](#).

Riikka advised that the evaluation of the campaign will be available by the end of October.

6. GFPP Partner Updates/Partner Collaborations

Updates are saved here on a rolling basis and everyone was encouraged to continue to use this: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/12kSkpybR66GSdJ6NnINHxsjcPYOmCa5p/edit>

In addition, Siobhan advised that the HSCP have been running cooking demonstrations and there will be a launch of a small grant scheme for organisations or schools/nurseries of around £500 and GCFN will help promote this in October/November. The criteria will link with the aims of the Food Plan.

Jill advised that the Scottish Pantry Network will be having a conference on 24th September.



Jill concluded by advising that, going forward, the plan is to have 4 working group meetings per year plus two full GFPP meeting plus one face to face networking event.

6. AOB

Jill advised that, as part of the aim to work with the University of Glasgow and other academic partners, a research application was submitted today to evaluate the Courtyard Pantry's after school food provision.

Jill is also working on a UKRI funding bid to look at the development of local food markets in communities across Glasgow.

Riikka asked everyone to make use of the partner updates document between meetings as this is really helpful for reports and funding applications etc. This can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/12kSkpybR66GSdJ6NnINHxSjcPYOmCa5p/edit>

7. Dates of next meetings

Thursday 31st October, GFPP/GCFP Networking event, Queen's Cross Housing Association

March 2025, GFPP meeting (date TBC)