

1.30pm Brenda: welcome

Business, AGM

Report of Accounts

- John Meechan - soon-to-be new treasurer (has been in-post since July 2022). Suzanne, Finance Officer has been supporting
- Brenda has provided abbreviated versions in print, access can be provided after the meeting as well
- Turnover for tax year to 31st March 2022 was higher than it's ever been (refer to **accounts** for exact figure)
- Reserves: (refer to **accounts** for exact figure)
- 2 main funders:
 - Scot Govt provides core funding of £25k/year - will be continued til March 2025 - covers all non-projects related costs
 - National Lottery Fund: Food and Climate Action project to end in March 2023 (current tax year) - will be finding out in Jan if we extensions funding for this
- Done our best to respond to Cost of Living - 5% wage increase to majority of staff. Did explore looking into higher wage increase but wasn't possible. Have budgeted for wage increase in new National Lottery Climate Action Fund application
- Motion passed for Brent Nichols as accountant
- No questions for John

Resignation of Board Members and Election of new Board Members

Comments provided from resigning Directors (see **agenda** for list of resigning Directors)

- Abi, who was the foundation of the GCFN. Abi is absent, Brenda speaking on Abi's behalf. Abi will still be around
- No looking at a revolving model for the Chair
- Joe has stepped down as director and Treasurer

New members:

- Mary Sinclair:
 - has been involved for 8-9 years, since is started
 - Has exp working in social enterprises in previous professional roles
- John Meechan:
 - 20 years as a chef or baker, ran a bakery in East End
 - Has been teaching cookery and bakery in college in Stirling
 - Always been interested in sustainable practices and improving access to healthy food
- Aurora :
 - Joined in June (same as Mary)
 - Joined the Network about 5-6 years ago following the running of a community garden in Maryhill

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- Passed on the garden and joined Board
- Background: is an architect - combines this with food systems
- Asma is absent, Mark F speaking on her behalf:
 - Help set up Empower Women for Change, working with refugees and asylum seekers
 - Background in working in food and agriculture public policy
 - Was involved in GCFN's Covid-19 Response report project → interest in food access for people with no recourse to public funds
- All present voted all above Board members in
- Invitation to speak to GCFN/ Directors if interested in joining the board or gaining mentoring with a view to becoming a board member

Hub Update: Eleanor Dillon

- Speaking on behalf of Jac and Mark who have been leading on the development of the hub
- Has come about as a collab with ALISS - scotland-wide service
- Looking at how we consolidate info re food provisions into one place
- System has different categories (wee website)
- Can search by postcode or key word
- Invitation for organisations and food systems to be in touch to submit themselves
- ALISS have community outreach workers who can support us getting this info up to date
- Free Food Map will be fully integrated with this new hub
- Will be pulling together info on how to access and make use of the hub and make it accessible as possible
- Have done some work to integrate the GCFN membership with the ALISS system. Membership has now been wiped and we'll be doing (beginning today) a whole rehaul of the membership → registering to become a member will now integrate you into the ALISS system
- Request for people to share with their networks that the hub is now available
- This is a soft launch but more formal comms will be going out
- Key note: if you were a member, you now need to re-sign up
- Brenda open question to long-term members in room: what is the benefit?
- Mandy, Urban Roots: numerous benefits of being a member → Mandy has been a member since inception of GCFN. Sharing info both ways, can provide opportunities for other GCFN members, encourage people, resourced from GCFN
- Brenda: place in meeting to share 'what you need' and 'what you can offer'
- Brenda: GCFN has strengthened skillset and expertise, is a collective voice

Report on Activities 2021-22: Mark Fitzpatrick

Covid Response Project (see [Report of Activities](#))

Food and Climate Action project (see [Report of Activities](#)) plus update from Eleanor

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- Have been running some COP27 themed events around mural making workshops. Promotes 2 mural workshops take place on 6th and 7th of December AND Soil and Soul workshop on Monday 5th Dec in collab w Propagate
- Showcase of COP26/ Demand for Land related work
- Look at social media channels and updates on website
- IMPORTANT NOTE: even though all membership has been wiped, everyone currently signed up to membership will continue to receive our newsletter

Glasgow City Food Plan (see [Report of Activities](#)) plus updates from Jill , Glasgow Food Policy Partnership GFPP

- Came out ahead if Goof Food Nation plan but reflects the aims of this
- By working separately from each other, we weren't making progress as quickly and at the scale we would like to
- Food Plan is not really anything new but it providing a better framework for conducting the work the partner organisations were already doing
- 1.5 years in - have just produced annual report
- Over next year will be thinking more about the medium-term and about how we can developed and evolve approach
- Proud of the fact that they communities around the table
- One of the values of the GCFN is bringing a community voice to the table - this is something Glasgow has which not every area has
- Will be looking for people to engage and discuss how best to take plans for the City Food Plan forwards
- Brenda: other cities are watching Glasgow with this

Sharing the New 5 Year Action Plan: Aurora

- Mark F: Directors met back in Jan 2022 for initial discussions around the 5 year plan. Looking at bringing in more core support for the organisation
- So many things going on that it took a few months to understand the whole picture
- See infographic
- There is a lot of different ways of being a member of GCFN
- Compass symbol - core is fighting for food justice.
- Recognising that we're not reinventing the wheel so identifying the key projects:
 - City Food Plans (all directors are directly linked to one of the working groups that are part of the City Food Plan)
 - FCA project
- Strengthening the organisations to establish connections for themselves so that eventually, the Network is not needed.
- Discussions around connecting up the membership with skill shares etc. and more cross-sharing of things that are happening
- General view of what org already offers: see doc of draft Theory of Change for 5 year plan (2022-2027)
- There is a copy of the plan on each table - meeting is breaking out to discuss what is missing from the plan.

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