

Meeting June 8th 2018

Present: Cllr Anna Richardson (City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction) AR, Jenny Reeves (Chair GAF) JR, Iain Sutherland (Treasurer GAF) IS, Judy Wilkinson (Secretary GAF) JW

1 Kid Friendly Allotments

We discussed the recent GAF report on the approaches that allotment associations have adopted to engage families and young people.

As a result Councillor Richardson will investigate how play areas and spaces that children can safely explore can be designed into new allotment sites to make it clear that allotments are for families as well as individuals. She will press for consideration at the design phase how parents' anxieties about their children being noisy and problems of keeping their plots to high standards set for cultivation might be addressed.

On the the issue of young people's involvement, the practice at Mansewood Allotments where the association had been working with the local Tinto Primary (TP) school since 2011 was particularly interesting. It highlighted the possibilities for partnership between allotments and local schools which could have a direct input into enhancing the curriculum. Councillor Richardson recognised that this initiative underlined one of the contributions that allotments could make to the furtherance of the City's Food Growing Strategy.

GAF will encourage allotment associations to be aware of these issues and the benefits of making families and young people welcome on their sites.

2 Partnership working between GCC and GAF

The GAF representatives suggested that the success of West Dunbartonshire Council in working with 'Growing West Dunbartonshire' could be considered. (report attached). This is an example of what can be achieved by creating partnerships to move a local food growing strategy forward. Currently there are areas where communication and engagement in partnership working could be improved between the council and the membership of GAF.

The success of the Community Learning Exchange (CLE) on May 17th (report attached) suggested that a similar set of visits and discussions for our local councillors would be worthwhile.

Councillor Richardson would be interested in such an exchange in August.

GAF will liaise with Councillor Richardson's secretary to fix on a suitable date and organise the visits.

3 How allotments can contribute to Glasgow Council policies -

Councillor Richardson recognises that allotments can contribute to the urban strategy for Glasgow – in particular to themes in the Sustainable City and Food Growing agenda of: health and wellbeing, young people and families, food education, upcycling and recycling, biodiversity. She will consider how this can be recognised in GCC working groups and Council policies.