



GOOD FOOD BARNSELEY PARTNERSHIP
Wednesday 23rd April 2025, 2-4pm
Westgate Plaza Level 4 Room 2 / Microsoft Teams

Attendees		
Name	Position	Organisation
Gary Stott (Chair) (GS)	Director, Company Shop	Company Shop
Rachel Lancaster (RL)	Team Leader, Resilient Communities, Food Access Lead	BMBC
Anne Asquith (AA)	Service Manager, Resilient Communities	BMBC
Jonathan Williams (JW)	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	FareShare Yorkshire
Helen Corker (HC)	Project Manager	Citizens Advice Bureau
Elizabeth Barnes (EB)	Community Buildings Officer	Barneslai Homes
Karen Church (KC)	Work and Pensions Lead	DWP
Suzanne Storey (SS)	Barnsley Foodbank Manager	Barnsley Foodbank
Martine Bradley (MB)	Treasurer Royston Friends Association	RFA
CLlr Wendy Cain (CLlr WC)	Public Health and Communities Portfolio Holder	BMBC
Kerry Birks (KB)	Public Health Officer	BMBC
Gary Simpson (GS)	Community First Credit Union Barnsley	Credit Union
Sakura Singhcorke (SS)	Communications and Engagement Officer	CVS
Anne Nixon (AN)	Health and Wellbeing Delivery Manager	BPL
Nicola Cresswell (NC) <i>Observing</i>	Team Leader, Resilient Communities	BMBC
Lydia Clark (LC) <i>Observing</i>	Public Health Officer, Health Improvement	BMBC
Megan Coupland (MC) <i>Minutes</i>	Business Support Officer, Resilient Communities	BMBC
Maddison Brown (MBr) <i>Presenting</i>	Project Manager Community Enhancement, Resilient Communities	BMBC
Rachel Mallon (RM) <i>Presenting</i>	Co-op community and member engagement officer	Co-op
Dr Megan Blake (Dr MB) <i>Presenting</i>	Senior Lecturer in Human Geography, School of Geography and Planning	University of Sheffield

Apologies		
Name	Position / Organisation	Deputy Attending
Rachel Payling (RP)	Head of Service, Stronger Communities	n/a
Tracey Fitzgibbon (TF)	Family Centre Manager - early start, prevention and sufficiency, Alexandra Rose scheme delivery partner	n/a
Jez Mitchell (JM)	Head of Service, Resilient Communities	n/a
Helen Ibbotson (HI)	Project and Contracts Officer, Resilient Communities, BMBC	n/a
Rose Bray (RB)	Feeding Britain Representative	n/a
Neil Spencer (NS)	Chief Executive - Forge Community Partnership	n/a

	Summary of Actions	Responsible	Progress
2.1	Jonathan Williams to provide a brief explanation (1-2 paragraphs) explaining how to access surplus via Fareshare, and for this to be circulated to the Good Food Partnership membership list.	Jonathan Williams	Complete
3.1	Rose Bray's email update to be circulated with the partnerships membership list after the meeting.	Megan Coupland to share	Complete
4.1	Update on the 2025/26 budget and proposed financial spend to be brought to the July meeting.	Rachel Lancaster	Complete
5.1	Update on Fareshare's utilisation of the Defra infrastructure funding, and overall impact of the scheme, to be brought to a future meeting.	Jonathan Williams	Complete
5.2	An update on the utilising decommissioned allotments project to be brought to a future GFBP meeting.	Lydia Clark	On forward plan
7.1	Kerry Birks to explore adding the What's For Tea Barnsley cookbooks onto BMBC's Erica library system.	Kerry Birks	Complete
8.1	Food Ladder Toolkit and website link for more information on the Food Ladder concept to be shared following the meeting.	Megan Coupland to share	Complete
9.1	All partners to contact Maddison Brown maddisonbrown@barnsley.gov.uk with any events happening around the Love Where You Live launch week, 2 nd -8 th June, where the project could be promoted. This should include the specific ideas raised in the meeting; Veterans Together event, and Road Safety event.	All members	Complete

10.1	Rachel Mallon's contact details to be shared with the partnership to facilitate more working relationships with the Co-op.	Megan Coupland to share	Complete
11.1	Suzanne Storey to share contact details of new funding officer, and update at a future meeting around possible new pantry/foodbank projects.	Suzanne Storey	Complete

Minutes			
1	Introductions & Apologies (Chair)		
	The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies stated as above.		
2	Minutes and outstanding actions from meeting held on DATE (Chair)		
	Minutes accepted as an accurate record. Outstanding actions from the previous meeting updated as below:		
	Action	Responsible	Update 23.04.2025
	Martine Bradley and Jonathan Williams to compile their learnings on distributing surplus and share with other pantry providers as an example of best practice.	Martine Bradley / Jonathan Williams	MB – Multiple cancelled meetings for various reasons including ill health. MB has accessed the surplus from FareShare, and commented on using WhatsApp to communicate in relation to this is easy and straightforward. ACTION COMPLETE. JW will produce a short guidance document to assist pantries in access accessing surplus through this model.
	FareShare open day dates and information to be circulated to the partnership.	Nathaniel Bee / Jonathan Williams	Work on the FareShare open days has been delayed. The dates will be shared when confirmed. ACTION ONGOING
	Martine Bradley to invite all pantries to a meeting again and to collate some information regarding the allotment project which can be shared with other pantries.	Martine Bradley	MB - Not meet with all pantries as she had no response, does not feel having a whole pantries meeting works. Focusing more on going out to the pantries individually and speaking face to face. Opening day for the Royston bowling green allotment is 7 th May, the Mayoress Caroline Makinson will be there. All pantries will be invited to the opening day. ACTION COMPLETE

	Susan Womack and CVS volunteer coordinator to meet with Martine Bradley in regard to volunteers.	Susan Womack	Susan Womack was not present at the meeting to give an update. ONGOING
3	Feeding Britain Update - RL		
	<p>Rose Bray was unable to attend the meeting, and so sent an update email which RL read aloud for the group. This email will be circulated to members following the meeting for clarity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple upcoming Feeding Britain webinars. Links to recordings are available. • Lobby day on 18th June with Trussell, IFAN, local pantries and the Salvation Army. Opportunity for people to speak to parliamentarians directly. 		
4	Food Innovation Fund Update - RL		
	<p>Rachel Lancaster provided an update on what has been achieved through the food innovation fund over the last year, and plans for future funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year's budget of £40,000 start up funded 3 Good Food Pantries and set up the What's for tea Barnsley campaign. • 2025/26 budget and proposed spend is unconfirmed. Full update will be provided at the July meeting. • Household support fund is confirmed but is going through government processes and expected to go to cabinet in May. • 'Eat good feel good in the workplace' campaign ran Dec 2024 – March 2025. Delivered health and wellbeing advice and support to 6 large local employers (Premier Foods, Evri, GXO, Metalliform, Carnswick Foods, and Freshpak). <p>All staff completed a short survey. Results showed that only 77% said they would like to have a healthier diet.</p> <p>Main result of the question, 'what makes it harder to eat healthy good?' was the cost, not having time to cook and other family members not liking healthy foods. Most people voted yes to wanting help and support for healthy eating in the work place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food support was the main concern voted for at the Poverty action reference group on 27th March. Shows communities opinions not just professionals. 		
5	Surplus Food Management Update - JW		
	<p>Jonathan Williams gave a verbal update from Fareshare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fareshare has submitted a bid to the Defra £15 million infrastructure scheme. The scheme was announced at the national farmers union, initially intended to be support for farmers but has morphed into something more complex. • The funding would allow Fareshare to increase chiller capacity and storage capacity, and create mixed crates of surplus for charities. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Fareshare regions are nervous – got to have the infrastructure in place to deal with this. Should result in a lot fresher produce arriving, currently a lot of packhouses/importers are holding onto food for as long as possible to monetise it, but this often creates waste on arrival to Fareshare as the produce is spoiled. Further updates on this will be beneficial. • Defra are trying to tackle food access/poverty at a national level. Currently ultra-high processed foods are high margin, but fruit and veg have become almost valueless. They are trying to make it economically possible to get food out of the ground and send it to people. At a local level, there are a number of networks with a sense of a food sharing economy which is worth interrogating. Through private/public land such as allotments we produce a lot of food, but we are not good at working out how to share this. • RL – project to utilise decommissioned allotments is in early stages, working in collaboration with public health. Details of this will be brought to a future meeting. • Fareshare is seeing more growth, handling 8.3 – 10 tonnes of surplus food last year, tracking at 15 tonnes this year. Some of this is surplus surplus. • Currently 21 charities across Barnsley accessing food from Fareshare, 1 in 3 of these also accepts frozen produce.
6	Pantry Network Update - MB
	<p>Martine Bradley provided an update on Royston Friends pantry and the pantry network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gained surplus from Maxi Deals (closed down store in the Alhambra Centre) and shared this with 4 other pantries. Also secured food from premier foods. The sharing between pantries is improving and growing. • Focusing on updating and communicating with other pantries in person as formal meetings as a large group do not work. • GS - Creating networks who can share learning with each other in an informal way, being able to share wisdom and knowledge is a strong community. • MB is providing support and advice to the team opening the newest Good Food Pantry in Thurnscoe.
7	What's For Tea Barnsley? Update - KB
	<p>Kerry Birks provided an update on the What's For Tea Barnsley project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cookbook has come back, amendments been made and gone back to the designer. Expected to be back in week and then it will go to print. • Working to book in some cooking demonstrations, commissioned a service to provide 12 demonstrations. Invitation for anyone to contact Kerry to book one of these sessions. Kerry confirmed a few pantries and healthy holidays providers are already booked in for a cooking demonstration, as well as Barnsley Hospital and GXO for their health and wellbeing event in September. • Also connected with Barnsley libraries to ensure they will have some of the cookbooks. Want to explore adding the cookbooks to the Barnsley Council 'Libby' (digital library system).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask of the partnership is to share details of events which could book a cooking demonstration.
8	Overview Of The Food Ladder Toolkit and Wider Thinking - MB
	<p>Dr Megan Blake gave an in depth update on the Food Ladder concept and Food Ladder Toolkit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Food Ladder consists of 3 'runs' all based on resilience theory. • First 'run' is referred to as catching. Provides immediate relief for people in crisis, such as food aid and mental health support. • Second 'run' is preventative, catches people before emergency. Consists of capability enhancement and repair/capacity building. Aims to improve food access by enhancing peoples assets and resources. Enhancing their long term outcomes through community food clubs, education, and skills. • Third 'run' is transformation, thinking of a ladder as a tool used to build things. This run is where people think about the future while challenging the present. • Without the 'side supports', the ladder is a pile of wood. It is the job of partnerships such as Barnsley's Good Food Partnership to be the side support of the ladder, to bring the different elements together into something that works. • Distinguishing between resources (money) and assets (things which keeps producing) is key. People need both to be food secure. • The Food Ladder toolkit and links put into the meeting chat will be circulated with the partnership. • Members commented how this update highlighted the importance of communication, partnership working, and maximising connections. • AA reflected on coming to the end of BMBC's current food access plan and the realisation that the consumers voice was what was missing from that original plan. Made great achievements against the plan, moving forward to establishing the next one bringing two portfolio's together working collaboratively with Public Health colleagues. • MB – Some members that come to pantries cannot cook/struggle to cook. Royston pantry started cooking a 4 veg basic soup for them to taste and a pack with the ingredients. At least 6 people have made their own and brought it back for pantry volunteers to taste. Power of cooking and sharing food. • The Food Ladder Toolkit will be shared with all partners following the meeting.
9	Love Where You Live Project Update - MBr
	<p>Maddison Brown gave a brief introduction to the Love Where You Live project and how partners can get involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is broken down into 4 key themes; visibly improving local areas, communicating more efficiently with residents, mapping communities and improving community intelligence, and increasing social connections between people from different backgrounds. • Anyone can apply to make use of the funding available within the project, would encourage people to reach out.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch week is 2nd-8th June. Ask of the partnership is to inform Maddison Brown of any events happening in services/organisations which LYWL can be involved in. Will send comms toolkit and can support with staffing/members. There will be support available throughout the programme, but first is the big push for the launch. Ask to share any databases/key contacts to allow all intelligence to be pulled together. • MB stressed that these requests coming from people within the Good Food Partnership would help to bring down barriers due to some of them not being council employees and that they are trusted and known within their communities. • AA – Veterans Together event in partnership with Shaw Lane Club is an opportunity to promote this. • KB – Road Safety Event in the Glassworks square 28th May another opportunity.
10	Introduction To The Co-op - RM
	<p>Rachel Mallon provided an update on the Co-op's food plan, giving a retailers insight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-op works nationally with farmers and local producers. Proud to say nothing goes to landfill through Co-op's depots. Actively looking at extending shelf life to avoid waste in the first place. • Local focus to go out and engage members to find out what they want the Co-op to work on. Worked with Royston food bank and have been going into schools and community groups. Recent responses have been food access and addressing the cost of living crisis. • This year Co-op is reopening the local community fund. £2000 per group, choose 3 per community. This is aimed at smaller groups that don't access the bigger pots of funding. • MB – Sincere thank you to Rachel and the Co-op for the support they provide at grass roots level. Without the support Royston pantry would not have been successful. <i>"Village of Royston is very thankful"</i>. • Rachel Mallon's contact details will be shared with the partnership to support more options to establish working relationships.
11	AOB
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SS - New funding officer appointed, will share their contact details. Looking to get involved with another pantry/foodbank, will update at a future meeting. • Conversation around what happens with food waste, landfill versus composting. Mostly goes towards anaerobic digestion to generate energy/energy recovery. None goes to landfill.