

Mr Guidi said: "I will certainly carry on my protest, though my hunger strike is suspended. Come the 29th March I will review that situation, but I am hopeful that by that time we would have some form of progress, though, this is totally in the hands of the bank. And it's not just about me, but the wider picture that includes other victims.

"There are a lot of other people in my situation, there are numerous amounts of people. That's why CYBG Remediation Support Group is seeking to engage with the bank.

"You must always have hope. Without hope you have nothing. You need to believe in the goodness of others, and I've put the bank in that position as well.

"You need to believe that fairness and justice are things that really matters, especially to the people of Britain and from that point of view, that is what keeps me going, alongside the support of my family and everyone else. That's where I get my strength from.

Ideally, Mr Guidi would like to keep his house that he has lived in for 30 years, but he said: "If the bank turns a corner and looks at the other people who are in a very similar situation. That would be a genuine result, like lifting up the premier league trophy.

"This has been a defining moment in my life, it has brought me to understand a lot of the things I hadn't understood, and certainly seeing the fights of others living in the streets of Glasgow. That has affected me, I have seen a lot of people with real hardship, young men and women who are sleeping rough, that has touched me greatly, it will stay with me. And if we can we need to see if we can help them."

Although there are still many hurdles Mr Guidi needs to overcome, Ian Lightbody is positive that "traditional banks have to adapt and change.

He said: "There should be a recognition from the bank about what has gone on. But bare in mind that the CEO of the bank only joined in 2015, so this never happened under his watch, it happened prior to him arriving.

"He has taken an awful long time to acknowledge what has gone on, but now I think we have his full attention. On a national level, this is a systemic issue.

"We are hoping that he will take on our proposal for remediation and he will look at the other eight cases represented by CYBG Remediation Support Group we are going to put forward to him. We are hopeful he will follow through with the positive outcome of the meeting today.

"We have proposed meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week to present the other urgent cases where people are in the middle of imminent court proceedings and some even facing health issues and evictions.

Brian Little added: "Post Brexit SMEs are going to be more important to the economy nationally and globally. So the bank's support to them needs to go back to how it was in the last millennium. But before compensation and redress needs to be made."