

PARTNERSHIPS PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 22nd November 2016 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors John Hampton (Chair), Andy Campbell, Ann Galbraith, Sandra Goldie, Mary Kilpatrick and John Wallace.

Apologies: Councillors John Allan and Ian Cavana.

Attending: L. Bloomer, Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment; C. Monaghan, Head of Communities; J. Cronin, Head of Enterprise, Development and Leisure; W. Carlaw, Democratic Governance Manager; A. Gibson, Committee Services Officer; Superintendent F. Hussain and Chief Inspector G. I'Anson; Police Scotland; and M. Oliver, Chief Executive, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire.

1. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor Galbraith declared an interest in Item 5 of this minute entitled “Ayr Gaiety Partnership Performance Report” as she was a member of the Ayr Gaiety Partnership, however, as she did not perceive there was a conflict of interest, she would not leave the room when the item was being considered and would take part in discussion of this item.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of 13th September 2016 ([issued](#)) were submitted and approved.

3. Action Plan and Work Programme.

There was submitted an Action Log and Work Programme for this Panel ([issued](#)).

Decided: to note various updates to the Action Log.

4. Police Performance Report.

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 14th November 2016 by the Head of Communities inviting scrutiny of the local performance of Police Scotland from 1st April to 30th September 2016.

Superintendent Hussain updated the Panel on Police Scotland's local performance.

Questions were raised by Panel Members and responses provided by Superintendent Hussain and Chief Inspector l'Anson; in relation to:-
 the reduction of speeding offences in priority routes within South Ayrshire; the demographic of those killed on South Ayrshire roads; the use of the average speed cameras on the A77; concerns relating to speeding around the areas of Turnberry and Maidens; the difference between attempted murder and serious assault and whether the use of drink and drugs was a dominant factor in these cases; the success of the Rural Watch scheme; the helpful meetings that had taken place with regard to rural policing; the theft of livestock from rural areas; the staffing levels of the Police Force; local policing priorities; the success of the Hope Project; and slavery and human trafficking.

It was agreed that a Police survey entitled "Your View Counts" be e-mailed to Members for their information.

The Chair, on behalf of the Panel, congratulated Superintendent Hussain on the report.

Decided: following scrutiny of the report, to note the update provided by Police Scotland.

5. **Ayr Gaiety Partnership Performance Report.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 3rd November 2016 by the Executive Director - Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment inviting the Panel to scrutinise the performance of the Ayr Gaiety Partnership.

After a Member of the Panel enquired how it was known that the Gaiety Theatre in Ayr had an economic impact of £1,800,000 each year, it was reported that it derived from an Economic Impact Survey conducted by Ayr Gaiety following a recognised formula based on historical statistics for businesses within Ayr. Concern was expressed by Members of the Panel on the effect the closure of businesses and shops would have on the economic impact of Ayr Town Centre.

Decided: having scrutinised the performance of Ayr Gaiety Partnership, to note the comments of the Panel, as detailed above.

6. **Voluntary Action South Ayrshire – Performance Report.**

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) of 7th November 2016 by the Head of Communities providing an update on the work of the Voluntary Action South Ayrshire (VASA).

Having heard the Chief Executive, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire present the key issues arising from the Performance Report, the Panel thanked her for her good work over the years with VASA and noted that VASA was confident that their targets would be met.

Decided: having scrutinised the performance of VASA, to note the comments of the Panel, as detailed above.

The meeting ended at 11.00 a.m.