

PARTNERSHIPS PANEL

Minutes of the Meeting held remotely on
15 September 2021 at 10.00am

Present: Councillors Hugh Hunter (Chair), Siobhian Brown, Douglas Campbell, Ian Cavana, and Ian Davis.

Apology: Councillor Arthur Spurling

Attending: K Carr, Assistant Director – Place; W Carlaw, Service Lead – Democratic Governance; Claire Monaghan, Service Lead – Community Services and Facilities; Jeremy Wyatt, Chief Executive Officer, Ayr Gaiety Partnership; Alison Nelson, Co-ordinator – Democratic Services

Opening Remarks

The Chair took the sederunt and confirmed that today's meeting was not open to the press and public, which was permissible under the COVID-19 legislation. He also confirmed to Members the procedures to be followed for the meeting.

1. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Council Standing Order No.17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2021 ([issued](#)) were submitted and approved.

3. Action Log and Work Programme

There was submitted an Action Log and Work Programme (issued) for this Panel. The Assistant Director – Place gave a verbal update on the Action Log and the Panel

Decided: to note the Action Log and Work Programme including the verbal update provided by the Director – Place.

4. Ayr Gaiety Performance Report

There was submitted a report ([issued](#)) dated 8 September 2021 by the Assistant Director – People inviting members of the Panel to scrutinise the performance of the Ayr Gaiety Partnership (AGP)

J Wyatt, Chief Executive Officer, Ayr Gaiety Partnership provided a verbal overview of the report detailing the challenges that had faced the partnership during the pandemic, the innovative way in which productions had been delivered and the practicalities of bringing live arts online, work within the community and plans for the future.

Members thanked Mr Wyatt for his informative report and commended the work being done within the partnership particularly within local communities. One Member asked if the work being done within communities could be broken down into Ward order which Mr Wyatt agreed to do.

Members were pleased that the Ayr Gaiety had opened again and enquired as to what Covid measures were in place. Mr Wyatt advised that there was limited capacity for each event, staff on standby in case staff required to self-isolate, reduction in the size and movement of stage sets thus reducing the number of stage crew required were measures in place to minimise risks.

The Panel discussed the future viability of Ayr Gaiety and the Chair asked that a Briefing Note be circulated to the Panel prior to the end of the year relating to this matter.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Director – People and J Wyatt, Chief Executive Officer, Ayr Gaiety Partnership for the detailed and comprehensive report and the Panel, having scrutinised the Ayr Gaiety Performance Report

Decided: to note the performance of the Ayr Gaiety Partnership in delivering the activities required as part of the agreement for Council funding.

The meeting finished at 10:38 a.m.