



enable replication of this effective process in other learning communities in Argyll and Bute.

The Oban Lorn and the Isles meeting in December, which was an evening meeting, focused on updates on service delivery and development issues from various partners and had detailed and informative presentations on the Change Fund, on the proposed new Oban High School, on core path development including Oban to Ganavan, Oban to Fort William and path projects being taken forward by Ardchatten Community Council. They also had discussion about wider economic activity in the Oban Lorn and the Isles area, and the benefits of an integrated approach to core path planning being taken to ensure sustainable economic tourism development. The March OLI meeting had input in relation to NHS screening programmes, and to some of the economic development activities being taken forward in the area including the Lorn Arc Project, Oban Airport and Oban High School. The meeting also benefitted from an input by AVA on the Survive and Thrive Project.

The December meeting of the Helensburgh Lomond Group was well attended and heard updates on economic activity in the area and on the Maritime Change Programme currently underway at HMNB Faslane. Partner updates were provided by AVA, Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue, and a number of issues raised by Community Councils were progressed. Health updates were given regarding health screening programmes. The Helensburgh Lomond March meeting had an update presentation on the work of ACHA and very good updates and interaction from and by core partners. Discussion took place on the generally increased effectiveness and purpose of the CPG and the need to encourage more Community Councils to attend.

In addition to the matters noted above, items which were discussed at all of the meetings included the forthcoming Area Forums as part of the Community Planning Partnership Community Engagement Strategy, the draft Single Outcome Agreement and the Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils. Agendas are now being formulated for the next round of meetings in June, items for discussion will include presentation of education performance information.

Area community planning meetings will continue to focus on issues of local concern which reflect local priorities and provide partners and community representatives with the opportunity to oversee local service issues. The generally positive momentum which the groups have developed over recent months continues to be built on in the expectation that this will further enhance attendance by both partners and community representatives.

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