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Cover Image - Morven Bush



Welcome to your Spring edition of the Tilly Tattle.

In this issue we have articles covering the new community hub, an update from Tillydrone Community Flat about their new garden, as well as our regular creative writing features.

If you would like to get involved and join the editorial team or if you have ideas for the community publication, you can easily get in touch with us. The staff at SHMU are able to support and train anyone living in the area who are interested in developing their ideas and skills in either writing, photography or proof reading. So please don't be shy, this is your magazine written, edited and designed by the good folk of Tillydrone.

If you live in the Tillydrone area and would like to come along to the editorial meetings or submit an article then get in touch with **Laura at SHMU** on **01224 515013** or you can email her on **laura.young@shmu.org.uk**.

You can also view this magazine alongside previous editions on the SHMU website **www.shmu.org.uk** then click the 'PRESS' option.

The next set of meetings will be held at Tillydrone Community Flat on Mondays at 10am.

First meeting – 13th June

Second meeting – 27th June

Content deadline – 11th July

Page plan – 18th of July

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Tillydrone COMMUNITY HUB

A new Community Hub is planned for Tillydrone which will bring together a range of community and public sector services in a modern and accessible environment.

Aberdeen City Council has allocated £3million to build the new community hub in Tillydrone. The local community was consulted in the autumn of 2015 about where the preferred site for a community hub would be and results showed that the desired location was at the shopping centre site.

The Hub project is intended to provide a facility that supports the whole community and will provide spaces to be used by community groups which currently have space within the shopping arcade. It is also hoped that there will be access opportunities to other public sector services such as Welfare Matters Advice, Child Care etc.

The Hub is still in the planning stages at the moment but Paula Martin, Hub Manager said: "We are working out space at the moment. [Each group] will get enough space to do their work but it needs to be flexible."

At the moment there has been no final decision about where the groups who currently use the Tillydrone Shopping Arcade will

relocate to during the construction of the hub if necessary. However, Paula Martin assured the Tilly Tattle that "we do not want the groups to stop as that would be a negative impact. We're not going to let them down. We will have somewhere to work from, we just don't have it decided yet."

Part of planning for the Hub is to consult with the local community on a regular basis, the Tillydrone community was invited to come to together to discuss what they would like to see in the new Community Hub on the 5th March.

A group of 15 attended and had much discussion about how the centre should work for the community. We discussed what the communities needs were and what would work best for the residents of Tillydrone. The architect from Aberdeen City Council then did an exercise with the group looking at the space that would be in the new hub, how they would work together and what the feel of the Hub would be. The group came up with lots of great ideas and gave the architect plenty

to think about for moving the plans forward.

There will be more opportunities in the future for the community to have an input into the future of the community.

Local Councillor for the area, Ross Grant said: "The Council has established a Project Team to take forward the plans for the £3.5million community hub that will be sited in the heart of the community at the Tillydrone Shopping Centre site. This team includes Council officers as well as community representatives from the Tillydrone Community Council and the Tillydrone Neighbourhood Network."

All the information will be taken to the Tillydrone Community Network which is an open meeting and all members of the community are welcome to attend.

If you would like to find out more about the Hub or would like to take part in future discussions please come along to the Network or email emcpherson@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Golden Games

TILLY BABES TAKE ON THE GOLDEN GAMES!



Three years ago, a group of ladies from Tillydrone picked up a programme for Aberdeen's Golden Games Festival, a free sports festival for over 65's. They were immediately intrigued and were very keen to try some of the activities on offer.

The Golden Games, now in its sixth year, is a free sports festival held across the city for people aged 65+. Each year, the games hosts a variety of different activities to suit all abilities which range from chair based exercise to wall climbing! Last year 425 older people from across Aberdeen took part in activities throughout the games. This number has grown and grown every year. What started as a 2-day event in 2011 is this year going to be a 7-day festival!

Betty, Mo, Anne, Lena and Harriet, collectively known as the "Tilly Babes" are once again really looking forward to this year's games. The ladies have taken part

in several Golden Games activities over the years including ten pin bowling, chair based exercise, health walks and swimming and continue to attend some of these activities all year long.

The Tilly Babes said: "going to the Golden Games festival has really given us the opportunity to try new things, meet new people, make new friends and get a bit more active. We've continued with several activities but our favourite is the ten pin bowling. We come to Codonas every week come rain or shine and we have so much fun! It's great that we can all go bowling and play as a group but at the same time, make new friends and have fun whilst exercising. This has really given us a new lease of life and it's good for both the body and the mind!"

This year, the Golden Games will be held over 7 days across the city and will include activities such

as zumba gold, pickle ball, health walks, archery and swimming.

The Tilly Babes would encourage anyone to take part this year and said: "The Golden Games is a great opportunity to try something new. It gets you out of the house and it's great for improving both your physical health and overall wellbeing. It also gives you the opportunity to find out what's going on in Aberdeen and how to stay connected with other people. We gave it a go and we are so happy that we did! Roll on this year's Golden Games!"

The dates for this year's Golden Games are from Thursday 9th June - Friday 17th June (excluding Saturday and Sunday). For more information, you can contact the Wellbeing Team on 01224 522270 or email wellbeing@aberdeencity.gov.uk.



ZONE YOUTH

Members of Zone Youth LGBT+ delivered a 'Tackling Homophobia in Schools' presentation at the Aberdeen Learning Festival in February 2016.

The group delivered this workshop last year and on the back of that a couple of support groups have been set up in local academies at lunchtimes to support those who identify as LGBT.

The group have also developed and delivered a gender identity presentation which they delivered to Albyn School in October 2015. The presentation was so well received that they were asked back to deliver another at the end of February.

Kate Tannock, Head of Personal and Social Education incorporating Pastoral Support at Albyn School said:

"The young people were so well prepared and spoke with passion about trans gender. I think that everyone came away realising how many binary stereotypical concerns there are and it certainly has raised the awareness of trans and gender identity."

The group are also about to begin work on a gender identity campaign in partnership with the Maker Space Project from Robert Gordons's University. The campaign called will be called, Use 'It' Right. The group came up with the name and developed their own logo. This piece of work is still in the very early stages but we hope to develop a range of materials that can be used in schools and in a youth work setting.

Ellie Hepburn: Development Officer, Youth Work Team

THE HORIZON

BY JOHN BROWN

Walking with the band, in a
weird and wonderful land

Holding each other's hand

Through the burning sand

Confused and don't understand

Lost in a trance, we do our
tribal dance

There's no need for this,
it's totally unfair

Everyone should give out their
fair share

Do they really care?

Sitting here alone in my room

The vibes today are
very gloom...

I use my imagination to
drift away

It's safe and I want to stay

Rest your mind, let the soul
inside unwind

I try to be kind

One day I'll dig a gold mine

Gazing through the sky,
intoxicated and high

I ask myself why

Visualizing my life and what's
to come

Coping with the death of
my Mum

Sailing on a ship that goes
no way

Sometimes I wait for the day
to pass away



Tillydrone Local History and update on the Library on Pennan Road

Elsie Rennie reflects on the history of Tillydrone Library

Why are we waiting? Tillydrone has existed since 1946 and has never had proper community facilities. Playgroups, youth clubs and other groups have found alternative accommodation at Donbank Primary School – mentored by George Keith, Councillor. In 1982-1983 it was decided to investigate the possibility of using St Machar Primary School as a community centre. Tillydrone Library was officially opened by Councillor James Wyness at an informal ceremony on Friday the 8th 1991 in the presence of residents and city councillors.

The purpose built library lends adults and children's books, compact discs and framed prints and a unique first for the city, offering toy lending service for children between 1 and 8 years old. There are seven categories including activity toys, pull a long and constructive Lego. For small children there are toys to encourage hand to eye contact and motor skills. The toy library was the first in Scotland.

In the week it celebrated its 10th anniversary - November 2001

Tillydrone Library became one of the new learning centres being opened by Provost James Wyness.

Aberdeen College installed a suite of computers as part of a partnership with the City Library service for the local community includes desktop publishing for community groups, Teletext TV, photocopier and community information system.

Youngsters from local schools were given talks by local authors and poets and also got the chance to meet Aberdeen Football Club's top players. Rae Angus, Principal of Aberdeen College said the school was committed to providing lifelong learning opportunities and had installed similar suites in Aberdeen Central Libraries. Eighteen secondary schools were equipped with mini IT Centres in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.

Today in 2016 the library is still a major attraction, they hold regular Book Bug sessions where the mother or an adult can bring the child to a taster session on books or toys.

You can borrow up to 15 items for 4 weeks including books, CDs, audiobooks.

Adults can also borrow 4 DVDs for 1 week, 2 DVD box sets and 2 language courses for 4 weeks

You can also access eBooks, eMagazines, homework help, family history sources and much more on the Aberdeen City Libraries website or app.

Healthy reading at Aberdeen City Library and Tillydrone Library. Healthy Reading is for everyone. The collection includes self-help books, advice and information titles as well as relevant fiction titles offering help and support to people living with health issues. You can sign up for free at any library.

The titles include a broad range of health issues including addiction, allergies, cancer, chronic pain, dementia, disability, healthy eating, mental health, self-esteem and sleep. You can go on the Healthy Reading page of the Aberdeen City Libraries website to find out more. The collections are available at Tillydrone Library.

Treasures from our Collections Interactive Exhibition at Tillydrone Library



Delve into a treasure trove of historical artefacts in Aberdeen City Libraries' Treasures from our Collections interactive exhibition. The unique project reveals the story behind items dating as far back as the 17th Century which are held in the archive and collections of Aberdeen's public libraries.

Discover how Aberdeen found fame as 'The Silver City by the Sea', read detailed accounts of 19th Century crime and punishment in the libraries' Broadside collection and unravel the secrets of the Egyptian Book of the Dead in the fascinating exhibition available to view on touchscreens in Tillydrone, Mastrick, Airyhall and Central libraries.

Aberdeen City Libraries are unveiling five different items each month until July 2017 when the

exhibition will have revealed 125 items to coincide with the 125th Anniversary of Aberdeen Central Library next year.

In addition to the interactive exhibition in Tillydrone Library, each month's featured items will be displayed physically in the Information Centre, Central Library (open 9am-8pm Mon & Wed and 9am-5pm Tue, Thurs-Sat).

Touchscreens can be used to view the exhibition by all - library membership is not required. Please ask a member of library staff for further information or contact Aberdeen City Libraries by e-mailing LibraryEvents@aberdeencity.gov.uk or phoning 01224 652500.

AVAILABLE AT YOUR LIBRARY:

- Free wi-fi and PC access
- Photocopying and scanning
- Books (including large print and audio books)
- CDs, DVDs and toys
- Newspapers
- Caddy liners are free

OPENING TIMES

- Monday 10am – 7pm
- Tuesday 10am – 5pm
- Wednesday 10am – 7pm
- Thursday 10am – 5pm
- Friday 10am – 5pm
- Saturday 10am – 1pm, 2 – 5pm
- Sunday – closed

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Tillydrone Community Flat

It's been ages since our last update and a lot has been happening here at the Tilly Flat.

Progress is well underway on the community garden a team from Aberdeen City Council have done fantastic work in transforming waste-ground into a great space which will hopefully become a focal point for the area. There is lots still to be done including turf, seating and planting. If anyone would like to be involved with the project or would like a wee area to grow produce or flowers please get in touch with us. Thanks to Aberdeen Greenspace and Cosnova GmbH for the project funding and ACC for delivering the groundwork. We have also secured funding from NHS Grampian Public Health team to carry out kitchen improvements including the installation of a cooker. Once this is done we will offer Confidence to Cook classes to local residents who may want to learn how to prepare simple, tasty meals on a budget, as well as providing advice on food safety and healthy eating, and other

helpful sessions. Again, if you would be interested in participating, please contact Fiona or Sarah at the flat. A creative writing course started after the Easter Break, on Thursdays between 1-3pm. Anyone interested in exploring their literary side is welcome to come along. We are also looking to run computing classes again and will keep everyone up to date with progress on this. We are delighted to report that our good friends at Fairer Aberdeen have once again approved our funding bid for the Tilly Flat, ensuring we are able to continue providing support, advice (and cups of tea!) to our friends and service users in the area. At the beginning of the year we played host to a 2nd year Social Work placement student from Robert Gordon University. Melissa was a great asset to the Flat and you can read about her time here in the magazine. The Tilly Flat continues to offer a range of classes and activities for all ages – come along and check them out.



You can find the Community Flat at 3B Alexander Terrace or call 01224 486641. Feel free to come in and say hello.

Student Placement



Hey! My name's Melissa. You've probably seen me floating about the Tilly flat over the last two months chatting

with people and getting to know everyone who comes in. I'm in my second year of a four-year degree in social work and was based in the Tilly flat for two months as part of my first placement in university. While I've been here I've gotten to know the different services on offer

and have helped out at these in any way I could. I was in the crèche most mornings and sat in on PEEP and Stay & Play groups. I was also lucky enough to reap the rewards when there was a cancellation for one of the health treatments, meaning I got the slot to experience Reiki. I now know why the health treatments are so popular.

Since I've been at the Tilly flat I've really enjoyed getting to know the different people who come in to visit and to use the services and I got to see what a close-knit community there is in Tillydrone. Regularly chatting with the people who came into the flat was one of my favourite

parts of being here, as well as getting to help out at the services. Special thanks to Sarah, Fiona, Carol and Ruzina for all the support and advice they gave me while I was here. The way you all manage to be so helpful to everyone while still managing to get your own work done is pretty inspiring. Also big thank you to some of the committee members and residents for making me feel so welcome here. You were all always up for the chats and I'm really happy to have met you all.

Until next time friends! Take care and I hope to see you when I come back to visit!



Alexander Terrace Playground Refurbishment

The play park in Alexander Terrace has always been a popular and well used area but it was getting a bit past its sell-by date and in desperate need of a bit of TLC

We were very excited when it was announced that the park would be getting a makeover as part of Aberdeen City Council's playground refurbishment programme. After consultation with local residents, a plan was drawn up and the work was carried out at the start of 2016. The playground now has brightly coloured safe play surfaces, grassed areas and brand new equipment, including a wheelchair accessible roundabout. I've also established that two seats and a picnic bench are to be added shortly. It looks fantastic and will undoubtedly prove more popular than ever!



What's in a name

The Tilly Tattle's very own historian, Margaret Mead aims to bring our readers a touch of local history. All the streets in Tillydrone have been named after people and Margaret will be bringing you the stories behind these characters. From Bradley to Dill, Coningham to Alexander, there's a story behind them all so read on to find out more.

Gort Road

John Vereker, 6th Viscount Gort born 10th July 1886 and died 31st March 1946. Born in London into the Prendergast Vereker noble dynasty, an old Anglo-Irish aristocratic family. He grew up in County Durham and Isle of Wight. The name is from the town of Gort in the county of Galway in the west of Ireland. He was educated in England, entered the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich in 1904. He was 2nd Lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards 1905 and was promoted in 1907 to 1st Lieutenant. In 1910 he commanded the NCO10 that catalogued the funeral of King Edward VII. He was made member of the Royal Victorian Order for his services.

In 1911 he married Corinna Vereker, his second cousin. They had two sons and a daughter but divorced in 1925. Their eldest son Charles Standish, born 23rd February 1912 died 26 February 1941, second son born 27 July 1913, died 1915 before his 2nd birthday.

In 1914 Gort was promoted to Captain. He fought on the Western Front, taking part in retreat of Mono in August 1914. He became staff officer with the First Army in December 1914 and then became Brigade Major of the 4th Guards Brigade April 1915.

He was awarded the Military Cross in June 1915. After the Battle of the Somme he was given

the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in April 1917. He was appointed Commandery officer of the 4th Battalion Grenadier Guards and was given a bar to his DSO Sept 1917. On the 27th November 1918 Gort was awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest award for gallantry in face of the enemy award to British Commonwealth forces for his actions on the 17th September 1918 at the Battle of the Canal du Nord, near Flesquieres, France.

Gordon Mill's Crescent/Place/Road

It was named after the Paper Mill which was situated in the area and owned by Patrick Sandilands in the year 1696. Later he sold the mill to a William Black who made it into a textile mill, which was known as the North Mills at

Gordon Mills. This was in the year of 1703. William Black then sold it on. The mill produced Broadcloth, damask and plush made of wool.

Mr Lees built another mill on the other side of the river, which

became the famous, Grandholm Mills. The largest water wheel was installed to run the mill and it can now be seen at a museum in the Edinburgh area.

Riverbank School



Imagining Aberdeen

Children's Parliament are working with Manor Park, Bramble Brae, Riverbank and Tullos primary schools on a project over the next few months. We will be imagining Aberdeen as a city where every child is healthy, happy and safe. With the children we are thinking about life at school, at home and in the community. Together we are talking and learning together about children's human rights, human dignity and imagining living in a city where children have their say.

Every human being is important and special. We call this human dignity. At Riverbank Primary School, Primary 4 to 6 have been looking at what gives us human dignity and what takes it away. Using the idea of a 'dignity barometer' children identified what can happen in a child's life which

undermines their human dignity – and what can enhance it.

Here are some of the pupils' suggestions on the dignity-meters for what gives people human dignity:

'Being visited in hospital'.

'Feeling good about yourself'.

'Having parents to chat to'.

'Having friends and family to play with'.

Children at Riverbank Primary speak many languages and the children learned how to say human dignity in other languages: *godność człowieka* (Polish), *cilvēka cieņu* (Latvian), *человеческое достоинство* (Russian) and *ανθρώπινη αξιοπρέπεια* (Greek).

In May 5 children from the 4 schools came together to be part of a week-long project where they created a mural and were part of a DVD film project. The children will bring all the ideas from their schools to make sure we capture the important messages that children have when they imagine Aberdeen. Children's Parliament will help children to tell Aberdeen City Council and other agencies what children imagine for Aberdeen.

You can follow the progress of the project by visiting the Imagining Aberdeen blog at www.blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/imaginingaberdeen or by following Children's Parliament on Twitter @creative_voices.

P1 Scottish Sing-along

Earlier this year Primary 1 pupils at Riverbank were learning about Scotland for their topic. They took part in a variety of activities including learning about Scottish castles, Scottish artwork, designing tartans and singing Scottish songs. As part of our fund raising for the "Wishing Well" in Kamuli, Uganda we had a Scottish sing-along concert for parents. Everyone was treated to some Im Bru and shortbread! We all had a great time and raised some money for a good cause at the same time.

Mrs Innes P1D

Primary 4/5

This term, Primary 4/5 has been studying ancient civilisations for our topic work. So far, we have learned about Ancient Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt. We learned how to build pyramids and how to make mummies and made several art projects, using a variety of methods. We took part in a bird watch for RSPB and have also been thinking about our rights and the rights of others. Our Primary 5s have been going swimming each Tuesday. The Primary 4s are excited to go after the holidays!

Primary 6/7a

This term our class have been focussing on a book called "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas". The Book is set during World War 2, it is about two boys who meet in an unexpected way. We have taken part in a wide range of activities throughout the term. We designed our very own book covers. We used paint to design these book covers. They turned out amazing. We also looked at the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). We chose certain articles/rights from the convention and used them to investigate the lives of the two boys, Bruno and Shmuel.

New Developments in Tillydrone

by Cllr Ross Grant

It has been an incredibly busy time in the Council, working hard for communities in the area. The Council's pre-planning consultation on proposals to deliver a scheme of up to 270 houses (of variable types and sizes) at the site of the Tilly Youth Project building, St Machar Primary and Aberdon Care Home has continued and officers have continued to take on board the views of those that have responded. It was a particularly proud moment for me to be part of a Council Budget that committed £17 million to deliver an additional school in Tillydrone to meet the growing population in the immediate and surrounding area. The Tilly Tattle got in touch to try to provide some detail about what the next steps are to delivering this much needed facility and as was announced in the media previously:

- Scoping out options and public consultation: April - July 2016
- Submission of a report to committee: September 2016 (This will consider the site and the scope of the new School)
- Formal public consultation (schools aspect): September -

November 2016 (This relates to the formal school consultation)

- Consultation report to committee: January 2017
- Design and planning of new school: February 2017 - February 2018
- Construction period: February 2018 - June 2019
- New school opens: August 2019 (approximately)

I must stress that these dates are indicative and will be subject to a range of variables, including extensive consultation with residents and stakeholders in the area. The above timeframe is to give you a very rough idea of what is involved in moving forward. You will note that a location has not been agreed, as the next steps will be to carry out an options appraisal of suitability of potential sites in the area in conjunction with a public consultation. As you can see it is a fairly lengthy process, but it shows a clear commitment to delivering what residents in Tillydrone have always stressed which is that the area should always have had

two schools. When St Machar Primary was closed in 2008, it was in spite of very impassioned and determined campaigning by parents in the area to keep it open, and so the Council's budget announcement in February 2016 gives those campaigners, those mums and dads who fought hard to keep both schools open, confirmation that your campaign was certainly not in vain. I remember how proud I was of the parents and pupils in how thorough and professional they were in the campaign that they had run. We mustn't of course forget the continued tireless time and work put in by staff, parents and pupils to making Riverbank Primary a thriving and vibrant school, that has created great opportunities for our children, and that has delivered excellent results and achievements. It is this hard work that has created a very strong school community in the school. I hope you find this news very positive for the area, as the plans for widespread and ambitious regeneration proposals, from our community facilities, housing proposals, and now these plans for an additional school move forward.

NESCU

The North East Scotland Credit Union Head office has moved to 24 Victoria Road in Torry (the Old Bank of Scotland). We offer the same saving and loan opportunities as before in our shiny new premises but we are more accessible now.

Here is what one of our members had to say:

"NESCU helped me so much when I was in trouble with money. I was working and had gotten myself into a lot of debt with pay day lenders. NESCU gave me a loan and paid off the pay day loans plus the interest. I then

started to save with them while I paid off my loan. I now have no debt and some savings. I don't know what I would have done without them"

You can visit www.nescu.co.uk, email info@nescu.co.uk or call 01224 899688.

Donside Hydro

An illustration at the top of the page depicts a river scene. On the left, there are stylized hills in shades of yellow and green. In the center, a cluster of green trees stands on a bank. To the right, a grey dam structure with a circular opening is shown. The river itself is light blue with small white fish and dark blue specks representing water movement. The sky is a light greyish-blue with a few white clouds.

Aberdeen's first community renewable energy scheme belongs to you.

Aberdeen's first community renewable energy project – Donside Hydro – is a project that will make a noticeable difference to our community. It will create clean, renewable energy to help meet our country's energy needs and will generate money that we can spend on improving the area we call home.

What is it?

In 2014 the community in Donside Village secured all the required permissions to build Aberdeen's first community-led renewable energy scheme, Donside Hydro, on the site of the former Donside Papermill. As a result a new community company called Aberdeen Community Energy (ACE) was established to build, own and operate the scheme on behalf of the community.

The Donside Hydro will work by drawing the water from the River Don and passing it over an Archimedean screw turbine, turning the water into clean, renewable electricity, which will be sold to the national grid.

The project is predicted to provide a sustainable source of income that will fund local initiatives and development projects that will have a positive impact on our community and lives. As well as generating income, it plans to provide everyone in Aberdeen with the opportunity to be part of the scheme by investing in it.

Find out more

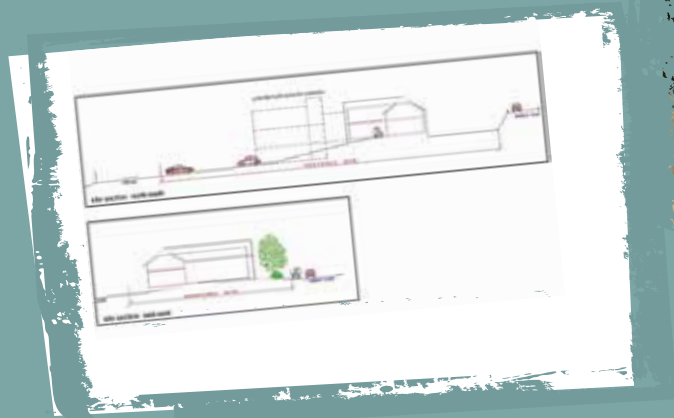
We're making great progress and we'll keep you fully updated every step of the way.

Thanks to everyone who came to the community gathering held at the end of March. The gathering was one of many opportunities to find out more about the Donside Hydro and the benefits it's expected to deliver for the immediate riverside area and Donside and Tillydrone communities.

To keep up to date on the project and to find out more about investment opportunities, please visit our website and follow us on social media:

ACEnergy.org.uk
facebook.com/ACEnergy2016
twitter.com/ACEnergy2016





Million pound makeover for shmu!

Aberdeen City Council will work in partnership with Station House Media Unit [SHMU] to extend the existing community media hub in Woodside after members of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee gave their seal of approval.

The facility at Station Road will undergo a makeover to the tune of £1m following a successful bid to the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF). The project will turn Station House into a cutting edge, internationally acclaimed centre for community media, enabling shmu to play a key role in the cultural development of the region; gain further recognition as a hub for employability and criminal justice programmes; as well as deliver a unique approach in community development and youth work across a range of communities.

The purpose-built accommodation will be adjoining the existing Station House Media Unit building and will lead to at least a 100% increase in usable activity space.

It is anticipated the extended building will feature fit for purpose radio studios to accommodate the

organisations FM community radio station, a TV studio for live broadcasting, a music recording studio, digital editing facility and a digital learning centre.

Amenities such as additional office space, a new multi-purpose community/social space including a small scale performance area offering work experience will also form part of the extension plans.

Welcoming the news of the grant award shmu Chief Executive Murray Dawson said: *"We are absolutely delighted with this grant award. Our five-year strategic plan, developed three years ago, set an aspiration to operate out of state of the art, fit for purpose facilities. This grant award will turn that vision into reality and will provide a fantastic boost to all of our volunteers, service users and staff."*

"We have delivered exceptional programmes and services for more than 15 years from a relatively poor facility base. The prospect of operating from a building designed specifically for our programmes, in conjunction with our stakeholders, is a really exciting proposition."

Stay and Play in Tillydrone



Stay and Play in Tillydrone Early Years Scotland was very happy to be able to offer an accredited paediatric first aid course to some of the parents whose children attend the Stay and Play sessions. The course was led by Donald Montgomery from local training firm AJM First Aid. All of the participants passed the course with three getting 100% in one of the tests. The crèche staff at Tilly Community Flat provided the childcare for those attending the course.

Feedback from the parents was that the course was enjoyable,

informative, contained vital lifesaving skills, that the tutor was great and that they would be including it on their CVs when applying for jobs. Parents also said that the crèche was excellent and their children had enjoyed their time there.

Early Years Scotland would like to thank Sarah and the other staff at the flat for their help in arranging the crèche and accommodation for the course. We also want to say a big well done to the ladies who now have their well-earned first aid certificates.

Stay and Play sessions take place at Tillydrone Community Flat on Thursday afternoons between 1-30 and 3pm. We also offer baby massage at Aberdeen Lads Club on Wednesday afternoons from 2-30 until 3-30pm. For further information, contact **Susan Emery on -7784545800 or email susan.emery@earlyyearsscotland.org**.

If you would like a glimpse of some of what we do at Stay and Play sessions have a look on our Facebook page at **www.facebook.com/aberdeenstayandplay**.

Pathways in Tillydrone

Pathways have been actively working in Tillydrone helping people to find work for a number of years now and our Employability Keyworker, Dave Cook, meets with people looking for help at the Tillydrone Community Flat, Alexander Terrace on Thursdays from 10.00am till 12.30pm.

Dave has helped many people to find work across a number of industries and types of jobs. One of Dave's clients came to see him for assistance having been paid off by his previous employer due to downsizing. Although he had a lot of experience in the construction trade his CSCS card required to be upgraded due to changes in the CITB card scheme. Dave

requested an Individual Learning Account (ILA) for him and created a new CV as well as setting up a new email address and Universal Jobmatch account. Dave also carried out job search and applied for a handful of jobs while we waited for the client's ILA account to come through. Once received the client attended his Health & Safety course and test and then studied for his CSCS card and he took the exam and passed. With his new level CSCS card Dave and the client applied for several jobs gaining interviews and the client was successful and got back into work.

Pathways help people from the age of 16 upwards and from all

backgrounds and help to identify the job or training that is right for you. We also help you to develop a plan to reach your job goal, help with CV's, assist in completing application forms and we also have access to funds to remove barriers to work e.g. clothing or equipment needs. Last year the team of five Employability Keyworkers covering the city of Aberdeen helped 328 people into work and for this year to the end of March achieved 252 people back into employment.

If you would like help to find work you can contact Dave Cook by phone on 01224 682 939 or by email at davidcook@pathways-online.org

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COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Alcohol

Alcoholics Anonymous

0800 9177 650

Drinkline

0300 123 1110

Crime

Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

Drugs

Drugs Action Helpline

01224 594700

Dentist

Emergency - G-Dens

111

Doctors

NHS 24 Emergency

111

Electricity

If you have a Power-Cut

0800 300 999

Family Planning

Aberdeen Community Health & Care Village

01224 642 711

Gas

Gas Emergency

0800 111 999

Gas Emergency with a Meter

0845 606 6766

Housing

Emergency Repairs

01224 219284

Call Centre Emergency

0845 608 0929

Police

Non-Emergency

101

Samaritans

Need to talk

01224 574 488 or 116 123

Social Work

Social Work Duty Team

0800 7315520

Emergency Out-Of-Hours

01224 693 936

Young Carers

VSA

01224 212021

Water

Scottish Water Emergency

0800 0778 778

CFINE

01224 596156

Pathways

01224 682939

Cash in your Pocket

01224 686077

Citizens Advice

01224 569750

Tillydrone Community Flat

01224 486641

Riverbank Primary School

01224 483217

St Machar Academy

01224 492855

St Machar Parent Support Project

01224 487813

Aberdeen Lads Club

01224 492672

St Machar Credit Union

01224 276994

Include 01224 Dialling Code When Calling from a Landline.

Since 1 October 2014, people in Aberdeen have needed to include the area code whenever they dial a local number from a landline – in the same way people do when calling from mobile phones.