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Welcome to your Spring edition of the Tilly Tattle.

In this issue we have articles covering the Lighthouse Support Centre, Tilly's Community Food Outlet and the Donside Community Association.

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.

Keep an eye out on the Tilly Tattle Facebook page for the spring 2018 dates.

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Take our technology and privacy survey for a chance to win a £30 Amazon voucher

You might have seen in a previous Tilly Tattle issue some of the work done by the TrustLens project – such as finding out about the bollard on Tillydrone Avenue that counts cyclists and pedestrians.

Now the project is looking for people to fill out a short survey about privacy, trust and technology. We will be offering those that complete the survey the opportunity to be entered in a prize draw for one of three £30 Amazon vouchers. The survey is anonymous, so information required for the prize draw (name and email or address,) will be kept entirely separate from survey responses, and will be destroyed

as soon as the draw and voucher distribution are complete.

The information you provide in the survey will help the project understand more about how people feel about their technologies (e.g. smart phones, laptops, home assistants), and any concerns or worries they have about them. The TrustLens team would greatly value your input!

You can find the survey online at the following location, by using the QR code, or you can pick up a paper copy from the community flat or the library.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TrustLens>

You should be over 16 years of age to take part. If you have questions or concerns about the project, or for more information, please contact Dr Caitlin Cottrill by email at c.cottrill@abdn.ac.uk.



Yoga in Tillydrone

There is a yoga class in Tillydrone Community Centre on a Saturday morning. This is an informal class which runs between 10 and 11am. It costs £5s per session and is a drop in with no need to book. Unfortunately, due to low numbers, the class may have to stop running so if you've always thought about giving yoga a try then now is your chance to help keep this service in Tillydrone.

Other people who attend the class have said the following:

Rachel McMenen: "I was

recommended this class by a friend and went along with my daughter (she has been diagnosed with scoliosis and it was suggested that she try yoga or pilates. Debbie was so welcoming and helpful and took the time to research the positions that my daughter should and shouldn't do. It has helped with my flexibility and posture so I would highly recommend this class to anyone."

Louise McGettigan: "I've attended several other yoga classes in the city but I didn't find them

welcoming to new members. Debbie's classes are relaxed and enjoyable and the class has many different people in different age groups and backgrounds. The class has helped improve the range of motion in my limbs so if you want to try yoga pop down and give the class a go."

Sylvia Mitchell: "I am really enjoying Debbie's yoga classes on Saturday mornings, it's good fun and energising so I would thoroughly recommend it to anyone."



£55,100 funding boost towards creation of Donside Park

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Donside Village Community (DVC) has been successful in our bid to raise funds for the purchase of the riverside land parcel surrounding the Donside Hydro scheme to support the creation of Donside Park.

The Scottish Land Fund, funded by the Scottish Government and facilitated by the Big Lottery and Highlands and Islands Enterprise, has approved £55,100 funding to Donside Village Community.

This is broken down as follows: £38,000 towards the land purchase; £5700 for conveyancing / legal fees; £1900 towards training the community on invasive species management; and £9500 towards a village park landscape design and delivery plan.

The £55,100 represents 95% of the immediate funding required to allow us to move to the next stage. The remaining 5% (£2400) match funding had already been raised by the community through a range of initiatives involving the entire community including running the Aberdeen 10K, donations from guests at the Donside Hydro, to



car boot sales and many other ways.

The landscape design and delivery plan will allow the DVC to translate its wishes for facilities into a designed, phased and costed masterplan for the village. We will then seek funding for delivery of the various elements. Some of these elements are already underway - such as riverside seating and shelter, repair of the heritage walls, and the community garden and wild orchard. The remaining elements are part of a longer-term plan.

Aberdeen City Council's local Councillor Jim Noble commented: "This is extremely welcome funding news for the Donside Village Community's exciting and innovative plans for the creation of Donside Park. The community highly successfully reached its goal of creating a fully operational community-owned hydro scheme which has won many kudos from the UK and internationally. I am confident that the Donside Park will be equally exciting and successful and even further enhance the picturesque River Don Lower Valley."

Free home insulation on offer to city home owners

Residents in Tillydrone are being given the opportunity to save money and improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

Aberdeen City Council is encouraging eligible householders to take advantage of the Warmer Homes Aberdeen Scheme. The scheme offers free insulation upgrades to privately owned properties where there is inadequate insulation in the loft, walls or under the floor. Even if homes are adequately insulated, Energy Advisors can provide alternative ways to keep homes warm and advice to slash energy bills.

Householders will qualify for the scheme if they or their home meet any ONE of the following criteria:

- **Homes with Council Tax Band A - C.**
- **Homes with postcode beginning AB11 8, AB11 9, AB16 and AB24.**
- **Households with a child under the age of 5.**
- **Households registered with a food bank.**
- **Householders in receipt of state pension.**
- **Home is privately rented (from a registered landlord)**

Households taking part in the programme could save over £300 annually just by improving the insulation in their home and acting on the home energy advice could save over £200.

In addition to insulation, residents can also get free home energy advice from a qualified Home Energy Advisor. The Advisors can provide advice on saving energy and reducing fuel bills, including support with finding the best fuel supply deal and changing supplier.

The Warmer Homes Scheme is funded through the Scottish Government's Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland. Aberdeen City Council is delivering the scheme in partnership with local organisation Scarf, Home Energy Scotland, and recently appointed insulation contractor, BCA Insulation.

To apply for this scheme eligible residents should contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282 or email warmeraberdeen@scarf.org.uk

Active Schools Activities @ Riverbank Primary School

There are lots of school based activities on offer in Riverbank Primary School including:

A multi-activity session on a Monday between 3:15 and 4:15pm for P1-3s

Yoga on a Tuesday between 1:10 and 1:40pm for P5-7s

Football on a Tuesday between 3:15 and 4:15pm for P3-7s

Cheerleading on a Wednesday at lunch for P3s

Running club on Fridays between 8 and 8:30am (followed by breakfast club) for P5-7s

Tennis on a Friday between 1:15 and 1:45pm for P4-7s

These sessions are all free of charge and the tennis sessions are funded by Give it your Max.

Other Activities in the St Machar Area

Football on a Monday between 6 and 6:45pm for P1-2s at St Machar Academy

Football on a Monday between 7 and 7:45pm for P2-3s at St Machar Academy

Football on a Tuesday between 5 and 6pm for P3-7s at St Machar Academy

Girls football on a Tuesday between 5 and 5:45pm for P1-3s at Seaton Primary

Registration

To register for an activity, or seek information on additional sessions throughout the City, please contact: Kim McRobbie - Active Schools Coordinator 07825228173 KiMcRobbie@sportaberdeen.co.uk

For more info follow us on Facebook: "Active Schools St Machar"

Volunteering

We are always keen to support individuals gain skills and experience by volunteering at one of our existing activities, or starting one of your own! Ongoing training and support is provided. If you are interested in taking the registers, helping coach, or support and

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TUK IN TILLYDRONE

Tillydrone Community Hub

We are now one step closer to the development of the Tillydrone Community Hub! Demolition of the old shopping centre on Hayton Road began in November and the site is now ready for construction.

Council Officers have been working with local folk and a wide range of partners to gain opinions on matters such as design, management options, furniture and fittings, etc. A series of events have been held, and will continue to be held, to give you the opportunity to give your views and have your say on the new community hub.

Aberdeen City Council's spokesman for transport and regeneration Councillor Ross Grant said: "In close partnership

with local groups and residents, we hope that the new Community Hub will transform the heart of Tillydrone with a facility that meets the needs of the community and will be home to a variety of vital services and leisure opportunities.

"I hope that this facility will become a thriving place that is valued by the local community and act as a gathering place for people whilst providing a wide range of services that delivers for everyone who calls Tillydrone home."

The hub will deliver a range of services such as:

- **Community activity space**
- **Community Offices**
- **Meeting space**
- **Café**

- **Training kitchen**
- **Food bank outlet**
- **Emergency laundry provision**
- **Crèche**
- **Library**
- **Free Wi-Fi**
- **Council services**

Construction of the new Hub will begin in March 2018 and completed in early 2019.

A group of local people are documenting progress by posting photographs and writing blogs. If you are interested in being involved please contact TillydroneCommHub@aberdeencity.gov.uk or give our facebook page a like [facebook.com/tillydronehub](https://www.facebook.com/tillydronehub)

What a great couple of months 'Tuk In' has had in Tillydrone. Since launching our community café at the Tillydrone Community Flat in November, we have been visiting them every Wednesday selling soup, bread and fruit pots. The café has been a runaway success, with our yellow split pea soup proving to be a real favourite and the Tuk Tuk being so popular with locals.

The idea for the café was inspired by CityLabz - an initiative run by Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen University and Robert Gordons University whereby students from the learning institutions collaborate on entrepreneurial ideas then present the ideas 'Dragons Den' style to an audience who pick a winner. The 'Tuk In' team came up with the idea of a community café run from an electric Tuk Tuk which would use food that would have been destined – for one reason or other – for landfill. The thinking

was that we could help to reduce food poverty and increase healthy eating, and at the same time reduce food waste in the city.



Fortunately for us 'Tuk In' won its group. CFINE were then approached to ask whether we would be interested in bringing the idea forward. We were excited about getting involved and after a period of fundraising we secured the funds to buy the Tuk Tuk.

Since then a lot of work has been put in by a lot of volunteers and partner organisations to get the café up and running and to make it the success it has been so far.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our community partners in Tillydrone for their hard work and cooperation in the project.

Tuk In will be at the Tillydrone Community Flat every Wednesday from 12:30 – 1:00, come by and see us, have a chat, find out what we are up to, have a tasty, low cost lunch, and have 3 of your 5-a-day all in one visit.

You can get soup, crusty bread and a fruit pot all for £1.50. You can also pay-it-forward, this means you can buy a meal deal for someone who is living with food poverty, what a difference this can make to people.

If you would like more information on the 'Tuk In Community Café' or you would like to book us for a private event, email Sean on smcveigh@cfine.org.



tilly flat update

It's been ages since our last update and as usual it's been hectic here at the Tilly Flat.

Service user accesses increased by around 25% last year.

Demand for assistance with issues around social security claims continues to rise as Universal Credit is rolled out and existing systems become more complex. We are fortunate to have support from Brian and Emma at AIDAS (Aberdeen Illness and Disability Advice Service) who have supported many of our service users and who provide a monthly surgery at the Tilly Flat. As is to be expected, there is a direct impact on the need to provide food for those who have been sanctioned, or are struggling with delays in payment. I

put out a call for help before Christmas and the response was overwhelming. Organisations and individuals, including my childhood neighbours, former students and colleagues, private companies, local organisations, generous strangers, friends in Tillydrone and further afield, schools, nurseries... We were truly humbled by the generosity shown and to be able to start the year knowing we could support people at what is often their most

financially challenging time was a huge relief. Our grateful thanks to all who donated.



We have a second year Social Work placement student based at the Tilly Flat at the moment. Dawn Findlay has caused quite a stir with her bright pink and purple hair and has become a firm favourite in the crèche with both children and staff!! She has fitted in brilliantly and is proving to be a great help to us all. Say hello if you see her in passing!

On 11th January we had a visit from David Forbes of the Future Choices charity and one of his young volunteers, the inspirational Lewis Bannerman who at the tender age of 15 has racked up over 100 hours of volunteering and been presented with the prestigious Saltire Award for his efforts. In addition, a motion was raised in the Scottish Parliament to acknowledge his work. Lewis brought with him a donation of £100 of groceries and spent the afternoon packing up food bags and was able to

present one to a service user. Our hearty congratulations to Lewis on his sterling work.

We are still running our Art Group (Wednesday from 12.30 – 2.30pm) and a course on learning to use your computing devices (Wednesday from 1 – 3pm). AiR (Aberdeen in Recovery) hold a drop in session on Fridays from 11am – 1pm. “Cuppa with a Purpose” provides a relaxed and informal atmosphere to chat with others who are going through the recovery journey. Please come along if you feel you may benefit.

Tillydrone Network

Would you like to know more about what is happening in Tillydrone? Or perhaps be able to voice concerns about new or ongoing issues? The Tillydrone Network is always looking for new members to join. The Network meets on the third Monday of the month at 6pm and consists of representatives from many local organisations as well as local residents, who are particularly welcome. If you'd like to come along, or to find out more please contact Sarah at the Tilly Flat (01224 486641). Dates for your diary: 19th March; 16th April; 21st May; 18th June.

Getting involved does make a difference!

Local people in Tillydrone have agreed improvements with Aberdeen City Council which will make a real difference to speed, traffic and safety in Tillydrone.

A group of local people – members of the community council, St George's Church, Tillydrone Network, Donside Village Community Association and concerned parents and residents – met with Living Streets Scotland over a number of months to look at the impact the opening of the new Diamond Bridge has had on the local area.

People were concerned that speeds had increased since the opening of the bridge, that there had been more

traffic in the community, that a number of crossings especially the crossing on Hayton Road were unsafe, and that safety for pedestrians was worse.

A Facebook survey was sent out and got a huge number of responses from local people setting out their concerns about speed, traffic and how safe it was to walk in Tillydrone.

After mapping the difficulties and agreeing possible solutions, the group met Aberdeen City Council to talk about what could be done about this.

And there was success!

Aberdeen City Council has agreed to carry out most of the improvements the group were looking for, including:

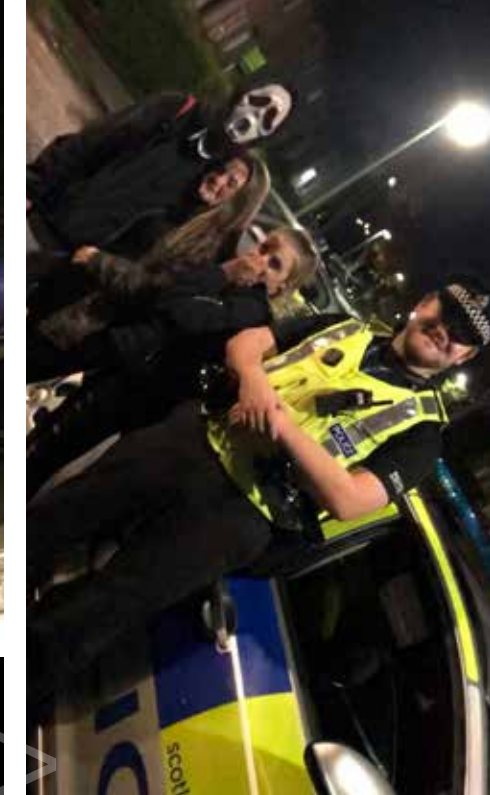
- Variable speed message signs will be placed in Tillydrone to let drivers know the speed they are travelling and urge them to slow down.
- A gateway sign will be placed on the Tillydrone side of the Diamond Bridge to alert drivers that they are entering a residential area and urge them to slow down
- Improvements will be made to the crossing on Hayton Road – new lights will be in place soon

and the Council will work with local people to look at further improvements to Hayton Road to coincide with the opening of the new Community Hub

- Further monitoring of roads where local people feel there is speeding and drivers taking a short cut

Riverbank Primary School has been very involved in encouraging the pupils to walk to school. The school is now a member of Living Streets Walk to School programme which rewards the pupils for walking, cycling or scooting to school. An assembly has been held about walking and being safe crossing the road. Primary Six pupils have also been making a short film with shmu about their experience of walking to school – look out for this soon. Police Scotland and the school hope to do get the pupils involved in a speed campaign soon.

So, a good result for Tillydrone! The group will still continue to meet and monitor these issues. If you would like to get involved contact Hamish on 07801792570 or email hcattanach@aberdeencity.gov.uk.



Tributes to Tillydrone

Tillydrone Police Office has been a fantastic place to be a Special Constable (SC), largely because both the staff and community have been so welcoming and supportive of SCs and the initiatives they run.

I have been a Special at Tillydrone for over a year now and have been able to work alongside regular constables on divisional shifts, plan operations, assist in local initiatives which have attempted to address the local policing issues that are raised by the community to the police.

There have been a few really successful initiatives run recently which highlight the great work that Specials do in Tillydrone. In November 2017, a total of nine SCs worked to run a winter road safety initiative in Tillydrone and surrounding areas. Nearly one hundred vehicles were stopped, with a number of drivers spoken to concerning their speed, which is an issue the local community often raise through the Community

Council. A total of thirty-six hours of work were volunteered by the SCs on the night.

Whilst on operations the Specials do assist with calls that the control room are seeking assistance with, these calls are more reflective of the general divisional policing duties that SCs undertake on their regular shifts that they volunteer in the Tillydrone area. Recently SCs have seized a vehicle with no MOT and where the driver had no insurance, attended to noise complaints in the Tillydrone area and assisted the Fire and Rescue Service with a fire alarm activation at a local high rise.

The Specials have also had the pleasure to get to know local young people better as well over the past year. At Halloween we assisted across a range of areas in Aberdeen by putting on extra patrols to make sure that everyone was safe and that there were extra resources available on what was a busy night! We have also been

in to schools and to local fun days to visit pupils and let them learn about the Police and the sort of work that we do.

Hopefully this gives a snapshot of the sort of work that the SCs undertake in the Tillydrone area to support the local Community Policing Team. However, the variety of work that the Police deal with is so broad that it is difficult to describe! We are regularly out in the Tillydrone area and are always up for a chat, feel free to give us a wave or have a quick blether with us when we are out and about.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Tillydrone community for supporting the police with the work we do, it makes a massive positive difference to constables to have the help of local people.

needs a name

Play... As If It's Your Last is celebrating its first birthday this month! The show is presented by Morven Bush from Tillydrone and is broadcast once a month on a Wednesday evening between 8 and 10pm on shmu 99.8FM as part of our Musical Rotation feature. Musical Rotation allows radio volunteers who would like to present a show but doesn't want the pressure of doing a show every week and allows shmuFM to feature a wide range of musical genres and presenting styles.

Morven has previously guested on the Rave Relax show with Alstain and was asked to take a slot in our Musical Rotation feature. He told the Tilly Tattle: "I thought since it was once a month we'll just always treat it like it's my last show – and that's where the name came from."

He continued: "If you could compare my show to anything I would say it was quite John Peele-esque. I'm always looking at music as diversely as possible, I can have any genre on the show and there's no restrictions. I like to look at the influences behind the music and differences between different countries and cultures."

"My favourite thing about the show is hoping people enjoy the music I play and hopefully making their lives more diverse."

You can catch Morven's show on Wednesday the 14th of March and Wednesday the 11th of April between 8 and 10pm on shmu 99.8FM.

For more information about radio training or other volunteering opportunities get in touch with Laura on 01224 515013 or email laura.young@shmu.org.uk.

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.

Wavell Crescent

He was named after Field Marshal Archibald Percival Wavell, 1st Earl of Wavell. He was born 5th May 1883 and died 2th May 1950. He was educated at preschools where the teachers said he would succeed and did not need to join the army. He continued and ended his education at Sandhurst. He graduated from Sandhurst and was commissioned into the Black Watch and fought in the Second Boer War. In 1903 he was transferred to India and in 1909 he was *exconded* from his regiment to Staff College and graduated as a top student.

He spent a year in Russia in 1911 learning the language and spent a year as a military observer. After watching their manoeuvres, he was arrested at the Russian-Polish border, suspected of being a spy. The secret police searched his Moscow hotel room. When the First World War started he was working as a staff officer at the rank of Captain and was then sent to France. In November 1914 he was appointed Brigade Major of the 9th Infantry Brigade. He was wounded at the second battle of Ypres of 1915, losing his left eye. He received the Military Cross in 1916. By the end of the year he

was acting Lieutenant Colonel and was then assigned as Liaison Officer to the Russian Army in the Caucasus. He was promoted to *brevet* Lieutenant Colonel and continued to work as a staff officer. In January 1918 he received staff appointment as Assistant Adjutant Quartermaster while working at the Supreme War Council in Versailles. Like many officers he was about to be reduced in rank. During the period between the wars he was still with the *served positions*.

Skip forward to 1937 he was sent to Palestine and promoted to General Officer Commanding and he had this role throughout this time in the Middle East. Wavell mounted successful offensives to Libya (Operation Compass) under the command of Lieutenant General Richard O'Connor. In 1941 he was sent to India where he became Commander in Chief. During this time, he had an accident, breaking his back in two places. He became Viceroy of India. He returned to England in 1947 and was made High Steward of Colchester. He was also made Earl Wavell and given the additional title of Viscount ** of Eritrea and Winchester.



Speak Out in Tillydrone

Speak Out is a programme of work that shmu have been doing in partnership with Riverbank School in Tillydrone. The project consists of six sessions working towards presenting a live radio show. This consists of working on interviews, scripting and preparing to present their live radio show.

The next Riverbank Primary School live show will be broadcast live on Tuesday the 20th March on shmuFM at 11am.

You can tune in to shmu 99.8FM on a regular radio or listen online at www.shmu.org.uk/fm/listen. Tune in to hear your local school!

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 10am 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 needed to be upgraded. 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.

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



St Machar Play Park

The installation of the new play area is well underway and the construction is going well. We now need the weather to warm up a bit to allow the team to get on with the next phase of work which includes pouring concrete and rubber surfacing. All things going well the site should be open to the public by the end of the month.

Free Access to Sanitary Products in Tillydrone

St George's Tillydrone Church is a partner in an initiative by CFINE and the Scottish Government to bring free sanitary products to folk that need them. Karen is a local person who is leading the project for the Tillydrone community. She is based in the Gordon Room of the church on Mondays and Fridays between 9:30 and 11am and on a Wednesday evening between 6:30 and 8pm. After signing up for the project you'll be able to pick up products at any of those times.

We've more than 180 people signed up right now and plenty of room for more.

You can email Karen@Tillydrone.Church and/or get more information at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ASPStG/>

and www.CFINE.org,

<https://www.facebook.com/CFINEAberdeen/>,

<https://news.gov.scot/news/providing-free-sanitary-products>,

Search Facebook for #ASPStG

The BIG move

In our last edition we updated you on the shmu extension and our move to the former Rosehill Day Centre. Work to extend the existing shmuHQ building is well underway and staff and volunteers are all settled in at our temporary home.

The preferred contractors, CHAP, started work on the development in August this year and have made great headway as you can see from this photo. We have secured a significant amount of funding to pay for the fabric of the building, but we are currently working hard on a fundraising strategy to ensure we have enough money to pay for the equipment to turn it from a fantastic building to a state of the art community media centre.

Our aim is to enhance the facilities we already have so we will install two new radio studios and we will have a big communal social area, similar to what we had in the old building but we're also going to have an IT training room and a TV studio with a control room. We want to use the expansion of the building to expand our existing programmes to reach new people in our target areas.

Murray Dawson, Chief Executive of shmu said: "We identified a need for this state of the art

facility in our 2012-2017 strategic plan as we have been short of space for several years. Our new space in Rosehill Day Centre is much bigger than shmu so we're able to trial some of the new programmes we would like to run and use it as an opportunity to grow into the new space before moving back to Woodside."

We are aiming to be back in our Woodside building by August next year where we will then look at phase two of the redevelopment. Our aim for the existing building is to make it into a multipurpose space which can be used for cultural events in the evening, for example a small cinema or theatre and for workshops or teaching during the day.

Murray added: "The building was a core part of our strategic plan and it will allow us to develop other aspects of that plan. We want to do more of what we already do, we don't always need to be expanding and increasing in size but with the work we are currently doing in Aberdeenshire we need to look at what that means for us as an organisation. We need to have a clear sustainable financial plan for this and make sure that we don't take our eye off the ball with the key core work that happens in the regeneration areas of the city."



aberdeen to host uk's most northerly pride

Organisers of Grampian Pride are pleased to be putting together a celebration of diversity in the city next May. They have announced Hollyoaks actress and Aberdeen-born Annie Wallace will lead a parade down Union Street on the 26th. There will be various local bands and speakers from around the Grampian region at the Grampian Pride Village and are really excited about the headline act, Sandi Thom.

Sandi Thom who was born in Banff said:



"I'm delighted to headline the first Grampian Pride in Aberdeen, a lot of my closest friends are gay, my sons godfather is gay. We need to celebrate our differences and our uniqueness and how each of us as

individuals are extraordinary. I'm proud to be a part of this wonderful event."

The entire length of Union Street in Aberdeen is to be turned into a colourful parade route as Grampian Pride, the region's main lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) event, gets underway on Saturday 26th May. This will be the first ever march for Pride through the city and is expected to attract thousands from the area and across the UK.

Annie, who plays Hollyoaks High's headteacher in the hit soap, was born and raised in Aberdeen and said:

"I'm beyond excited to not only be asked to speak at Grampian Pride but to lead the Pride Parade through the city, it's an incredible honour and I'm very privileged to march with LGBT people from my hometown, standing up for equality and calling out discrimination. It'll be a fabulous day celebrating equality and I hope everyone comes out to join us in the march – if you believe in equality and you're an LGBT ally, come along and get involved, everyone is welcome!"

Marching in the parade down Union Street is open to anyone including organisations and groups, you won't require a ticket, but if you'd like entry into the Grampian Pride Village, at Queens Links from 1pm, then you'll need to grab your FREE ticket from our website: <http://www.grampianpride.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 105

Family Planning

Aberdeen Community Health 0345 337 9900

and Care Village

Gas

Gas Emergency 0800 111 999

Gas emergency with a meter 0845 606 6766

Housing

Emergency Repairs 01224 219 282

Call Centre Emergency 0845 608 0929 or 116 123

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 693936

Young Carers 01224 212021

Water

Scottish Water Emergency 0800 0778 778

CFINE 01224 596156

Home-Start 01224 693545

Pathways 01224 682 939

Cash in your Pocket 0800 953 4330

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

Community Information for Tillydrone

Tillydrone Community Council

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at Tillydrone Community Centre at 6:30pm

Contact: lynniecee@msn.com

Aberdeen Lads Club

9:45am – 8pm

Contact: 01224 492672

Tillydrone Community Centre

Contact: 01224 493388

Tillydrone Community Flat

9:30am – 3:30pm

Contact: 01224 486641

Tillydrone Library

10am – 5pm

Contact: 01224 276975

New Councillors in Tillydrone

On May 4th 2017 three councillors were elected to represent the Seaton, Tillydrone and Old Aberdeen areas. Councillor Ross Grant and Councillor Jim Noble were both re-elected to represent the community and Alexander McLellan was elected to represent the areas for the first time.

Remember, even if these individuals were not your first choice, they have been elected to represent you and support you with any issues in the area.

You can get in touch with them in the following ways:

Ross Grant - 01224 346621 or 07738688458 or email rossgrant@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Alexander McLellan - 01224 346633 or email amclellan@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Jim Noble - 01224 522051 or 07748760557 or email jimnoble@aberdeencity.gov.uk