

TillyTattle

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Welcome to your summer 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.

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The Butterfly Estate

By Morven Bush

Morven talks about his vision for wildlife in the Tillydrone community

My previous article for the Tilly Tattle was proposing there should be park benches in Tillydrone for people to sit on to enjoy the day. I thought we could nickname Tillydrone 'The Butterfly Estate' to educate people and boost community spirit to help people enjoy their surroundings.

A 'drone' is a male bee and its primary role is to mate with the queen.

Butterflies came up in films all the time, for example Alice in Wonderland, The Butterfly Effect, Bambi and you do see deer in Tillydrone.

I did some photo journalism for the first time at this year Tilly Gala taking pictures of people and asking them their opinion of the idea.

The project could be people building window boxes for their flats and using communal gardening spaces.

A person who studies butterflies is called a lepidopterist. There are websites that you can go to find out more about this topic. The Royal Horticultural Society website. You can get free seeds from them and they also give you a list of plant that butterflies like. There is plant nicknamed 'the butterfly bush' which is called buddleja (davidii). Some other websites include www.butterfly-conservation.org, www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk and pinterest.com. Just remember if you're looking up information on the Internet you should double check to make sure you have the correct information.



The Allotment Market Stall

Aberdeen's The Allotment Market Stall (TAMS) initiative is spreading its catchment area to include the East of Aberdeen.

TAMS will cover this area which includes Seaton, Old Aberdeen and Tillydrone every Friday from 10.30am to 3pm until October.

TAMS already runs a stall at Duthie Park on a Friday with the same opening hours as Seaton Park. They also run a stall in Hazlehead Park on Saturdays from 10.30am-3pm.

The produce comes fresh from Aberdeen allotment sites, and the proceeds of the market stall go back to the gardeners to help them maintain their allotment site. TAMS is seeking volunteers to work on the market stalls.

Saturday
25th June

Tilly Gala



The annual Gala day, coordinated by the Tillydrone Network, got off to a dreich and drizzly start leaving us a wee bit worried that everything (except the Hayfield ponies!) would have to be moved indoors (soggy BBQ anyone??) Miraculously, just before the official start time of 11am, the clouds cleared, the rain stopped and the sun shone.



As always, many organisations came together to create a wonderful community event with a huge range of activities. We were joined once again by Hayfield Equestrian Centre and their lovely ponies; the Owl and Pussycat Centre brought some of their beautiful owls and visitors were able to interact with exotic creatures courtesy of the Critter Keeper. A bungee run and bouncy castle proved eternally popular and the face painting team were kept very busy! Our more intrepid young visitors enjoyed the challenge of the climbing wall provided by Adventure Aberdeen. Delicious and affordable snacks were provided by the Lad's Club and the Lighthouse, and children were given a free ice cream. Music and entertainment were provided by our friends at shmu, Guarana Street Drummers and a very special performance from Aberdeen Concert Band. Reiki in the Community gave attendees the opportunity to experience some relaxation with their therapies. A table-top sale, tombola and glitter tattoos were on offer inside Riverbank School. Tillydrone Community Centre provided fun with their Wheel of Fortune. Local residents also enjoyed the opportunity to chuck a wet sponge at some of our local dignitaries, who proved to be very good sports! Partner organisations including CFINE, Drugs Action, Police Scotland, Aberdeen City Council, Library Services, Tenants Group and many others hosted stands on the day, providing useful information and activities. Thanks are also due to Council Leader Jenny Laing for opening the Gala and, as always to our friends at Fairer Aberdeen Community Support Fund and Aberdeen City Council for providing event funding.

The feedback indicates that a great time was had by all attendees and volunteers on the day. Now to start planning next year's event.....!!

Fiona Dallas, Tilly Community Flat





RELOCATION RELOCATION RELOCATION

St Machar Credit Union moves to a new building

When one door closes, another is sure to open, and this certainly rang true for St Machar Credit Union, as the closure of Clydesdale Bank allowed the group to move into bigger and better premises at 433 Great Northern Road on 12th May 2016. The opening ceremony was led by Councillor George Adam and attended by members of SHMU and MSP Mark McDonald.

After complaints regarding waiting times at the old location at Woodside Fountain Centre, and staff and volunteers finding themselves without space to properly conduct their work, the search was on for a new location. Luckily for St Machar Credit Union, upon the closure of Clydesdale Bank the owner was keen to sell the property and after negotiations with the Financial Conduct Authority, the Scottish League of Credit Unions, auditors, solicitors and surveyors, the sale went through in November 2014.

The new location was subject to a flooring, electrical and heating update and now boasts a waiting area, two interview rooms, a meeting room, a processing room and a confidential phone area. It is hoped that the new premises will become a friendly, spacious area for current customers to discuss saving and borrowing, and indeed to encourage new ones to the credit union.

Jody Reid, a board member at St Machar Credit Union said: "I think it's amazing that we're on the main

road into Woodside and we'll get passing trade. It's our own building and belongs to the members of St Machar Credit Union. I'd also like to say to people to get involved in the credit unions, get your money saved and don't go to money lenders because the interest is far too much and they're very dodgy. Come along and get involved, save up money for your kids' futures as well."

Lord Provost George Adam attended the opening and said: "I know this community very well having served as a Councillor in the area for seventeen years.

The past few years have been extremely tough for many people in this city, and no more so than for the people of some of our most deprived areas which need our support the most.

"Changes to benefits and loss of employment have made life extremely difficult for many people.

It has led to the rise of pay day loan companies and folk becoming reliant on foodbanks just to get by.

"It isn't acceptable in this, of all cities, and in the 21st century people deserve to have opportunities to choose a different way of living. That is why I am so pleased to see our city's Credit Unions doing so well, and why it is so pleasing to be here with you as you open the doors to a new chapter in supporting this community in a very practical and meaningful way. Thank you to everyone – all the staff members

and volunteers - who have worked so hard to make this happen."

St Machar Credit Union, the first in Grampian, was started up by residents of Woodside and Seaton fed up with banking not suitable for those on low incomes and now, in the days of instant cash through pay-day loans with sky-high interest rates, the Scottish government is encouraging residents to consider credit unions as a new source of affordable, high quality and ethical financial services. The figures seem to prove that these efforts are working; "in 2015, savers put £454m into credit unions in Scotland, up almost eight per cent on 2014, while borrowers took out £276m, up five per cent".

The credit union is available to anyone who lives and works within the areas of Seaton, Linkfield, Tillydrone, Powis, Froghall, Sunnybank, George Street, Old Aberdeen, Woodside, Middlefield, Heathryfold and Hilton. Anyone interested can visit 433 Great Northern road to enquire about savings accounts, low cost loans and possible annual dividends - as with credit unions, all profits are invested back into the organisation or shared out amongst members.





Tillydrone Community Council

Tillydrone Community Council meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm in Tillydrone Community Centre. However, there is no meeting in July and our December meetings are quite brief. The local Councillors and policing team for Tillydrone attend each meeting giving us a monthly update and we can use this opportunity to raise any issues with them. We receive regular updates on community groups such as M26, Tillydrone Community Development Trust, Tilly Vision and from the Tillydrone Neighbourhood Network. We also discuss planning matters and traffic management. We regularly have visitors in attendance to discuss any pending matters that have arisen or have been addressed to us by residents etc. The community council are a statutory body brought about by an act of parliament. All visitors are welcome to attend our meetings.

Aberdeen Housing Service Review Group Update

Volunteers complete review of the Housing Management Service

The Aberdeen Housing Service Review Group is a group of tenants and residents who work with Aberdeen City Council to review the services they receive. This group have just completed a review of the Housing Management Service. These housing volunteers spent time with the Mastrick, Woodside, Tillydrone and Marischal Housing Teams. They spoke to the staff, went out into the areas and spoke to tenants and residents about the Housing Management Service they receive. From these visits the group wrote a report which can be seen on www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/tenantparticipation.

This group made 45 recommendations to the Council from a customer view point and the group are delighted that many

of these recommendations have been included in the improvement plan. This group has been recognised all over Scotland for the work they have done to work with their landlord. Angela Scott Chief Executive of Aberdeen City Council wrote a foreword in the report as well as attending the launch of the report with Senior Management and Elected Members.

If you want to be able add skills to your cv including report writing, interviewing and working as part of a team or are newly retired or have an interest in repairs then please get in touch with Carol Hannaford Tenant and Community Engagement Officer on **01224 522839** or email **channaford@aberdeencity.gov.uk** for further information.

Third Don Crossing

Aberdeen's Third Don Crossing officially opened to members of the public in June this year. The £22 million pound bridge was six months overdue and came in £4 million over budget.

The new bridge project is designed to improve transport around the city and links in with Aberdeen City Council's other plans for infrastructure improvements. Jenny Laing, leader of Aberdeen City Council, opened the bridge to members of the public and was accompanied by children from Riverbank and Danestone Primary Schools.

The bridge has been named 'The Diamond Bridge' which was voted upon by pupils from both primary schools. Pupils waved flags with diamond designs as Lord Provost George Adam became the first person to drive across the crossing. The name of the new bridge is linked to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Aberdeen's historic connection to HMS Diamond.

Aberdeen City Council Leader Councillor Jenny Laing said: "This is fantastic day with the opening of a bridge project which is the largest the city has had for 30 years.

"We'd like to thank particularly the two communities either side of the bridge for their patience during the construction phase as we recognise they have been inconvenienced during this time.

"The new crossing will transform getting around the north of the city for people who live, work or spend leisure time in the area, and it will also mean better connectivity to other parts of the city for residents and visitors.

"It's been estimated that about 10,000 vehicles will use the new crossing every day, which will alleviate congestion on the other two main crossings at the Bridge of Don and Persley Bridge which currently cope with 40,000 vehicles every day."

However, less than a week after the bridge was opened members of Tillydrone Community Council raised concerns over the increased amount of traffic travelling through their area.

Community council member Brian Downie said a 20mph speed limit throughout Tillydrone would help ease concerns and has called for a public meeting to address these concerns.

He said: "I have seen a big increase in the number of vehicles going up and down Hayton Road so it's now turned into a rat run in my eyes.

"We struggle to get from Hayton Road to Tillydrone Road and Tillydrone Avenue because you have to cross both lanes to get on to these roads. We really need toucan or pelican lights on Hayton Road.

"I believe the whole of Tillydrone including the Third Don Crossing should be made 20mph which would help this."

In July the Tillydrone Community Policing Team launched a road safety operation focusing on the crossing and the areas around the bridge.

Sergeant John McOuat, of Tillydrone police office, said: "This operation was launched in response to continued concerns from local residents who are worried about motorists speeding and driving carelessly in the area.

"As a result of the operation 15 motorists were stopped and educated regards minor road traffic offences with three motorists being warned for speeding and two warned for minor road traffic offences."

Sergeant McOuat added: "I would like to thank the vast majority of road users for their continued safe and considerate driving on our roads.

"Please be assured my fellow officers in the Tillydrone Community Policing Team and I treat road safety as a key priority."







Tilly Volunteers Supporting Local Families

Gordon & Trish are making a difference, could you?

Our charity shop at 101 George Street (across from John Lewis) could not run without the hard work of our team of volunteers. We wanted to introduce a couple of our Tilly volunteers who give time every week to help us to help young families.

Home-Start Aberdeen has been supporting families across the city for almost 30 years and for a long time there was a huge waiting list. Thanks to more people coming forward as volunteers and to the funds raised in our independent charity shop we have been able to help more families, 180 families in the last year alone and we think it's going to be even higher this year. Gordon, a long time Tilly resident, has been volunteering with us for over 3 years and is well known to

all who either donate items or buy from our shop. Gordon provides a great deal of support for Karen, our shop manager, by sorting and preparing items for sale, helping the volunteers who pick up goods for the shop and going out of his way to help customers feel welcome.

The shop downstairs is kept looking lovely by our volunteers but upstairs it's a bit of an Aladdin's cave, full of interesting treasure.

Trish is a newer volunteer who previously worked in another charity shop in the city. She is settling in and getting on great with the team. We get lovely feedback from our customers who all say they love the shop, they tell us they feel really welcome and like to have a bit of a laugh with the volunteers.

We are really proud of this but it is only possible with help from the likes of Gordon and Trish.

If any readers are interested in volunteering, just a few hours a week would make a huge difference. You would be helping us to help Aberdeen families as all money raised in this shop stays in Aberdeen. Donations are also really welcome, clothes (ladies, men and children's), shoes, handbags, toys, household goods, all are appreciated. We have volunteers who can collect around the city. This can be arranged by just making a phone call to the shop.

Karen, our shop manager, can be contacted on 01224 622390 to arrange donations or talk about volunteering.

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.

Harris Drive

Sir Arthur Travers Harris was born in 1892 while his parents were home on leave from India. His father was a Civil Servant in India. He had frequent arguments with his father who wanted him to join the army. At the age of 16 he left England for Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) where he tried farming and gold mining. While there the 1st World War began. He joined the 1st Rhodesian Regiment as a bugler.

In 1915 he returned to England and joined the Royal Flying Corps where he served with distinction and was awarded the Air Force Cross. He rose to the rank of Major. After the war he joined the fledgling Royal Air Force where he commanded 44 squadrons. While in the RAF he attended military

college at Camberley and was then stationed in the Middle East.

By 1937 he became Air Commodore and commanded No 4 bombers, placed in Palestine. He was transferred to Jordan and rose to the rank of Air Vice Marshal. At the start of the war in September 1939 he returned to England and commanded the No 5 group.

Harris was an outspoken person and this did not make him popular with his fellow officers. He was liked by the men under him as he would not make them do anything he would not do himself. He trained his pilots to do night flying. His ideas on bombing raids at night were not looked on as necessary at first but he managed to convince the Air Ministry. He

bombed the industrial area of Germany which became most helpful as it halted the production of bombs. The destruction of German cities was relentless, killing many people and making others homeless. In a letter to Air Marshal Bottomley, dated March 1945 Harris said: "Attacks on cities, like any other act of war are intolerable unless they are strategically justified. But they are strategically justified in so far as they tend to shorten the war and to preserve the lives of Allied soldiers."

He was made a life peer in 1953 as Lt Baronet of Chipping Wycombe, a hereditary title. He died 5th April 1984 and in May 1992 a statue was erected outside St Clements Daves in London.

Kinnaird Place

This was fascinating research as I could not find any military personnel in the last two wars but many from wars as far back as Kenneth McAlpin's time! So I decided to find out about the Kinnaird family whose lineage goes back to the 9th and 10th centuries.

They fought for Scottish Kings as well as Swedish and Polish.

Their ancestry takes many roots through marriages into the Earl of Moray, even Malcolm 1 (942-54). They always married Leivers. Also the women of the Kinnairds married into the Murrays and the Skenes, the Ogilvies.

The Kinnairds of Culbin had an estate in the Moray area. They also have property in Aberdeenshire. Although I

could not find modern Kinnairds the earlier Kinnairds make for interesting study.

For more information, look up The Kinnaird Family by John Kinnaird. It jumps from the 19th Century then back to the 10th and back and forth which shows how his research of his family becomes interesting as he finds out new information.

Donside Hydro

Scotland's first urban community hydro fully under construction

Over the past few months, Aberdeen Community Energy (ACE) and the Donside Community Association (DCA) have been finalising the details to allow construction to begin on the Donside Hydro Scheme in the Donside Village, Tillydrone.

This significant milestone has been met and construction work began in earnest at the riverside location at the start of June.

As you'll be aware, with lots of activity ongoing, there will be some disruption and inconvenience caused to the riverside pathway. We apologise for this in advance - it'll be for a short time while Scotland's first urban community hydro is created.

As well as the start of this hugely exciting phase, ACE is continuing to engage with businesses and individuals who may be interested

in supporting the initiative financially, in the forms of donations, loans or investment. This includes the launch of our Community Share Offer. This offers members of the immediate communities and indeed country the opportunity to help support the project

meet its social and environmental aspirations, as well as securing investors a solid and low-risk financial return. We're targeting a 7% annual return on investment.

As the project progresses, we're doing our bit to help Scotland achieve its climate and energy goal of generating 100% clean, renewable energy by 2020.

With construction underway, we'll be sure to keep you updated and involved at every stage of the project.

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

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



Early Years Scotland Stay and Play Sessions in Tillydrone

Early Years Scotland offer two Stay and Play sessions in Tillydrone. There is a “closed” group at Aberdeen Lads Club on a Tuesday afternoon between 1:15pm and 2:30pm. This is a smaller group where the families attending sign up for a block of eight weeks. This means we can keep the numbers at this group low making it ideal if your child is less confident or if you find it difficult to attend a larger group. The other Stay and Play session is held at Tillydrone Community Flat on Thursdays between 1:30pm and 3:00pm and is open to any preschool child and their family.

Both sessions are free and involve play and learning experiences and song / story time for you to take part in with your child. At Tillydrone Community Flat we provide a small snack for the children also.

We started off the summer by saying “goodbye” to Susan who left to take up a new role within Early Years Scotland as Project Manager. Hannah stepped in to ensure that the majority of Stay and Play sessions continued over the summer holidays while a new full time practitioner was recruited to work alongside her. Over the summer we were able to visit the local play park and use the community flat’s garden when

the weather was warm enough. Getting outside to play is great for little ones and adults alike, literally a breath of fresh air.

Early Years Scotland is extending the Stay and Play provision in Aberdeen to include funded provision for eligible 2 year olds to attend with a parent. The venues and times of these sessions are to be confirmed but it is thought that each session will be 3 hours long and will involve the adult and child in learning together through play. Unlike the Stay and Play sessions the “Play 2 Learn Together” sessions will only be open to families who are entitled to funded Early Learning and Childcare for their 2-year-old. Parents will attend with their child for the first term but during the second and third term their attendance can be reduced as long as the child is settled with the staff.

For more information on the Stay and Play sessions or the Play 2 Learn Together sessions please contact Susan by phone on 07785455800 or email susan.emery@earlyyearsscotland. You can also keep up to date by following us on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/aberdeenstayandplay or www.facebook.com/EarlyYearsScotland.



Fantastic Community Volunteers Receive Golden Thank You

The Lord Provost of Aberdeen, Councillor George Adam has recognised the tremendous volunteering of two incredible volunteers. Aileen Goymer-Davidson and Sylvia Davidson were presented with Volunteering in Aberdeen Gold Awards for the amazing and important contribution they make volunteering, particularly in the Tillydrone and Woodside communities of Aberdeen and with citywide groups such as Regeneration Matters, Fairer Aberdeen Board and much more!

The Lord Provost personally thanked Aileen and Sylvia for all they do and ACVO was honoured to extend our many thanks to Aileen and Sylvia as well. The Gold Award presentation once again highlighted terrific volunteering in Aberdeen which is making a real positive difference to communities and people across the city.

Many congratulations and thanks Aileen and Sylvia.

***For more information about volunteering across Aberdeen please visit www.volunteeraberdeen.org.uk and www.acvo.org.uk or contact Mike Melvin,**

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uk / Tel: 01224 686076**



Journalological

Take 2!

The Youth Media Team at shmu have been working really hard over the last few months to put together the second edition of their magazine, Journalological. This group has been meeting for around a year and a half now and involves young people who attend school or live in the Torry, St Machar or Northfield areas. Initially they started off contributing articles to shmu's community magazines and covering the issues affecting young people in those areas. They soon caught the bug for journalism and asked if they could create their own magazine. The group worked incredibly hard to get the first edition out just before Christmas last year and it was well received by secondary schools and other youth organisations throughout Aberdeen. The group were so pleased with their magazine that shmu successfully applied for funding to produce three editions of Journalological a year. We set to work, creating a task list of all the ideas the young people wanted to cover and set a deadline of having the magazine back from the printers before the summer holidays started. If you would like to read Journalological and see what the young people have produced, you can visit www.shmu.org.uk/PRESS and select the Journalological option. If you, or someone who know, are academy age and live or study in Torry, Northfield or St Machar and would like to get involved in shmu's Youth Media Team then please get in touch with Denise on 01224 515013 or email denise@shmu.org.uk.



Recycle

Remember to recycle your food and garden waste this summer!

Liina Roostoja, Waste and Recycling Team, Aberdeen City Council

Aberdeen City Council began a food recycling service for properties with communal waste collections in June 2013. Food recycling bins are now in place at flats, tenements, student accommodation and multi-storey properties. Depending on where you live, the food recycling bin is located either on the street nearby or in the communal courtyard or bin store. Households are also provided with free kitchen caddies and bio-liners. Individual houses are provided with a brown wheelie bin for garden waste and food leftovers.

The Waste and Recycling Team has received feedback about the service through door-knocking campaigns and by meeting residents at events. Here are the main issues raised by the residents who do not currently use the food recycling service and our responses:

Your brown wheelie bin is for both food and garden waste. We have received the feedback that some residents are not aware that a brown garden waste bin is for food leftovers too. Yes – both garden and food are organic and can be processed into compost. If you

do not have much garden waste, please still use the bin for food leftovers or use a communal food bin nearby.

You can use any container if you don't have a green kitchen caddy from the Council. Some people have said that because they don't have a caddy, they cannot recycle food leftovers. In fact, you can use either the Council's green caddy or any basket or pot you have at home. As long as the food leftovers end up in the brown bin or in the communal food bin, we don't mind which basket you are using.

If you think that you don't consume much or you have nothing to recycle because you don't waste food – that's brilliant! But remember, 'leftover' does not mean only wasted food but also peelings, egg shells, teabags, coffee grounds, bones etc and it's all great for compost. It all counts, even the small amounts!

By getting into the habit of recycling food waste, you'll notice what types of food are regularly leftover or go off before you can eat them. This will help you to plan meals and shop smarter to avoid food waste.

If you eat fruit outside, please use the nearest communal food bin to recycle peelings or cores.

Once collected, your food and garden waste is sent to a recycling facility in Aberdeenshire and made into compost, a valuable resource for horticulture and landscaping.

Free replacement liners are available to pick up at all local libraries, Learning Centres and the Council's Customer Access Points at Marischal College, Kincorth, Mastrick and Woodside. You can also order liners online.

Visit www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling or contact the Recycling Team on wasteandrecycling@aberdeencity.gov.uk or 03000 200 292 for more information.

Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/recycleforaberdeen

Read our latest blog 'Spring Garden: Get Your Green Fingers Ready!' about creative gardening by using recycling materials www.recycleforaberdeen.wordpress.com





The Crescent: the community, health and social care hub in Dundee

TILLYDRONE COMMUNITY HUB

The proposed Community Hub in Tillydrone is progressing and we now have the first draft of the floor plans which we showcased at the Tillydrone Gala on Saturday 25th June. We spoke to many people on the day and received very positive feedback and other ideas regarding the plans.

The new hub could include:

- multi-function activity spaces
- meeting room
- library
- a café
- crèche
- training kitchen,
- Council and partner services and offices



We spoke to many people on the day and received very positive feedback and other ideas regarding the plans. Another positive step forward for the Hub is the submission of a first stage application to the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund for £1.9 million. If we are successful at stage one of the process we will be required to complete stage two of the application in September with the outcome announced early in the New Year.

In June a group of local people went to visit The Crescent; the community,

health and social care hub in Whitfield, Dundee. The group had the opportunity to speak with the management committee members and to see a Hub in operation. This visit was very informative and positive.

The aim of the new purpose-built facility in Tillydrone is to take partnership working and co-location of services to a new level, providing local people with access to a range of community, council and third sector services. It also creates efficiencies as services can share information and

facilities to provide a better service for local people. There will also be opportunities to programme social and recreational services which are not currently available for the community in Tillydrone.

A working group with relevant stakeholders has been established to continue work on the design and future management operational requirements for the proposed hub. If you would like more information please contact Emma on emcpherson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk