

SHARK Johnshaven

Meeting Held At the Ship Hotel, Johnshaven Sunday 25th August 2013 at 7pm

Present Rebecca Chambers, Sue Calder, Vera and Walter Fillingham, Maureen and Niall Young
Apologies Alyson and Neil Wilkie

Collections / Tractor:

- Repairs to the tractor loader have been discussed with Jim Shepherd who could do them but can't give a timescale. A blacksmith would be a better option and Rebecca will investigate this.
- Rebecca has a quote of £213.75 for a better tractor cover. Agreed we should go ahead.
- Bill from Jim Shepherd has now been paid.
- Trailer battery went flat preventing tipping. It has been recharged and a "Tractor Tips" booklet produced to attach to the tractor to cover how to deal with this and other issues.
- Kenny Bruce has a full time job and will not be able to do any compost turning for the rest of this year.

Road and Bridge Repairs:

- Alistair Watson has another quote, this time in excess of £9000. He is looking at ways to raise the extra funds needed.

Compost Site / Container:

- Rebecca is waiting on a quote for environmentally friendly paint.
- Niall showed plans for a "green roof", costed at approx. £250 (B&Q prices for materials).
- Need to check with Wairds Park they are OK with the plans.

Beach Cleans etc:

- Next beach clean will be on 22nd September. 11.30am at Hardgate, heading North.
- Rebecca still waiting on date from the Primary School for the Yellowfish project.
- BBQ was a success!

Information Boards:

- Niall reported on progress by Aberdeenshire Council and the Conservation Volunteers towards 2 stone cairns and boards. South end is in place on Council land but North end waiting on agreement with Lathallan School.

Memorial for Gerry:

- A compromise has been agreed with the RNLI on sourcing a mutually acceptable bench. Waiting on a final price from the supplier.

NEOS:

- Our cafe dates are Saturday 21st and Sunday 29th September. Need volunteers + soup and cakes.

Other Business:

- Rebecca will attend KMAP Environmental Forum on 18th September.
- SHARK funds currently stand at £4140.54
- Vera asked about literature to describe SHARK's work. Niall will draft a suitable handout to use at the NEOS cafe in addition to the website information.
- Walter asked about clearing vegetation, gorse, etc on railway line north of the village. Rebecca will try to find a suitable date.

Rebecca closed the meeting and thanked those attending.

Next meeting : 27th October, 7 p.m. at the Ship.