

SHARK Johnshaven

Meeting held at the Ship Hotel, Johnshaven Sunday 26th July 2015

Present: Rebecca Chambers, Sue Calder, Maureen and Niall Young, Neil Wilkie, Vera Fillingham, Jim Brebner

Apologies Alyson Wilkie, Walter Fillingham

1/ Tractor and Trailer – After leakage reported on a waste collection, the tractor was checked at Millend Garage but no new problems were noted – there is a continuing problem of leakage of hydraulic fluid. A problem with the trailer brakes locking on one wheel resulted in damage to a tyre. This was replaced at short notice – thanks go to Jim Shepherd for prompt action. Neil Wilkie noted the manhole cover at the garage site is in danger of giving way completely and could result in major damage – it was agreed to discuss this with Jim Shepherd on his return from holiday. Shark would offer to pay for a replacement if appropriate.

2/ Collections – The collection on 15th August will start at 8am because of the Fish Festival.

3/ Compost Site – The generator is now working and more compost deliveries have been made. The problem is fuel going “stale” over the winter – it should be drained if possible.

4/ Plastic Bag Free – The Primary School pupils responded well to the design effort, and prizewinners were confirmed as Kelsea for her crab design, to be used on one side of the bag and Felix for his slogan to be used on the other side. 430 bags have now been ordered, at a cost of £1000. We were also very taken by Heather's design and it has been adopted as a logo for Shark and now appears on the website and Facebook page.

5/ Living Roof – The proposals for roof construction were shared with Mike Sangster but no feedback has been received as yet. In view of other activities and pressure on funds it was agreed to defer possible construction until next year. Meanwhile it was agreed we could plant quick-growing climbers such as clematis and honeysuckle to help the container blend in better with the environment.

6/ Railway Line – The cutting back of vegetation on the railway line north of the village was done without regard to nesting birds. It is unclear why this was done. A Facebook post highlighting this has so far not attracted any comments of note.

7/ NEOS Cafe – The NEOS dates were confirmed as including the weekends of 12/13 and 19/20 September. We will need to check with other groups seeking to run a cafe, but after discussion it was agreed we should try for both days of the first weekend.

8/ Other Events – The next Beach Clean will be on 20th September to tie in with the Marine Conservation Scotland initiative. We are invited to assist St Cyrus reserve with bracken bashing on 16th August. After discussion it was agreed to hold our annual barbecue on 23rd August at 6pm.

9/ Accounts – The current Bank balance is expected to be £409.57 once outstanding receipts have been paid in and the balance for the Reusable Bags paid.

Next Meeting : Sunday 25th October 2015 at 7pm in the Ship.