

SHARK Johnshaven

Meeting Held At the Ship Hotel, Johnshaven Sunday 10th March 2013 at 7pm

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

Administration:

- Tractor insurance has been renewed and will have road tax renewed.
- Tractor maintenance still needed – Jim Shepherd will try to do it but he is very busy in March.
- Trailer has been serviced and is ready for use.

Collections:

- First collection will be March 30th. We will try to have a site clean-up on this Saturday as well.
- So far 56 memberships have been paid. There are potentially 125 names on the list, so we need to have a push to get more signed up.
- Collection dates calendars to be distributed. Any volunteers who know of dates they can't do should advise Rebecca. Also if anyone knows of more potential volunteers can they see if they can get them convinced to help?
- Kenny Bruce will continue to turn the compost between collections where possible. It needs to be done before the first collection!
- Compost sales will be £2.50 this year. Still a bargain!

Road Repairs:

- Our quote for tarring at the entrance to the site is £825 + VAT.
- We understand that Alistair Watson is progressing the repairs to the road with help from the Community Council. Agreed we would offer a donation of £1000 towards this cost. The bank balance is £4415.87

Beach Cleans and Gorse Clearing:

- Impromptu beach cleans have been a success. Four in all, with schoolchildren helping on one.
- First organised beach clean is on March 17th at 11.30am from Seagreens northwards. Refreshments in the Lifeboat Shed. Parking limited at Seagreens so arrange to car share.
- Gorse clearing had 8 volunteers.

Future Dates:

- Earth Hour on March 23rd coincides with performance in Village Hall so it has been agreed to do a special bit at the end of the show.
- Village Tidy up in conjunction with Keep Scotland Beautiful will be on 20th April starting at 2pm. Once again the initial focus will be on the railway line through the village.

Other Business:

- The compost site was visited by a group organised by Alex Johnstone MSP, who described Shark's involvement as "cutting edge". Understood that groups from Edzell Woods and Catterline are interested in learning from us.
- A memorial for Gerry was discussed, including the possibility of adding to what is planned by the Lifeboat Society. Agreed to postpone a decision until we have all the memberships in.
- Community Council are keen to see the tractor used for clearing storm debris from the Coastal Path. Agreed we should support this. Niall to organise.
- Niall still has to follow up on potential assistance from Trust for Conservation Volunteers regarding rebuilding the wall at the compost site and other landscaping.

Rebecca closed the meeting and thanked those attending.

Next meeting : 19th May, 7 p.m. at the Ship.