

SHARK Johnshaven

Meeting held at the Ship Hotel, Johnshaven Sunday 9th November 2014

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

Apologies Neil Wilkie, Alan Thorpe, Walter Fillingham, Jim Brebner

1/ Tractor and Trailer – Tractor is continuing to function satisfactorily with 1 collection remaining. Arrangements will be made with Millend Garage to service and store it over the winter.

2/ Collections – Going satisfactorily. The new supply of green bags should be used to replace existing ones. Rebecca highlighted the changes being made by Aberdeenshire Council to refuse and recycling collections including the introduction of food waste bins. She has asked Don Marr if there are any plans for garden waste which may affect us. We will hold off on delivery of 2015 membership forms until this is clarified.

3/ Compost Site – Container painting is continuing but is nearly complete.

4/ Events Held – Beach Clean on Sunday 21st September had 15 volunteers. NEOS Café was one day only on Sunday 14th September and raised £246.

5/ Planned Events – After some discussion it was agreed the Christmas Party would be deferred until Saturday 10th January 2015 in order to have something to look forward to after the holidays!

6/ Plastic Bag Free – The survey distributed to all households and available online produced 56 responses. These have been analysed and were discussed by the Meeting. Some new names were put forward by those responding. It was agreed to hold a follow-up meeting, inviting all those who expressed an interest, and seek representation from the Primary School, with a view designing a new Johnshaven reusable bag to distribute to the village. This will be at 7pm on Monday November 17th in the Ship. Rebecca also highlighted the existence of groups making bags out of waste materials, see <http://www.morsbags.com>.

7/ Accounts – The current Bank balance is £1501.64.

8/ AGM – Arranged for Sunday 18th January 2015 at 7pm in the Ship, to be followed by the first meeting of 2015.

9/ AOB – A member of the public had asked about the rubbish bags currently at the South end of the village on the Coastal Path. Rebecca was able to reassure the concerned resident that this was the result of the valiant collection work undertaken by Rebecca Westguard and would be added to the litter collected on the next Beach Clean for removal by Aberdeenshire Council.

Next Meeting : Sunday 18th January 2015 at 7pm in the Ship (AGM).