

# SHARK Johnshaven

## Meeting held at the Ship Hotel, Johnshaven Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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

### Apologies

**1/ Tractor and Trailer** – Minor leak fixed in the tractor lift mechanism – thanks again to Jim Shepherd for prompt action. Following the problem with the trailer tyre Jim has suggested replacing the other cracked tyres over the winter. The broken manhole cover has been replaced by Aberdeenshire Council. Niall will confirm that new tyres should be ordered with Jim.

**2/ Collections** – Still going well with 2 remaining this year. Rebecca reported success in attracting more volunteers to help.

**3/ Compost Site** – More compost deliveries have been made and there are orders for more. There is a plentiful supply of ready-to-use compost and we should try to interest people in taking more. The container has been repainted.

**4/ Plastic Bag Free** – The 430 bags are due to be ready for collection shortly and the balance of £500 is due. Rebecca and Niall will organise a flyer. Rebecca suggested giving out bags via the school pupils, one per household. No decision was reached on how to deliver the rest especially if they won't go through letterboxes.

**5/ NEOS Cafe** – Two NEOS cafes were held on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September (the latter in conjunction with the Hall Committee). The takings were £258.40 and £317.00. After sharing the Saturday takings and paying the Hall rental we cleared £369.94. We donated £60 to the Community Garden group who provided lunch on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> for our Beach Clean volunteers. We have also been asked whether we would run another cafe in the Hall on December 6<sup>th</sup>, following another "Bake Off" on the 5<sup>th</sup>, to help use up cakes. We would provide soup and volunteers. After some discussion Rebecca agreed to check whether this was still an option and to organise it.

**6/ Flower Display** – The Community Garden group have asked for our help to replace the boat at Johnshaven Road End. This will involve moving the soil and plants and filling the new boat, with the tractor and trailer available as necessary. Rebecca suggested this could replace the annual gorse bashing on the railway line which will not be necessary in 2016 due to destruction of the gorse bushes.

**7/ Other Events** – The Beach Clean on 20<sup>th</sup> September had 24 volunteers, results on the website. We assisted St Cyrus reserve with bracken bashing on 16<sup>th</sup> August. The barbecue on 23<sup>rd</sup> August was held in Maureen and Niall's garden and was a smashing success. The Christmas Party was confirmed for December 5<sup>th</sup> this year.

**8/ Accounts** – The current Bank balance is £1261.57 with the balance for the Reusable Bags still to be paid. The replacement trailer tyre was £72. It was agreed the same charge for garden waste collection bags would apply in 2016.

Next Meeting : The AGM will be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7pm in the Ship.