

# SHARK Johnshaven

## AGM Held At the Ship Hotel, Johnshaven Sunday, 18th January 2015

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

**Apologies:** Maureen and Niall Young, Jim Brebner and Alan Thorpe

Rebecca thanked everyone involved in helping SHARK with any of its activities over the last year.  
An overview of 2014 is as follows -

February – Gorse bashing along the Railway line

March – Mill of Benholm Science Fair, promoting SHARK Beach Clean

Beach Clean – 26 volunteers to test out new litter pickers and bag hoops

Green Collection starts

April – Village Tidy up

June – Beach Clean

July – Bracken bashing St. Cyrus Nature Reserve

August – SHARK BBQ

September – NEOS Cafe fundraising of £247 over a day.

Beach Clean

October – Plastic Bag Free Johnshaven Questionnaire put out to all the village.

November – Collection Finishes

Container is painted

Questionnaires results collated with over 80% agreed that a Johnshaven bag was a good idea

Sue then gave her Treasurers Report – Membership up to year 2014 end was £814 Donations - £69  
These amounts are purely for the Jan – Dec year and don't include any members paying in 2013.

All Board members stood down and re-election began for 2015.

**Chair** – Rebecca Chambers nominated by Vera and seconded by Neil

**Secretary** – Niall Young nominated by Rebecca and seconded by Sue

**Treasurer** – Sue Calder – nominated by Alyson and seconded by Rebecca

The Meeting then progressed for normal business.

**1 Collections** - The tractor is presently being stored at Millend Garage. Jim will ensure it is serviced before the new season but Niall informed us that it had been running well most of the season.  
The Collections will begin on March 28<sup>th</sup> when we will also have a site day. The TCV Insurance has already been arranged for this year.

**2 The Container** - Niall has done preliminary drawings for the sedum roof frame but will need plenty of volunteers to help. The initial costs are £250. It is hoped we can make a start on this at the Site Day - 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**3 Facebook** – Niall is hoping to launch this in February but wants to hear from anyone that could help in the way it is presented. Maybe Kate MacKenzie would be able to help?

**4 Plastic Bag Free** – Ewan has responded to our email about our ideas. He is happy to publicize/distribute a free Johnshaven reusable bag but doesn't want to see it as he receive a small but useful additional source of income from their own bags. Kirsty is also happy to help with the design. Rebecca spoke to Don Marr and the Community Council might be able to help with a small financial contribution if we write a letter. Rebecca has the Eneco Tullo Wind Farm Community Fund Application form and hopes to complete it before the deadline of the 31st January.

**5 Other Events** – Plastic Bag Free Meeting – February 1st 7pm The Ship  
Gorse Bashing – February 15th – 2pm along Railway line

Next Meeting April 12th 7pm The Ship