

# SHARK Johnshaven

## Meeting Held At the Ship Hotel, Johnshaven Sunday 19th January 2014

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

The meeting followed on from the AGM.

**1/ Collections** – A decision on whether to start on 29th March or 5th April was deferred to consult with volunteers. The Community Council have suggested they will be seeking greenbags to collect waste from the new allotments behind the Masonic Hall and we may have an outlet for compost there as well.

**2/ Road Repairs** - The contractor's bill has been settled following receipt of the grant from Aberdeenshire Council.

**3/ Funding** - We applied to the Fish Festival for funding of replacement green bags, litter pickers and bag hoops but were rejected. Disappointed at the lack of support for our community initiatives. We will have to purchase more green bags from our own funds (100 bags - £195).

**4/ Compost Site** – Container has been primed apart from the roof. We will plan further work to create the eco roof in the Spring. We need to consolidate the compost piles and may be justified in hiring a JCB and driver as doing this with the tractor is difficult. We are going to donate compost for planters being installed at the Hardgate (see below). We understand that Bervie may be interested in more compost as part of their community initiatives and landscaping work.

**5/ Tractor and Trailer** – Tractor is indoors at Millend Garage and will be serviced before collections start. The Trailer will be taken to Brechin again for servicing.

**6/ Planned Events** – We have been invited to participate in the Mill of Benholm Open days again. Suggested we do the first Saturday (15th March) with our first Beach Clean the following day. Rebecca suggested a Gorse Clearing exercise on the Railway line for Sunday 16th February.

**7/ Hardgate Landscaping** – Aberdeenshire Council in conjunction with the Conservation Volunteers plan to start work on this by Thursday 23rd January, working Tues/Wed/Thurs for 3-4 weeks. A cairn, information board and planters will be erected, with compost from the site used for the planters. Anyone interested should contact Niall Young.

**8/ AOB** – Rebecca noted the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch coming up on the weekend of 25th / 26th January. If you are interested in joining in register at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch/>

Next Meeting : Sunday 6th April at 7pm in the Ship.