

# SHARK Johnshaven

## Meeting held at the Ship Hotel, Johnshaven Sunday 8th June 2014

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

**1/ Tractor and Trailer** – Tractor is continuing to function satisfactorily, but work is needed to repair some of the wiring and replace a mirror. Trailer battery has not worked as well as it should for tipping.

**2/ Collections** – All have gone more or less to plan with a couple of cases where volunteers failed to show up. Green bags are in short supply and some are in poor condition – we need to order more. Most of the members have paid but some slips were issued during Saturday's collection.

**3/ Compost Site** – Container roof still needs to be primed and the leak fixed before painting. Neil volunteered to get materials to fix the leak. It should be possible to make the roof garden later this season. Outstanding orders for compost have now been filled. Sue suggested sieving a larger amount of compost into a building supplies bag (she can supply one). Sue can also supply a large tarpaulin to cover compost. Compost turning is working well so far this year. A training session for other drivers will be organised once Niall returns from his holidays. Darren has indicated he would be prepared to drive.

**4/ Events Held** – The Keep Scotland Beautiful village clean-up on April 13<sup>th</sup> attracted 11 volunteers. Today's Beach Clean (from Harbour to Lathallan) had 14 in good weather.

**5/ Planned Events** – Bracken bashing at St Cyrus Nature Reserve on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Barbecue for volunteers at the compost site on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm. The Fish Festival is on 9<sup>th</sup> August but we will not be selling strawberries. It may be an opportunity to publicise efforts to reduce plastic bag use (see next item).

**6/ Plastic Bag Free** – Rebecca described the initiative started in Modbury in Devon to declare plastic bag free zones, and asked if this was something we could try in Johnshaven or the wider South Kincardineshire Coastal Communities. See more at <http://plasticbagfree.com> We could potentially involve the school in designing alternatives and link to records of the number of bags picked up on beach cleans. Agreed we should investigate further. Should probably be accompanied by reinvestigating the possibility of a Facebook page for SHARK as this would increase visibility. Niall will look at this again.

**7/ Accounts** – Sue reported the bank balance was £2464.58

**8/ AOB** – None

Next Meeting : Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in the Ship.