

# SHARK Johnshaven

## Meeting held at the Ship Hotel, Johnshaven Sunday 7th September 2014

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

**1/ Tractor and Trailer** – Tractor is continuing to function satisfactorily. Mirror has been replaced.

**2/ Collections** – Going satisfactorily. The new supply of green bags delivered but not used as yet.

**3/ Compost Site** – Container roof leak has been fixed and painted. Paint has been ordered following a colour choice made at the BBQ, and the aim will be to paint the body of the container this year. It was agreed to defer the work to create a roof garden to next spring. Outstanding orders for compost have been filled but more now needs to be sieved.

**4/ Events Held** – Bracken bashing at St Cyrus Nature Reserve on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> was well attended. Barbecue at the compost site on August 24<sup>th</sup> had 7 volunteers after a weather postponement from earlier.

**5/ Planned Events** – The next Beach Clean will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, meeting at 11am at the Harbour (South End) to cover the stretch from there to the Narrows. It was noted that this will be the 30<sup>th</sup> such event spanning 10 years. We will also use the tractor to move the outstanding rubbish picked up on the stretch to the Haughs from the Compost Site for collection by Aberdeenshire Council. We will celebrate the 10 year history by putting all the records of material collected on the website this year. We are holding one day of the NEOS Café on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – more volunteers needed!

**6/ Plastic Bag Free** – Rebecca has done more research on this and spoken to Ewan in the shop who would be supportive. For more information see <http://www.breakthebaghabit.org.uk>. It was agreed that we would produce a questionnaire to go to all homes in the village as a way of seeking support and involvement. Rebecca will produce this with help from Niall and volunteers will be needed to help distribute it. We should also approach Benholm and Johnshaven Community Council for support. Neil suggested it should also go to Wairds Park caravan owners. We will try to involve the school in designing alternatives and link the initiative to records of the number of bags picked up on beach cleans. Funding sources could potentially be the Fish Festival Committee and the Tullo Wind Farm.

**7/ Facebook Page** – After a discussion of the pros and cons it was agreed that we should try to go ahead and create a Facebook presence for SHARK. Niall will progress this.

**8/ Accounts** – In Sue's absence the current bank balance is not available but is believed to be in the region of £2000.

**9/ AOB** – None.

Next Meeting : Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm in the Ship.