

## **Name**

- 1.0** SHARK Johnshaven Environmental Group is a non-profit making environmental organisation focused on promoting and protecting the rich and diverse natural environment in and around the Johnshaven Area.

## **Objects and Functions**

- 2.0** The objects and functions are:
- 2.1** Carry out promotion and protection of the environment, including habitats and wildlife, within the Johnshaven area without distinction of sex or political, religious or other opinions and in accordance with relevant national legislation.
  - 2.2** Carry out promotion and provision of activities that encourage a sustainable lifestyle for the residents of the Johnshaven area.
  - 2.3** Carry out promotion and activities that relate to reducing the effects that contributes toward climate change on the residents of Johnshaven area.
  - 2.4** Carry out promotion and activities that encourage the residents of the Johnshaven area to recycle and reuse domestic and commercial waste and unwanted items.
  - 2.5** Carry out environmental projects that relate to the Johnshaven area.

## **Membership and Management of SHARK**

- 3.0** Membership is open to all who share the aims of SHARK
- 3.1** All activities and operations of SHARK shall be controlled by a Board of Management.
- 3.2** SHARK aims and objectives will apply to the Johnshaven area but may extend to other areas as the management group sees fit.
- 3.3** The Board of Management may appoint and remove members as it sees fit.
- 3.4** The Board of Management shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members with a maximum of fifteen (15) who must be at least 18 years of age.
- 3.5** SHARK shall elect one member to be the Chairperson and may elect one as Vice Chairperson if there are sufficient Board Members. The Chairperson shall not be combined with any other post.
- 3.6** SHARK shall elect one of its members as Secretary and may elect one member as Treasurer. SHARK may pay appropriate remuneration to a Secretary and Treasurer or a combined post of Secretary/Treasurer who is appointed out with its membership.
- 3.7** Office bearers will be elected for a period of one year, but may stand for re-election at the groups AGM.
- 3.8** Not less than three (3) members shall form a Quorum at any SHARK Board members meeting.
- 3.9** The Board of Management shall meet at least 4 times per year but may meet at any time to deal with SHARK business as required.

- 3.10 SHARK shall have the power to appoint and dismiss such staff as it may from time to time determine, subject in appropriate cases to observance of Employment Law.

### **Annual General Meeting**

- 4.0 During the month of January each year, SHARK shall convene an Annual General Meeting (AGM) at which the committee will report on the preceding year's work, present the accounts and appoint auditors or examiners.
- 4.1 The AGM shall elect the new committee and vote on any recommendations and amendment to the constitution.
- 4.2 All members shall be given 14 days' notice of a SHARK AGM
- 4.3 Any motions for the AGM shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary or Chairperson at least 14 days before the AGM takes place. Any such motions will be notified to members prior to the AGM.
- 4.4 Each full member shall have one vote. The Chairperson shall have the casting vote in the event of any decision being undecided.
- 4.5 There shall be at least Five (5) members present for an AGM to take place.
- 4.6 Minutes of the AGM and any other Board of Management meeting will be available for inspection by members at the AGM.

### **Special General Meeting**

- 5.0 A Special General Meeting may be called by the Board of Management by the request of members wishing to discuss urgent matters or make changes to the constitution out with an AGM. The Secretary shall give all members fourteen days' notice of a Special General Meeting along with any Agenda and documentation associated with the Special General Meeting.

### **Alterations to the Constitution**

- 6.0 Any changes to the constitution must be approved by two thirds of those attending an AGM or Special General Meeting.

### **Finance**

- 7.0 SHARK shall not distribute profits. All monies raised by or on behalf of SHARK shall be applied to further the objects of SHARK as above and to maintain its administrative structure.
- 7.1 SHARK shall be entitled to seek and hold loans as provided for in appropriate circumstances.
- 7.2 The Treasurer or Secretary / Treasurer shall arrange for a bank account to be held in the name of SHARK and shall have the responsibility for the proper management of SHARK's financial affairs through:
- 7.2.1 Maintaining audited accounts for SHARK.
- 7.2.2 Keeping full records in these accounts that identify all SHARK income and expenditure.

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- 7.3 An audited statement of accounts of SHARK for the last financial year shall be submitted by SHARK to the AGM.
- 7.4 SHARK's financial year shall run from January to December.
- 7.5 The title to all and any heritable property which may be acquired by or for the purpose of SHARK shall be taken and shall thereafter stand in the name of the Chairperson and Secretary of SHARK and their successors in their respective offices as Trustees for SHARK.
- 7.6 SHARK shall take out such insurance cover as is necessary by law to cover all SHARK activities.

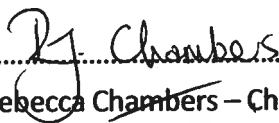
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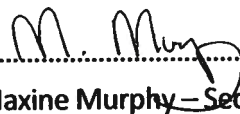
- 8.0 If at any time it seems to the Board of Management and respective members of SHARK necessary or desirable that SHARK is dissolved or amalgamated it shall have power to call a Special General meeting to consider the matter.
- 8.1 A resolution being carried by two thirds of the members present voting in favour thereof, shall have power to transfer any assets, heritable or moveable, or the proceeds from the sale thereof, remaining after the satisfaction of proper debts and liabilities, to organisations sharing similar aims to SHARK.


The SHARK constitution was originally established on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006 and was amended in accordance with that constitution at a Special General Meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at Wairds Park, Johnshaven, Revision 1 of the amended constitution was agreed by all members of SHARK.

Subsequently a further amendment (Revision 2) was proposed at a Special General Meeting held at The Ship Hotel on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and agreed by all SHARK Members.

The Current Office Bearers signatures are below:

  
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Rebecca Chambers – Chairperson

  
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Maxine Murphy – Secretary

  
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Sue Calder - Treasurer