

# Save Our Swan

## Action Group

### MINUTES OF MEETING

The first meeting of the Save Our Swan Action Group was held on Wednesday 27th March 2013 at 7.30pm in the White Swan Public House, Hunmanby.

<b>Present:</b>	Keith Schofield	Phil Cook
	Ian Mathers	John Breffitt
	Carole Mathers	Martin Sykes
	Mary Read	Andy Thompson
	Linda Tindall	Bernard Hall

The meeting began at 7.30pm

Linda Tindall (LT) brought all those present up-to-date on the following:

- A meeting with Scarborough Borough Council's Community Officer had been arranged. Martin Joseph would help/advise on efforts to assist the economic viability of the Community.
- Hunmanby Parish Council had voted unanimously to object to the Full Planning Application submitted by Enterprise Inns.
- The Heritage Society had been updated on the proposals of the Action Group.

The following points were discussed:

1. The need for a formal Action Group and its Aims
2. Election of Officers
3. The Future for the Swan Options: Community Pub, Share Allocations, Co-operative, Private Buyer
4. Objections to Full Planning Application
5. Publicity
6. AOB

### MINUTES

#### Agenda Item 1.

LT explained the need for a formal and professional Action Group to be appointed before SOS could move forward in its attempts to prevent redevelopment of the White Swan into Housing. If the application to gain 'Community Asset' status for the Swan, submitted in February, was successful the Village would have the 'Right to Bid' for the Pub. From advice and research, she had learned the Group would need to portray itself in a Professional and businesslike way if/when funding was to be applied for and approved. Therefore a Constitution for the Group was needed plus additional research into the viability of the Swan as a 'Community Pub'.

It was agreed that LT and Mary Read would draw up the SOS Constitution before the next meeting.

**Agenda Item 2.**

LT suggested that we consider the skills of those present and nominate Officers of the Action Group – The following were appointed:

Chairperson	Keith (to be confirmed)
Vice Chairperson	Linda Tindall
Treasurer	Carole Mathers
Secretary	Mary Read

The additional responsibilities of Press/Publicity Officer and IT Consultant were given to Phil Cook and Martin Sykes respectively.

**Agenda Item 3.**

John Breffitt(JB) suggested members of the Group visit other Pubs in North Yorkshire that had been saved from closure by the Community and were now trading successfully as ‘Community Pubs’. Their experience could be invaluable to our campaign.

It was agreed that JB would contact and arrange visits with 2 or 3 other members of the Group.

**Agenda Item 4.**

In order to encourage villagers to formally raise objections to the Full Planning Application, LT was asked to contact all those on her database and ask them to contact SBC and raise an objection. LT agreed to do this. All members of the Group agreed to pass the importance of objecting to contacts.

**Agenda Item 5.**

LT informed the Meeting that Look North had emailed SOS asking for information on its Campaign. Phil Cook (PC) agreed to contact them. Interviews had also taken place with Yorkshire Coast Radio and York Radio. Articles had also appeared in the Mercury and Scarborough.

**AOB**

- Facebook Group Page: Martin Sykes agreed to open a Group Facebook page for SOS
- PC suggested that the Architectural Heritage Fund could provide further advice on funding and agreed to contact them.
- The next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm at the White Swan

Minutes Signed by..... Secretary

Approved ..... Chairperson