



Railway Inn Steering Group
Minutes of Meeting held on 10th February 2026, 7.00pm
New St, Norton Bridge

Present: Sue W; David W; Ian W; Rachael D; Neil B; Marg A-H; Andy B; Sylvia B; Holly D; Kris D
Apologies: Fran D

Matters Discussed

Minutes – 6th January 2026

Minutes agreed by Committee and can now be shared on the website.

Review of Actions List

All actions have been completed.

Justin Jupp

Sue discussed her email conversation with Justin. The pub received an interest free loan from a Shareholder. The loan was paid back over 10 years at an agreed set amount.

Red Haired Stokie

We've not had a response from the Red Haired Stokie yet. Apparently she isn't well at the moment.

Nick Shaw – Leigh Inghams Office

Leigh is happy to visit and support our campaign. She may be able to do some media work with us.

Current Funds Totals

Pledges	- £81,500
Quiz event	- £480
Go Fund Me	- £458.71
Total	- £82,438.71

Jeremy Pert

Marg fed back to Jeremy Pert about our campaigns progress. He advised - that he will look into the possibility of us applying for funding. He also suggested we could consider applying for a commercial mortgage.

I Newspaper

Discussed the question from the newspaper on the story they are going to publish about our campaign. Our response will be along the lines of "we will look at all options available if and when we need to – we will not give up on this project" Rachael to feed this back to the newspaper.

Quiz Feedback

The quiz was a great success and was enjoyed by everyone. Ben & David were great hosts and will be doing another quiz in aid of the Railway Inn - on 22nd March. They raised £480.

Bingo Night & Other Events

Regular events were discussed. We agreed that they are hard work but would be a regular source of income for the pub fund. An event a month would be a good target. Ideas so far are Bingo & Pop up Pub events – as well as hopefully regular quizzes.

Holly to put together a list of necessities required to run a pop up pub on the pub car park.

Raffle prizes will be needed. An Auction could also be held.



Ian & Neil know Thomas Forrester from Bargain Hunt. They will ask him to do a video for us, supporting the pub campaign.

Community Share Offer

Sue has put together a detailed document about the Community Share Offer. This was discussed by the Committee and based on the discussion, Sue will update the document and distribute it among the Committee for approval. She will remove the Tearoom & the proposed grant idea from the Business Plan part of the document. We will all need to read it ASAP - the deadline will be 1 week.

Share Documents Meeting with Nick from Plunkett

Sue will arrange a meeting with Nick to discuss the Share documentation. We need to discuss corporation tax and tax relief with Nick.

Emails & Online Pledge Form

It was agreed that now we have access to the email list, mail chimp and the inbox, we need to urgently start communicating with our followers. Rachael to put together a social media post advertising the latest total and the online pledge form. David to use the data from this post, to send an email to all of our followers to give them an update and to also share the online pledge form with them. We need to do a newsletter ASAP.

We also need to update our story on the website to reflect our current progress with the campaign.

Celebrity Help?

The Committee discussed the Pros and Cons of getting local celebrities involved to help with the promotion of our campaign. Overall it was decided that this wasn't a good idea, as some of the local famous people – by reputation – may have a negative impact on our project.

Stone & Eccleshall Gazette

Andy is doing a new article for the Gazette. There were deliberations on the use of AI images in the article – members had very mixed views. There was an agreement for Andy to get the opinion of the Gazette and then feed back to the Committee.

Tax Relief

We need to do a lot more promotion of the tax relief on offer. A Tearoom may cause an issue as it may become a commercial independent venture. However, as it will take up less than 25% of the pub property, the tax relief will still be available.

Share Payments by Instalments

There is the possibility that we could allow people to pay for their shares on a monthly basis. However, we would still need to factor in the work involved, in collecting the outstanding monies from the people that chose this option. Due to the time and effort involved, the Committee decided that this is not a viable option.

Next Newsletter

Items for the next Newsletter are:

1. Total pledged so far
2. Shares scheme
3. Quiz & Events
4. Total in Go Fund Me
5. Pledges Deadline
6. Tax Relief
7. Community Shares Booster Fund Charity



Next Meeting

Will be at Sue & Ian's house on Tuesday 24th February 2026

Actions:

No.	Action	By
1	Feed back group response to the I Paper.	RD
2	Create a To Do List for jobs that will need to be completed in order to hold an event on the pub car park.	HD
3	Collect raffle prizes	All
4	Do a video with Thomas Forrester	IW & NB
5	Sue to update and distribute the Share document	SW
6	Read the Share document within a week	All
7	Arrange a meeting with Nick at Plunkett to discuss the Share document	SW
8	Put together a social media post advertising the new total & the online pledge form	RD
9	Update the Business Plan	SW
10	Dave to update the website & add the online pledge form	DW
11	Create a new Newsletter	IW
12	Write an article for The Stone & Eccleshall Gazette	AB