



**Railway Inn Steering Group**  
**Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 7.00pm**  
New St, Norton Bridge

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

Apologies: David W; Kris D

**Matters Discussed**

**Minutes – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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

**Review of Actions List**

We are still awaiting a date from Jeremy Pert regarding the Stafford Borough Council meeting.

**March Quiz**

10 tables have potentially been sold. 1 table left.

**Bank Account**

Sylvia has been working with the bank to set up our account. She has quite a few questions she needs to answer, so will be approaching Committee members for the required data.

**Press Release**

The press release has been written by Ian & Sue and is ready to release. This was read and agreed by the Committee.

**Posters at Steam Railway Stations**

Unfortunately, only Foxfield Railway have agreed to display our Pub Appeal poster.

**London & North West Railway Society Western**

Sue wrote an article regarding our campaign that was published in their latest magazine.

**Thomas Forrester**

Ian & Neil will speak to Thomas this coming Monday regarding how he could help our campaign.

**Radio Station Contact**

It is unknown where Kris is up to with this – to be carried over to our next meeting.

**Followers & Pledgers Email Lists**

It is unknown where David is up to with this – to be carried over to our next meeting.

**Pub Idea**

Idea discussed - re buying a movable building to place on the pub car park. This would provide a permanent structure as a temporary Pub, to provide consistent, regular fundraising. It was felt that Shareholders should not be approached regarding this idea, as if the Pub purchase failed, their money would not be refundable.



Instead, it was agreed that we would trial a pop up pub on the car park using Ian's marquee. If this is a success we could have regular pop up pubs, for as long as the weather and temperature allows. For the initial pop up pub event it was agreed that Rachael & Fran would provide fresh water, Ian would provide the marquees and a generator for electric. We will ask guests to bring their own chairs. June has been suggested as an appropriate time to trial this event.

### **Share Offer**

The Share Offer is nearly ready to go ahead as planned. We will hold a share launch event to announce it to the Pledgers and the general public. Sue discussed topics she would like to talk about at the event. The meeting is planned to be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.

### **Nick Comley**

Sue will approach Nick and ask for advice with launching the Share event, Shares documents & fundraising.

### **Fundraising Events**

Fundraising events & publicity was discussed. We talked about:

1. Attending markets, the Eccleshall Show and the Stone Carnival, to publicise the Save the Pub campaign and to increase donations and Pledgers/Shareholders.
2. Fundraising event ideas:
  - Further art/craft events like Marg's needle felting event. Like paint a canvas, pottery painting etc.
  - Cream Tea
  - Car boot
  - Craft /Farmers Market
  - Antique Talk – Thomas Forrester

### **Pop up Pub**

The first one will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> June

### **Any Other Business**

We need to set up a programme of events to share with the public. This will hopefully increase our followers and event attendees.

### **Next Meeting**

Will be at Sue & Ian's house on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026



**Actions:**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>
1	Share the Minutes of the last meeting on the website	DW
2	Finish Bank application	SB
3	Send out press release	IW & SW
4	Speak to Thomas Forrester re publicity for the fundraising campaign	IW & NB
5	Update re radio publicity	KD
6	Update re pledger & follower email lists	DW
7	Test generator	IW
8	Continue ongoing coffee shop discussions	MA-H
10	Continue with share documentation update	SW
11	Speak to Nick Comley about help we need around Shares launch	SW