



Railway Inn Steering Group
Minutes of Meeting held on 24th 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; Fran D

Matters Discussed

Minutes – 10th February 2026

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

Review of Actions List

All actions have been completed except the Thomas Forrester video.

Jeremy Pert

Jeremy suggested a meeting with the CEO of Stafford Borough Council to discuss the project. Sue, David & Marg will attend. They are waiting for a date to be arranged.

I Paper

It was a good article taking up nearly 2 pages of the paper. We have received a few pledges following its issue. The article was sent to Jeremy Pert.

March Quiz

The March Quiz plans are going well – there are only a few tables left.

Bingo Afternoon

There will be a Bingo afternoon on 12th April. Ian is doing a poster for this.

Needle Felting Course

Marg is doing another Needle Felting course to help raise funds for the pub.

Pledge Campaign

The Pledge campaign ends on 28th February 2026. We have had a large amount of pledges recently thanks to the I Paper article and our advertising campaigns. Due to this, we will keep the pledge campaign open and will review it at our meetings. Rachael to do a social media post advising the public of this.

Share Documentation

The Shares & Business Plan documentation was reviewed and amended. Sue will formally revise the Share documentation & Business Plan. She will also raise our next course of action regarding shares with Nick at the meeting tomorrow.

Red Lion Pub at Sutton

The Committee discussed the pub and the fact it has just had a 5 year ACV granted.

Making Direct Contact with the Pub Owner

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of making direct contact with the owner. We decided that it was worth trying this approach. Andy will make contact via letter.



Bank Account

Sylvia needs the names of those people that would need full access to the business bank account. There is also the option for some people to have read/partial access to the account. For the moment, it has been agreed that 4 Officers will have access – Sue, Rachael & Sylvia & David. Sylvia will need the Officers dates of birth to complete the banking set up.

Meeting with Nick Comley

The key discussion points for our meeting with Nick tomorrow are:

1. Making contact with the pub owner
2. Shares & Business Plan documentation
3. Keeping pledges open
4. Check how many hours of support are left
5. Confidentiality of Pledge forms – Officers only to have access

Event on Pub Field

We discussed a fun sports day type of event in May onwards when we have better weather. Defer discussion until next meeting.

Pop up Pub

We will plan this at the next meeting.

Mike Harman Offer

We received an offer of an A4 abstract art game that Mike has created. This has been offered for us to sell to raise money for the pub fund. The Committee didn't feel this would be viable for our project. A thank you email will be sent to Mike.

Fellows Collective

An alcohol buying group that are interacting proactively with us on social media. The discussed them and we agreed to 'follow them'.

Any Other Business

Gaining Pledges from further afield discussed – we need to think about how we can get some international pledges. We agreed it would be appropriate to set up 2 mailing lists in Mail Chimp – 1 for followers and 1 for pledgers.

Press Release

Ian to do a press article and make contact with lots of newspapers with the article. Kris will make contact with various radio stations to get our story out again. We will also try and make contact with local news channels – Midlands today etc.

Posters at Steam Railway Stations

Kris, Holly & Neil with organise these.

Next Meeting

Will be at Sue & Ian's house on 10th March 2026



Actions:

| No. | Action | By |
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| 1 | Share the Minutes of the last meeting on the website | DW |
| 2 | Ian & Neil to do a video with Thomas Forrester | IW & NB |
| 3 | Create a poster for the Bingo afternoon | IW |
| 4 | Create a social media post regarding the extension of the pledge campaign | RD |
| 5 | Further update the Share documents & Business Plan | SW |
| 6 | Advise Nick Comley of our next course of action at our meeting | SW |
| 7 | Make contact with the pub owner. | AB |
| 8 | Arrange a meeting with the people interested in opening a tearoom in the pub | SW & MA-H |
| 9 | Update the business bank account with the details of the Officers | SB |
| 10 | Attend meeting with Nick Comley | All that can |
| 11 | Thank Mike Harman & decline his offer | DW |
| 12 | Set up a followers email list & a pledgers email list | DW |
| 13 | Write press release & contact newspapers and midlands today type programmes | IW |
| 14 | Make contact with various radio stations and try to get interviews | KD |
| 15 | Try to get posters at as many Steam Railway stations as possible | KD, HD, NB |