



Railway Inn Steering Group
Minutes of Meeting held on 30th June 2026, 7.00pm
New St, Norton Bridge

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

Apologies: Andy B; Sylvia B

Matters Discussed

Action list – 15th June 2026

The action list was reviewed.

What's App Group

Going forward, the WhatsApp group must only be used for the reasons it was originally intended.

Officers Meetings

There will be occasional Officers meetings going forward.

Review of Actions List

1. Holly - Pop up Pub thank you's. Sue will now do these.
2. The funds from the Pop up Pub have been transferred to the Pub Co-op Bank account.
3. Rachael – has emailed the Chair of the Heart of Staffordshire CAMRA, to ask if we can do a presentation and / or write an article for their quarterly magazine.
4. Ian & Neil – Thomas Forrester event – They will hopefully see him in 3 weeks' time and will discuss this with him then.
5. The Pop up Pub event – made a profit of £1818!

Shares Launch

1. Since the Share scheme was launched, £13,500 worth of shares have been purchased and the funds have been banked.
2. We need to do a poster / flyer advertising the Share offer being open.
3. We need to contact the pledgers, to advise them that the share offer is open and to ask them to convert their pledges to shares.
4. Sue had a chat with Dave Boyle regarding Crowdfunder. He felt we wouldn't have enough people interested in using it, to make it worthwhile. He suggested we use the Co-op Community Fund instead – we had previously voted against this due to the charges we would incur.

We need to write a story for Crowdfunder, to make the Railway Inn stand out from other Crowdfunder pubs. We could use historical information about it being one of the oldest railway pubs in Staffordshire. We all agree that we should give Crowdfunder a go. The Committee need to think of ideas for the crowdfunding story.

Leigh Ingham

Is doing a video for publicity purposes called a 'Day in the Life of an MP'. Sue & Ian were filmed meeting Leigh - to discuss the pub.



Joules Brewery

Holly is contacting someone she knows that works at Joules.

CAMRA

Rachael to send the email she sent to Heart of Staffordshire CAMRA, to all other local branches to see if they will share our story. She will send the email to Neil first, to see if there is anything additional that could be added.

QR Code

Kris will create a QR code that contains all of our website details.

Shares document & Business Plan

David will add this to our website.

Funds

The Community Right to Buy Fund & the Queen Elizabeth Funding was discussed.

Social Media

Photo of Leigh Ingham, Sue and Ian can be used on social media.

Borough Council

Pam has sent some advice regarding the use of profiles.

Sue, David & Marg need to plan another meeting with Greg for the end of the summer.

Linked In

David will write a Linked Inn profile for the pub.

Monthly Figures

Sue will look at the Business Plan figures

Big Raffle & Quiz

There are 9 tables left for the Quiz & Big Raffle. People will be able to park in the pub car park overnight. The raffle draw will be videoed.

Any Other Business

1. Sue will look into the National Lottery Community Fund. It will be appropriate to apply once we get the building.
2. The Go Fund Me funds need to be withdrawn before the 20th August 2026 or the funds will be refunded to the donors. David will withdraw the money and advise Sylvia that it will be arriving in the bank account.
3. Rachael will start re-including the Go Fund Me & website links in future Facebook posts.
4. Ian will research getting 250 high quality copies made of Tony's painting of the pub. Sue will speak to Tony about signing the prints for us.

Next Meeting

1. Tuesday 21st July 2026 at Sue & Ian's house.



Actions

No.	Action	By
1	Use WhatsApp group as originally intended	ALL
2	Pop up pub thank you's	SW
3	Speak to Thomas Forrester	IW & NB
4	Design poster / flyer advertising the Shares launch	DW
5	Look into the set up requirements for Crowdfunder	SW
6	Committee members think of story ideas to promote our campaign on Crowdfunder	ALL
7	Contact Joules Brewery	HD
8	Email local branches of CAMRA	RD
9	Create QR code for website	KD
10	Add Share documents & Business Plan to the website	DW
11	Set up a meeting with Greg Stott	SW, DW, MA-H
DW	Write a Linked Inn profile for the pub	DW
13	Look at monthly figures	SW
14	Look into the National Lottery Community Fund	SW
15	Withdraw the Go Fund Me money & advise Sylvia it will be arriving in the bank	DW
16	Start re-including the Go Fund Me & website details in social media posts	RD
17	Research getting high quality prints of pub painting	IW
18	Speak to Tony about signing the painting prints	SW