



Public Meeting 23rd May 2024 Hilton Hotel

Minutes summary

- Meeting opened by Chair; thanked the Hilton and New National sales manager for continuing support
- Meetings this year are broadly themed predominately featuring Agatha Christie to encourage foot fall from not only the whole country but abroad
- Update on the Town Deal Project: Strand (Statement from Sophie Pierre from Montel) Some details can be found on Montel's website here: <https://montelcivilengineering.co.uk/project/torquay-public-realm-scheme/>
- Masterplan; There will be a presentation by the Council in Hoopers in July. This piece of work will illustrate the possible future development of Fleet Street/Union Street and is a progression following on from the projects which are funded by the Town Deal and will eventually materialise.
- Debenhams; No work will be done on this site yet. This is due to a stipulation of the planning application that until there is an end user no demolition can take place.
- Council attended UKREIFF again with the aim of attracting more investors to be involved with these possible new projects
- Pavilion: Lease still in the hands of the Council legal team; allegedly MDL has signed documents when legal team verified Pavilion will be wholly owned by Torbay Council.
- Breakfast Meeting planned for the 4th of June at the Grand with PCC Alison Hernandez, Insp. Chris Lithgow and the retailers around Castle Circus. Purpose to fact find re the ASB in the area.
- Matt Newbury; Gave a spirited overview of his work with the Christie family and how they appear to be more amenable to the "Brand" being more widely used to help promote Agatha Christie. Looking at possibly having more than one Festival per year.
- John Kingsley Dobson; advised the meeting on Michael Anderson, who wants to start a Bay Music festival of all genres. Proposed meeting in the next month with Sidmouth Festival as they have a successful model.
- Michelle Brown (Wet Wheels) gave an inspirational discussion featuring the acquisition of a boat which has been adapted to accommodate anyone with any form of disability. Paid for by James Ashton who is living with MND. Wet Wheels is a CIC so looking for support and sponsorship. Sponsorship can be found here: <https://wetwheelsfoundation.org/donate/>
- Ryan Price from Super Hub and Glenn Heal (Jet skis) Overview of how videos can help illustrate the benefits of your business
- Q & A and AOB
- Next public meeting will be at the end of June

7.30pm close of Meeting