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| Originated by: RLW | Date approved: | Revision No: | Filed: Shared drive |
| **Meeting Title** | **Torquay Town Deal Project Board Meeting** | | |
| **Date/Time** | 7th February 2025 | | |
| **Venue** | Board Room, Torquay Town Hall/Teams | | |
| **Attendees** | Vince Flower (VF) – Chair  Cllr Steve Darling MP (SD) – Vice Chair  Chris Bartlett (CB)  David Carter (DC)  Julie Brandon (JB)  Cllr Chris Lewis (CL)  Susie Colley (SC)  Emma Falconer (EF)  Tracey Cabache (TC)  Jim Parker (JP)  Andrew Robertson (AR)  Rebecca Woolley (RLW) Minutes | | |
| **Apologies** | George Helmore (GH)  Callum McGinnis (CM)  Laurence Frewin (LF)  Jack Thompson (JT) | | |

# MINUTES

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| **1.** | **Welcome & Apologies:** | **ACTION** |
| **1.1** | VF welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.  Minutes from previous meeting approved. |  |

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| **2.** | **Declaration of Interest** | **ACTION** |
| **2.1** | JB declared she runs a business in Fleet Walk. There were no other Declarations of Interest. |  |

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| **3.** | **Gifts & Hospitality Register** | **ACTION** |
| **3.1** | There were no items to record on the Gifts & Hospitality Register. |  |

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| **4.** | **Minutes of previous meeting** | **ACTION** |
| **4.1** | **Carry Forward**  JB asked if any funding could be available to tidy up Fleet Street?  CB will report progress on discussions around vired funding and see if any can be identified.  *07/02 A Meeting was held and an alternative solution the bins and phone boxes is now being sought, more information to follow.* | **DC** |
| **4.2** | **Carry forward HPR**  VF asked when the lessons learned report will be shared?  DC reported this should be available in April 2025. | **DC** |
| **4.3** | **Closed HPR**  TC asked why another TRO was required? DC would confirm the detail behind this.  07/02 DC confirmed that the Vaughan Parade TRO was temporary. |  |
| **4.4** | **Carry Forward Debenhams**  The question was raised again around wrapping or tidying up the area for the summer season, this has been asked before and the funding was to be confirmed.  VF asked that it was noted that this is important, and the view of the board is that this should be put in place asap.  *07/02 EF reported estimated costs.*  *JB suggested finding a creative solution with community buy-in.* | **DC/EF** |
| **4.5** | **Carry Forward**  Edginswell Station  CL asked Steve Darling MP if there was an update from the debate held recently?  Steve Darling MP will share the outcome once the detail has been extracted. | **SD** |

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| **5.** | **Regeneration Update** | **ACTION** |
| **5.1** | Union Square  DC reported that the work is ongoing with TC and Regen Partners. |  |
| **5.2** | Debenhams  The work is on-going, a preferred option has been put forward. |  |
| **5.3** | VF shared that he has had good feedback from 2 large operators of coach companies bringing visitors to the area, the new HPR area is well received, the feedback is positive. |  |
| **5.4** | SC reported that the RHS Britain in Bloom is coming to Torquay, Swisco has plans for Fleet St and Market St. SD/DC to discuss further. | **SD/DC** |

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| **6.** | **Highlight Report** | **ACTION** |
| **6.1** | CB read through the Highlight Report shared prior to the meeting. |  |
| **6.2** | Harbour Public Realm  This project has a short way to go to completion. |  |
| **6.3** | The permanent planters are being installed soon. |  |
| **6.4** | There is to be an unveiling of the Agatha Christie event held over 12/13th April. Members will be invited to attend. It is also expected that the tramlines will be going to back in. |  |
| **6.8** | GPO Roundabout  This project remains on hold. |  |
| **6.9** | Pavilion  Good progress is being made, the opening up works will begin during Feb25.  This could take up to a year.  We have good security in place and hoarding is to be put up soon. |  |
| **6.10** | SC asked if a lighting/projection idea was possible to show how the building is expected to look eventually?  There are a lot of different ideas that will be explored and ideas can be shared in a few months. |  |
| **6.12** | CL reminded that our projects are now progressing well: Oldway, Pavilion etc. |  |
| **6.13** | Edginswell Station  This project is parked currently. |  |

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| **6.** | **AOB** | **ACTION** |
| **6.1** | The bay of lights has been confirmed for 2025. |  |
| **6.2** | Britain in Bloom is coming to the bay, more information to follow. |  |

Minutes recorded by: Rebecca Woolley

Next Torquay Town Deal Board meeting**:**

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| 11 April 2025 |
| 13 June 2025 |
| 15 August 2025 |
| 17 October 2025 |
| 19 December 2025 |