

# Penicuik BID dominates inaugural business breakfast



The Gin Pod at The Craigue, one of the attractions in the Penicuik BID district.

Picture Nigel Duncan Media

Penicuik's next business breakfast will be held on Tuesday, May 29 at The Craigue (7.30am to 8.50am).

The inaugural meeting in The Craigue was dominated by a discussion on Penicuik First.

That is the name of the Business Improvement District (BID) and treasurer Pauline Archibald outlined the project details.

The Innerleithen-based businesswoman said: "The BID started three years ago and it is a five year plan and the aim is to increase footfall into the town centre."

She said that a number of other towns in Britain were engaged in similar BID projects.

Ms Archibald added: "Town centres are suffering and the BID is to encourage people to use their town centre businesses.

"Any town centre business pays in dependent on their rateable

value and that money is then used to make the town centre a better place to be.”

The group needs help and she said: “We’re looking for more businesses to become involved.

“Only three out of over 90 businesses regular attend our monthly BID meetings.

“We have an annual meeting on Wednesday, June 13 which is a perfect opportunity to come along and see how your money is spent.”

To be at the next business breakfast at The Craigie email [juan@thecraigie.co.uk](mailto:juan@thecraigie.co.uk)