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MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 2020

8th November. Along with the Rev Trainor, the RBL President and the RBL Standard Bearer and the Deputy Mayor, I attended the much-reduced Remembrance Sunday service in Wellington Park to lay the wreath on behalf of the town council. There were approximately 40 people there paying their respects all socially distancing. The service was live streamed on our Facebook page and then posted for people to view it after the event. The live streaming went really well with over 1700 hits on the day and well over 2000 people watched it in total. We had some really pleasing comments on this project and I think that we should undertake the live streaming every year as there will always be residents who would like to be able to attend the service in the Park but for some reasons, will not be able to. Many thanks to our IT consultant, Matt, for making the live streaming possible.

11th November. At 11.00 on this 11th day of November I again attended the war memorial in Wellington Park with the representatives from the RBL to pay our respects to all those who gave their lives in conflict and to recognise those who still serve their country. This was in place of our usual town centre ceremony.

27th November. The town clerk, the Deputy Mayor and myself went to the Christmas tree in the High Street as the wonderful new Christmas lights were switched on. They look really impressive and I have received many compliments from the town's folk on how good they are and how they brighten up the town. My thanks go to the Hendy family at Langford Lakes Christmas tree farm for the donation of the Christmas tree.

Tone Dale Railway Bridge. In my report last month, I mentioned that I had written to Network Rail apologising for the unreasonable behaviour of some of the town's residents towards the workers on the bridge. I received the following email from Matthew Thompson on 13th November:-

Dear Mayor Lloyd

Thank you so much for your letter of 31 October. It was certainly a most welcome letter to receive in these difficult times. I have passed the letter on to the project team where it has gone down very well, so thank you.

There were a few difficult people but on the whole the project was carried out successfully. In fact, we have a had a few other letters of thanks.

Thank you again for your positive comments.

Best wishes
Matthew

Tone Dale Mill. As I am very sure, we, councillors, public and residents of Wellington are all very concerned about the future of Tone Dale Mill, I want to draw everyone's attention to the agenda for the district council's Scrutiny Committee meeting on 6th January, as we as a council will not be meeting prior to this date. Although the item has still to be confirmed, the item is **Tone Dale Mill Update** to be given by Cllr Mike Rigby and Dr Joanne O'Hara. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom but it is a public meeting which will be open for the public to attend and there will also be a facility for the public to ask questions under the Public Participation agenda item. Access to the meeting can be gained via the Somerset West and Taunton Council website, www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk. Questions will need to be submitted to the District Council in advance and they will be read out by an officer at the meeting.

Street Entertainment. On Saturday, we held our first Street Entertainment session to brighten up our town centre and bring a some festive spirit to everyone. The morning went very well and we seemed to have achieved our aims despite the poor weather. There will be four more of these events on Saturdays 12th, 19th and on 21st and 23rd December. My thanks go to all those councillors, staff, Jill and Dave Mitton from the Community Centre and Town Centre Working Group who worked so hard to get the project together and of course the artists for having to perform in the rain!! Let us hope for better weather for the remaining events.

Can I take this opportunity to thank our hard working staff and councillors for all they have done in these strange and difficult times to keep everything running smoothly for our town and residents and in the absence of our normal little get together after this meeting for a mince pie and something out of a bottle, can I wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a better New Year in 2021.

STAY SAFE ALL

Janet Lloyd
7TH December 2020

