

# WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Last night I received the sad news that the Mayor of Torres Vedras, Presidente Carlos Bernardes, had passed away. On behalf of the residents of Wellington and Wellington Town Council I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences to his family, the Torres Vedras Council and the town and inhabitants of Torres Vedras who have begun a period of five days mourning.

## MAYOR'S REPORT - MAY 2021

**14<sup>th</sup> April.** I, the Town Clerk and other councillors attending a Heritage Update briefing from Dr Joanne O'Hara regarding the work that is taking place at the Toneworks after receiving the grant from Historic England and the Tonedale Mill in general. At this meeting, the issue of the Wellington Mills CIC was raised and Dr O'Hara was asked how important this organisation is in the greater scheme of things. She stated that the organisation is and will remain very important for future developments on the sites. At our April council meeting it was stated that the CIC only approach the town council when they want funding. This is not true as I was approached as Mayor last year just prior to Lockdown 1 and invited to a CIC board meeting. Obviously, this did take place but I am sure when restrictions are lifted the incoming Mayor will receive a similar invitation.

**16<sup>th</sup> April.** I represented Wellington at Choral Evensong at Wells Cathedral in a commemoration service for HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

**18<sup>th</sup> April.** I, the Deputy Mayor and other Councillors attend a special open-air service in commemoration of Prince Philip in the churchyard of St John the Baptist Church, Wellington.

**27<sup>th</sup> April.** I met with Karen Holmes in the Wellington Bakery to discuss how the new enterprise is going after the four-week trial period in our Pop-Up Shop. The result, it is going very well with a constant stream of customers whilst I was there.

**28<sup>th</sup> April.** In my capacity as a District Councillor I attended the SWAT Scrutiny Meeting as the Post Office's External Affairs Manager, Richard Hall was attending. On behalf of the town council and the population of Wellington, I asked him questions regarding the continuing lack of a post office in the centre of town. He stated that the post office is still advertising and looking for a new partner to open a post office in the town and he accepted my invitation to come to a town council meeting in June or July to speak to councillors. I have asked the Town Clerk to contact Mr Hall to arrange this.

**OUR SEPTEMBER TOWN EVENT** is planned for the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September. This will be in the form of a Street Fair on 25<sup>th</sup> and music and activities in Wellington Park on 26<sup>th</sup>. Plans are afoot but as we hope to fund the activities from the Welcome Back Fund recently announced by the Government, we are awaiting the guidance as the funds can only be used for services not already confirmed.

**Janet Lloyd**

**4<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

