

# Minehead Town Council



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*My Reference: BH/jn  
Your Reference:  
Date: 9 August 2022*

Dear Andrew

## **Bashford -v- Minehead Town Council**

At the full Town Council meeting held on 26 July 2022, item 18.3 was discussed in Confidential Items. You left the meeting as you had a pecuniary interest in this subject. The Deputy Clerk provided a background report regarding the case and also attached three appendices.

Appendix A is in respect of the £4,000 loan that you received to attend the Court case and it detailed the allowable costs deducted, leaving a balance of £1,676 to be repaid to Minehead Town Council.

Appendix B: this is a summary of all expenses previously paid to you in respect of the case. The report identifies claims for loss of earnings and wages already paid to you of £4,636.00.

Appendix C is a list of hours that you have spent in dealing with the case. The total is 1,366 hours.

For your information I have attached the report and all three appendices.

At the meeting the Deputy Clerk and Town Clerk explained the history of the case and took questions about the appendices.

After an in-depth debate Minehead Town Council agreed to award you an honorarium of £25,000 for excessive work you carried out over and above your normal work as a Town Councillor.

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From the £25,000 there will be deductions of £1,676 for repayment of the loan and £4,636 deducted for wages and loss of income already paid to you. The balance payable to you is £18,688.

The payment will be included in the Schedule of Payments for authorisation at the next Full Council meeting in August 2022.

On behalf of the staff, Councillors and others involved I would like to thank you for the work you have carried out to bring this case to a satisfactory conclusion.

Yours sincerely

Bryan Howe  
Deputy Clerk

