

**Report to the Annual Meeting of
Shaftesbury Town Council
to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 31st May 2016
in the Council Chamber, High Street Shaftesbury**

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES / EXPENSES

1. Purpose of Report

To receive a report on Members' allowances and expenses incurred during the Council Year 2015/16.

2. Recommendation

That the Council notes the report on Members' allowances and expenses incurred during the Council Year 2015/16.

3. Background

3.1 Provided that the expenses have been necessarily incurred or losses suffered, payments may be made for approved duties, and official and courtesy visits in the following cases:

- Travelling expenses outside the community
- Subsistence expenses but only outside the community
- Attendance allowance to councillors for performing any approved duty

| Councillor | Travel/Subs | Allowance | Training | TOTAL |
|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| A Austin | | | | |
| P Brown <i>(from 19 Nov 2015)</i> | | £ 150.00 | | £ 150.00 |
| J Francis | | £ 360.00 | £ 30.00 | £ 390.00 |
| G Hall | | £ 360.00 | | £ 360.00 |
| M Jackson | | | | |
| J Lewer | | £ 360.00 | | £ 360.00 |
| A Perkins | | £ 360.00 | | £ 360.00 |
| P Proctor | £ 30.50 | £ 360.00 | | £ 390.50 |
| L Taylor | | £360.00 | £ 60.00 | £ 420.00 |
| K Tippins | | £ 360.00 | £ 120.00 | £ 480.00 |
| R Tippins | £106.65 | £ 360.00 | £ 120.00 | £ 586.65 |
| L Todd | | | | |
| L Wegwermer <i>(to 6 Sept 2015)</i> | | £ 150.00 | | £ 150.00 |
| Totals | £137.15 | £3,180.00 | £ 330.00 | £3,647.15 |
| Budget | £400.00 | £3,500.00 | £500.00 | £4,400 |

Notes:

1. Expenses incurred by Councillors acting in the capacity of Mayor are allocated to the Civic budget.
2. Training costs are in respect of individual courses attended. Additional training expenses amounting to £534 were incurred for two member training events open to all members.

3.2 The Mayor's Allowance is for the Financial Year rather than the Council or Mayoral Year. The Budget for the Mayor's Allowance was £2,000 and during 2015/16 the Mayor incurred costs of £1,818. On top of that the Council paid the Towns Crier's fees for 2014/15 and 2015/16 (£300 x 2) in the same Financial Year.

4. **Financial Implications**

Detailed in report.

5. **Legal Implications**

Local Government Act 1972 s 173, 174 and 175 – Provisions for attendance allowance, financial loss allowance and travel.

End.

Stephen Holley

Town Clerk