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Mr Chris Reading
Clerk
Independent Panel on Members' Pay and Allowances
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Mr Reading

Members of Bridgend Town Council discussed at length your letter dated November 2008 regarding pay and allowances for Assembly Members at their meeting on the 15th December.

Members discussed the implications of the recent press coverage of Assembly Member's inappropriate expenditure on recreational entertainment items. Members agreed that such expenditure, though not illegal, was highly immoral and was the wrong use of public money.

Members therefore suggest that the rules governing AM expenditure need to be clarified; independent adjudication of expenditure needs to be implemented and a clear itemisation of legitimate expenditure should be published.

Members of the Town Council hope that these comments will help to shape any future reform of the pay and allowances awarded to Assembly Members.

Yours sincerely

Hannah Lewis

Assistant Town Clerk