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Carnforth Town Council

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Summons to attend the meeting of the Finance & Governance Committee at Carnforth Council Offices at 5:30pm on Wednesday 17th August 2022

AGENDA

- **22082.** Apologies: To receive apologies
- **22083. Declarations of Interest**: To receive Declarations of Interest and Dispensations on items on the Agenda
- **22084.** Urgent Business: To consider any items of urgent business not on the agenda
- **22085.** Minutes: To consider Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th July 2022 and any updates on actions taken
- **22086.** Budget Monitoring and Bank Reconciliation: To consider the following:
 - 1) Bank reconciliation as at 31st July 2022
 - 2) Summary report of transactions & net position as at 31st July 2022
- **22087.** Payments List: To consider payments list for authorisation
- **22088.** Community Benefit Fund: To consider any applications received
- **22089.** Christmas Lights Switch On: Chamber of Trade request to address the Committee (Secretary Chamber of Trade)
- **22090.** Governance matters: To consider the following:
 - 1) Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation
- **22091.** Items for next Agenda: To consider any agenda items for next meeting
- **22092.** Date & Time of next meeting: To consider date and time of next meeting

Clerk and Proper Officer

10 August 2022

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FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th July 2022

Present: Councillors Grisenthwaite (Chair); Branyan, Gardner and Jones

In attendance: Bob Bailey, Clerk & Proper Officer & Terry Allum, Outdoor Maintenance

Officer (Part)

22070 Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillor Smith

22071 Declaration of interests and dispensations: There were no declarations of interest or

dispensations for items on the agenda.

22072 Urgent Business: The Committee considered the following matters of urgent business:

- 1) Hire Charge for 2022/2023: The Crag Bank Under 5's requested that a decision be made on the hourly charge for 2022/2023. The Proper Officer presented a paper outlining options and associated risks for consideration. After some discussion, it was RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Finance and Governance Committee be presented to the next meeting of Carnforth Town Council as an exempt item
- 2) Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme 2022/2023: The Proper Officer reported that Lancashire County Council had again given Carnforth Town Council an opportunity to 'opt-in' to the Local Delivery Scheme with a grant of £500 which is paid in advance as a lump sum. In addition, a new biodiversity grant of £300 is being offered which is available for a range of biodiversity projects and can be used to encourage community groups/schools to participate. After some questions it was RESOLVED that Carnforth Town Council 'opts-in' to the Local Delivery Scheme for 2022/2023 and requests funds from the Biodiversity Small Grant Scheme
- 3) **Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA):** The Proper Officer reported that he has enrolled for the CiLCA qualification, outlining the required commitment for a period of 12 months and the assurance and opportunities that qualification would afford the public and Carnforth Town Council.
- 4) North Lancs Expo 2022: It was reported that the Chamber of Trade have contacted Carnforth Town Council enquiring where the Council wishes to share a unit and associated cost at the Lancaster & District Chamber of Commerce North Lancs Expo 2022. It was noted that this years event is one day only and is not open to the general public as previously. After some comments, it was RESOLVED that Carnforth Town Council would not attend the North Lancs Expo 2022.
- 5) **Pensions:** Councillor Gardner reported that he had received a reminder from the Pensions Regulator on the Council's duty as an employer to review staff workplace pensions. **ACTION:** Councillors Grisenthwaite and Gardner to review with staff.

- 22073 Minutes: It was RESOLVED that Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 8th June be approved. The Proper Officer provided an update on actions taken since the last meeting of the Committee.
- **22074 Budget Monitoring & Bank Reconciliation:** The Committee considered the following reports:
 - 1) **Bank Reconciliation:** The Proper Officer presented the *Bank Reconciliation Report* as at 30th June 2022. It was reported that accounting for carried forward balances; income in the financial year to date (including Precept) and deduction of payments since 1st April (£32,055) balances stand at £133,169 represented by cash in hand and bank balances as at 30th June.
 - 2) Summary Report: The Proper Officer then presented the Summary Report of Receipts and Payments as at 30th June 2022. The Proper Officer reported that the net cost of the four days of the Carnforth Big Weekend exceeded the approved budget by less than 1%. It was agreed that this represented very good value for money, especially when taking into account the success of the weekend and the excellent feedback received.

It was then RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation and Summary Report as at 30th

June 2022 be approved and signed by the Chair.

22075 Payments List: The Proper Officer presented the list of payments awaiting authorisation.

A question was raised about the cost of one item of expenditure for services provided and it was reported that the Property & Environment Committee had already identified the benefit of periodically 'testing the market' for the supply of goods and services such as the one in question.

It was then RESOLVED that the Town Council be RECOMMENDED to approve the payments list as presented and considers any other payments received up until the Carnforth Town Council meeting.

- **22076** Community Benefit Fund: No applications have been received in the last month.
- **Council Vehicle:** Further to the Property & Environment Committee supporting the acquisition of council vehicle in principle the Outdoor Maintenance Officer outlined his initial research into the available options, including direct purchase or leasing.

After a discussion on the potential use of a council vehicle, cost of hiring as the need arises and competing priorities it was **RESOLVED** that the **Proper Officer and Outdoor** Maintenance Officer present detailed options and risks to a future meeting of the Finance & Governance Committee.

22078 Capital Strategy & Town Council Borrowing: Councillor Grisenthwaite presented a detailed paper on a proposed capital development strategy to deal with planned maintenance, refurbishment and building improvements of council venues and associated contingencies. It was agreed that the Council should establish a five-year maintenance plan for both community halls and, looking to the future, set out long-term vision to deliver the needs of the community through collaboration, external funding and public sector borrowing. It was acknowledged that consultancy support in this regard would be necessary to optimise funding opportunities.

The discussion extended into the Council's future capacity and resources to develop and enhance its functions through partnership working and service delivery.

It was then RESOLVED that Carnforth Town Council be recommended to establish a working group to develop a Capital Strategy and associated plans that will inform the 2023/2024 budget process and beyond.

22079 Governance matters: The Committee considered the following matters:

1) **Reserves Policy:** As requested the Proper Officer had updated the draft Reserves Policy with reference to the relevant sections of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the current best practice for 'General Fund Balances' (referred to as General Reserves). This additional information enabled the Finance & Governance Committee to determine the types and amounts of reserves to be held in 2022/2023.

It was then RESOLVED that the Proper Officer updates the draft Reserves Policy 2022 and that this be recommended for approval by Carnforth Town Council.

2) Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation: It was reported that Councillor Gardner had considered the Council's Standing Orders against the current Model provided by the National Association of Local Councils.

After some discussion, it was **RESOLVED that the Finance & Governance Committee and Proper Officer finalise the documents for approval at the September meeting of Carnforth Town Council.**

22080 Items for next Agenda: It was RESOLVED that at its next meeting the Committee will consider the schedule of Council charges.

22081 Date of next meeting: The next meeting of Finance & Governance Committee will be held on Wednesday 10th August 2022 at 5:30pm. The meeting closed at 7:00pm

Proper Officer

Bob Bailey

Prepared by:		Date:	
	Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)		
Approved by:		Date:	
	Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)		

	Bank Reconciliation at 10/08	/2022		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2022			89,057.73
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2022 - 10/08/2022			111,429.11
				200,486.84
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2022 - 10/08/2022			68,909.89
A	Cash in Hand 10/08/2022 (per Cash Book)			131,576.95
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements			
	Petty Cash	05/07/2022	40.00	
	Unity Trust - Current	05/07/2022	105,552.03	
	Neighbourhood Plan	05/07/2022	10,093.15	
	Unity Trust - Deposit	05/07/2022	9,278.07	
	Barclays	05/07/2022	11,768.14	
				136,731.39
	Less unpresented payments			5,380.44
				131,350.95
	Plus unpresented receipts			226.00
В	Adjusted Bank Balance			131,576.95
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Administration		Receipts			Net Position		
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
43 Insurance				1,920.00	1,613.62	306.38	306.38 (15%)
45 Postage				50.00	56.39	-6.39	-6.39 (-12%)
46 Telephone				174.00	117.25	56.75	56.75 (32%)
47 Printing				263.00		263.00	263.00 (100%)
48 Stationery				126.00	133.84	-7.84	-7.84 (-6%)
85 Publications				105.00		105.00	105.00 (100%)
115 Hospitality					22.11	-22.11	-22.11 (N/A)
SUB TOTAL				2,638.00	1,943.21	694.79	694.79 (26%)
Allowances		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
27 Members							(N/A)
30 Town Mayor				600.00		600.00	600.00 (100%)
SUB TOTAL				600.00		600.00	600.00 (100%)
Bank		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Pudgeted		Variance	Pudgeted		Variance	+/- Under/over spend
	Budgeted	Actual	variance	Budgeted	Actual		1/- Officer/over sperio
70 Service Charge				158.00	73.96	84.04	84.04 (53%)
71 Bank Interest	25.00	13.03	-11.97				-11.97 (-47%)
SUB TOTAL	25.00	13.03	-11.97	158.00	73.96	84.04	72.07 (39%)
Captal Expenditure		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
12 Carnforth Council Offices							(N/A)
13 Carnforth Civic Hall				3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00 (100%)
65 War Memorial Gardens				.,		.,	(N/A)
95 Crag Bank Village Hall				3,000.00	2,057.86	942.14	942.14 (31%)
SUB TOTAL				6,000.00	2,057.86	3,942.14	3,942.14 (65%)
Carnforth Civic Hall		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
1 CCH - Electricity	-augo.cu	Aviuai	va. iuiioe	525.00	436.91	88.09	88.09 (16%)
2 CCH - Heating				1,575.00	1,223.50	351.50	351.50 (22%)
3 CCH - Water rates				1,470.00	444.19	1,025.81	1,025.81 (69%)
4 CCH - Cleaning				1,050.00	512.09	537.91	537.91 (51%)
5 CCH - Repairs & Maintenance				2,500.00	301.76	2,198.24	2,198.24 (87%)
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All Cost Centres and Codes

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6 CCH - Waste & Recycling 7 CCH - Drinks Machine				1,050.00	790.15	259.85	259.85 (24%)
33 CCH - Film Nights	500.00	776.52	276.52	250.00	224.82	25.18	(N/A) 301.70 (40%)
52 CCH - Hire	13,000.00	2,500.00	-10,500.00	200.00	224.02	25.10	-10,500.00 (-80%)
114 CCH - NNDR	10,000.00	2,694.60	2,694.60	2,000.00	2,970.34	-970.34	1,724.26 (86%)
SUB TOTAL	13,500.00	5,971.12	-7,528.88	10,420.00	6,903.76	3,516.24	-4,012.64 (-16%)
Civic Events		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
32 Remembrance Day				1,076.00		1,076.00	1,076.00 (100%
34 Twinning				210.00		210.00	210.00 (100%
68 Civic Sunday				500.00		500.00	500.00 (100%
69 Armed Forces Day				158.00	298.67	-140.67	-140.67 (-89%)
75 VE Day					150.00	-150.00	-150.00 (N/A)
SUB TOTAL				1,944.00	448.67	1,495.33	1,495.33 (76%)
Community Benefit Fund		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
74 Grants Paid					1,000.00	-1,000.00	-1,000.00 (N/A)
76 Grants Received		3,951.93	3,951.93				3,951.93 (N/A)
SUB TOTAL		3,951.93	3,951.93		1,000.00	-1,000.00	2,951.93 (N/A)
Community Resilience Fund	d	Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
86 Community Resilience Fund							(N/A)
SUB TOTAL							(N/A)
Council Office		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
87 Repairs & Maintenance				100.00	260.00	-160.00	-160.00 (-160%
SUB TOTAL				100.00	260.00	-160.00	-160.00 (-160%
Crag Bank Village Hall		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
98 CBVH - Gas & Electricty				3,150.00	2,073.74	1,076.26	1,076.26 (34%)
99 CBVH - Heating 100 CBVH - Water Rates				525.00	317.07	207.93	(N/A) 207.93 (39%)
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101 CBVH - Cleaning 102 CBVH - Repairs & Maintenance 103 CBVH - Waste & Recycling				1,050.00 1,575.00 788.00	263.89 610.17 678.76	786.11 964.83 109.24	786.11 (74%) 964.83 (61%) 109.24 (13%)
104 CBVH - Waste & Recycling 104 CBVH - Hire 111 CBVH - Grounds Maintenance	18,000.00	6,012.38	-11,987.62	105.00	070.70	105.00	-11,987.62 (-66%) 105.00 (100%)
112 CBVH - NNDR				1,981.00	861.40	1,119.60	1,119.60 (56%)
SUB TOTAL	18,000.00	6,012.38	-11,987.62	9,174.00	4,805.03	4,368.97	-7,618.65 (-28%)

Expenses			Receipts		Payments			Net Position	
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend	
20	Civic Hall Manager				100.00		100.00	100.00 (100%)	
21	Clerk & Proper Officer				100.00	12.00	88.00	88.00 (88%)	
22	Outdoor Maintenance Officer				100.00	44.20	55.80	55.80 (55%)	
28	Members				100.00		100.00	100.00 (100%)	
31	Town Mayor				300.00	12.00	288.00	288.00 (96%)	
	SUB TOTAL				700.00	68.20	631.80	631.80 (90%)	

ICT			Receipts			Payments		
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
36	Broadband		11.91	11.91	854.00	497.35	356.65	368.56 (43%)
37	Hardware				300.00	10.75	289.25	289.25 (96%)
38	Domain & Web-hosting				315.00	109.13	205.87	205.87 (65%)
39	Software				1,260.00	659.34	600.66	600.66 (47%)
	SUB TOTAL		11.91	11.91	2,729.00	1,276.57	1,452.43	1,464.34 (53%)

News	letter	Receipts			Net Position			
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
49	Printing				4,110.00	2,700.00	1,410.00	1,410.00 (34%)
50	Distribution				1,890.00	300.00	1,590.00	1,590.00 (84%)
54	Advertising							(N/A)
105	Sponsorship	1,500.00		-1,500.00				-1,500.00 (-100%)
	SUB TOTAL	1,500.00		-1,500.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,500.00 (20%)

Other income		Receipts			Payments			Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
83	Other income							(N/A)
:	SUB TOTAL			_				(N/A)

All Cost Centres and Codes

Precept		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
59 Precept	90,000.00	90,000.00					(0%)
SUB TOTAL	90,000.00	90,000.00					(0%)
Professional Fees & Service	s	Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
40 Legal Services				500.00		500.00	500.00 (100%
41 Internal Audit Services				126.00	136.00	-10.00	-10.00 (-7%)
42 External Audit Services				420.00		420.00	420.00 (100%
82 Planning & Valuation Services				500.00		500.00	500.00 (100%
94 Payroll Services				315.00	121.20	193.80	193.80 (61%)
113 Gas & Electrical Services							(N/A)
SUB TOTAL				1,861.00	257.20	1,603.80	1,603.80 (86%)
Projects		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
8 Civic Hall Feasibility Study							(N/A)
91 Eden Project				500.00		500.00	500.00 (100%
92 Carnforth Steps into the light Prc							(N/A)
96 Carnforth Street Festival							(N/A)
97 Queen's Platinum Jubilee		343.00	343.00	7,500.00	14,859.51	-7,359.51	-7,016.51 (-93%)
SUB TOTAL		343.00	343.00	8,000.00	14,859.51	-6,859.51	-6,516.51 (-81%)
Property & Environment Cor	nr	Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
58 Local Delivery Scheme	500.00		-500.00	500.00		500.00	(0%)
61 Grounds Maintenance	555.50		500.00	2,500.00	861.88	1,638.12	1,638.12 (65%)
90 Alexandra Park				100.00	100.00	,	(0%)
106 Assets				3,000.00	674.14	2,325.86	2,325.86 (77%)
SUB TOTAL	500.00		-500.00	6,100.00	1,636.02	4,463.98	3,963.98 (60%)
Reserves		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
35 By-election				5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00 (100%
66 Neighbourhood Plan Developme				1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00 (100%
107 Emergency Planning				625.00		625.00	625.00 (100%
108 General Reserves				14,855.00		14,855.00	14,855.00 (100%

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SUB TOTAL				21,480.00		21,480.00	21,480.00 (100%)
Salaries		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
17 Operations				20,500.00	7,105.60	13,394.40	13,394.40 (65%)
18 Administration				28,000.00	10,637.27	17,362.73	17,362.73 (62%)
80 PAYE				12,000.00	5,929.32	6,070.68	6,070.68 (50%)
SUB TOTAL				60,500.00	23,672.19	36,827.81	36,827.81 (60%)
Subscriptions		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
44 NALC/LALC Subscriptions				840.00	697.83	142.17	142.17 (16%)
89 Rural Services Partnership				137.00	113.00	24.00	24.00 (17%)
93 SLCC Subscriptions				226.00		226.00	226.00 (100%)
SUB TOTAL				1,203.00	810.83	392.17	392.17 (32%)
Suspense account		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
77 Suspense							(N/A)
SUB TOTAL							(N/A)
Town Development & Plann	ninç	Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
56 Heritage Walks							(N/A)
73 Carnforth In Bloom							(N/A)
109 Town Development				3,000.00	45.00	2,955.00	2,955.00 (98%)
SUB TOTAL				3,000.00	45.00	2,955.00	2,955.00 (98%)
Training		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
23 Civic Hall Manager				100.00		100.00	100.00 (100%)
•				500.00	455.00	45.00	45.00 (9%)
24 Clerk & Proper Officer				000.00			(0,0)
24 Clerk & Proper Officer25 Outdooor Maintenance Officer				100.00		100.00	100.00 (100%)

Bob Bailey

Summary of Receipts and Payments

	SUB TOTAL				1,050.00	500.00	550.00	550.00 (52%)
Value	e Added Tax		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
72	VAT Refund		5,125.74	5,125.74				5,125.74 (N/A)
	SUB TOTAL		5,125.74	5,125.74				5,125.74 (N/A)
War I	Memorial Gardens		Receipts			Payments		Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
51	WMG - Electricity				262.00	178.95	83.05	83.05 (31%)
62	WMG - Cleaning				1,800.00	900.00	900.00	900.00 (50%)
	SUB TOTAL				2,062.00	1,078.95	983.05	983.05 (47%)
	Summary							
	NET TOTAL V.A.T.	123,525.00	111,429.11	-12,095.89	145,719.00	64,696.96 4,212.93	81,022.04	68,926.15 (25%)
	GROSS TOTAL		111,429.11			68,909.89		
	ONOGO TOTAL		111,720.11			00,303.03		

Bob Bailey
PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
241	CCH - Repairs & Maintenance	02/08/2022		Unity Trust - Current		Boiler Service	R E Salt & Co Ltd	S	74.00	14.80	88.80
242	CCH - Film Nights	09/08/2022		Unity Trust - Current		Film night	Eden Arts	S	100.00	20.00	120.00
244	Printing	09/08/2022		Unity Trust - Current		Printing	Bay Typsetters	Z	900.00		900.00
245	Printing	09/08/2022		Unity Trust - Current		Distribution	Bay Typsetters	S	300.00	60.00	360.00
246	Printing	09/08/2022		Unity Trust - Current		Printing	Bay Typsetters	Z	600.00		600.00
247	Printing	09/08/2022		Unity Trust - Current		Distribution	Bay Typsetters	S	300.00	60.00	360.00
248	Queen's Platinum Jubilee	09/08/2022		Unity Trust - Current		Printing	Bay Typsetters	Z	250.00		250.00
249	Armed Forces Day	09/08/2022		Unity Trust - Current		Printing	Bay Typsetters	Z	40.00		40.00
250	Outdoor Maintenance Officer	09/08/2022		Unity Trust - Current		Expenses	Terry Allum	Z	19.00		19.00
251	Administration	09/08/2022		Unity Trust - Current		Admin & Management Salaries	Carnforth Town Council	Z	310.23		310.23
252	CCH - Cleaning	09/08/2022		Unity Trust - Current		Cleaning supplies	Thomas Graham	S	44.36	8.87	53.23
253	CBVH - Cleaning	09/08/2022		Unity Trust - Current		Cleaning supplies	Thomas Graham	S	44.36	8.87	53.23
260	Rural Services Partnership	10/08/2022		Unity Trust - Current		Subscriptions	Rural Market Town Grou	ıр S	113.00	22.60	135.60
·		·					Total	3,094.95	195.14	3,290.09	

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