

**Drumlough Highland Pipe Band**  
**Charity Registration Number: NIC 103205**  
**Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023<sup>1</sup>.

**Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of this Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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<sup>1</sup> See 'Appendix 1 - DHPB Annual Accounts (01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023)'.

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Noel Laffin'.

**(Noel Laffin)**

Relevant professional qualification or body

**N/A**

Address

**7 Drumlough Cross, Rathfriland, County Down, BT34 5DU**

Date

**18/07/2024**

## Appendix 1 - DHPB Annual Accounts (01/01/2023 – 31/12/2023)

Drumlough Highland Pipe Band, Rathfriland					
Financial Statement (1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023)					
Date	Income 2023	Amount	Date	Expenditure 2023	Cheque No. Amount
01/01/2023	National Savings Account Interest	£3.04	05/01/2023	DAERA Micro-Grant - PS5 / Scramble / Simon (Smyths)	BACS £510.97
08/03/2023	Christmas Shoot 2021 & 2022	£690.00	12/01/2023	DAERA Micro-Grant - PS5 Games (Smyths)	BACS £54.98
08/03/2023	Donation	£70.00	12/01/2023	DAERA Micro-Grant - PS5 Controller & Charger (Smyths)	BACS £81.98
09/03/2023	DAERA Micro-Grant	£1,468.14	12/01/2023	DAERA Micro-Grant - Cluedo (Smyths)	BACS £13.99
20/03/2023	DBRDA - St Patrick's Celebration Event	£225.00	12/01/2023	DAERA Micro-Grant - PS5 Controller & Charge / Games (Smyths)	BACS £149.13
24/04/2023	Amazon Smile Donation	£6.64	12/01/2023	DAERA Micro-Grant - PS5 Controller / Games (Smyths)	BACS £76.98
19/05/2023	Amazon Smile Donation	£25.24	31/01/2023	DAERA Micro-Grant - Buckaroo (Bargain Max)	BACS £12.99
05/06/2023	Donation	£100.00	31/01/2023	DAERA Micro-Grant - Wireless Microphones (Gear4Music)	BACS £518.00
08/06/2023	Blackbridge Orange Service (4 June 2023)	£150.00	06/02/2023	DAERA Micro-Grant - PS5 Carry Case (Amazon)	BACS £45.99
12/06/2023	DBRDA - Drumlough Coronation Event	£250.00	10/03/2023	Bank Charges	BACS £9.26
27/07/2023	Donation (F McD)	£1,000.00	11/04/2023	Credit Union Charges	N/A £3.00
31/07/2023	DBRDA - Drumlough Community Festival	£250.00	02/05/2023	Plastic Storage Box (Homebase)	BACS £7.00
03/08/2023	DBRDA Loan Repayment(s) *	£1,866.00	09/05/2023	Postage (Beat Street)	BACS £4.45
17/08/2023	11th July Parade, Kilkeel (Schomberg Society)	£150.00	09/06/2023	Bank Charges	BACS £16.51
30/10/2023	DBRDA - Drumlough PUL Event	£200.00	21/07/2023	Ulster-Scots - Tuition Rent	289 £600.00
29/11/2023	Ulster Scots Agency - Piping & Drumming Tuition Funding 2023-24 (1st Payment)	£975.00	24/07/2023	Ulster-Scots - Tuition Drumming Tutor	288 £1,000.00
15/12/2023	Ulster Scots Agency - Piping & Drumming Tuition Funding 2022-23 (2nd Payment)	£975.00	31/07/2023	Ulster-Scots - Tuition Piping Tutor	287 £1,000.00
29/12/2023	2023 Bank Interest	£26.57	07/08/2023	Eric McGaw - Kilt Material Booked (via H Bell)	Cash £270.00
			07/08/2023	Nigel McKinstry - Drum Tuning for 12th July	Cash £30.00
			29/08/2023	Wedding Gift (F McDowell)	290 £150.00
			08/09/2023	Bank Charges	BACS £13.86
			15/09/2023	In Lieu of Flowers Donation (Bob Halliday)	291 £30.00
			08/12/2023	Bank Charges	BACS £9.59
Total Income 2023		£8,430.63	Total Expenditure 2023		£4,608.68
Cash Balance from 2022		£81.20	Cash Balance as of 31/12/2023		£81.20
Credit Union from 2022		£5,400.00	Credit Union as of 31/12/2023		£7,833.00
Bank Balance from 2022		£2,720.43	Bank Balances as of 31/12/2023		£4,106.34
National Savings Balance from 2022		£3,269.68	National Savings Balance as of 31/12/2023		£3,272.72
Balance from 2022		£11,471.31	Balance as of 31/12/2023		£15,293.26
* Remaining Loan Balance		£8,070.00	* Remaining Loan Balance		£5,279.00
* Balance from 2022 Incl Loan Balance		£19,541.31	* Balance as of 31/12/2023 Incl Loan Balance		£20,572.26
		£19,901.94			£19,901.94