

# Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107484

## Details

Known as	FPCC
Status	Received
Registered	2020-05-26
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** Canoeing is for fun, it's for fitness, and it's for the family. Canoeing is for All. The club is established to facilitate and support the development of amateur canoesport within the Derry and Strabane Council area in a safe and responsible manner. The club will seek to achieve this by developing member's experiences and skills within canoeing through expeditions, trips, competitions, running courses, shared experiences and social occasions.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of amateur sport

**How the charity works:** Sport/recreation

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Parents, Unemployed/low income, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£6,889	£2,946	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Enda Cummins		
Miss Cara Cummins		
Mr John Mcivor		
Mr Kieran Shanks		
Mr Martin Lynch		
Mr Niall Lavery		
Mr Ronan O'donnell		
Mrs Fiona Williamson		
Ms Siobhan Edwards		

**Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club**

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# Accounts

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Charity Name

Charity No.

Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club

NIC107484

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

1/1/2024

To

31/12/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Subscriptions	930.00	-	-	930.00	1,091.00
Pool Session Fees	435.25	-	-	435.25	977.77
Session Fees	211.90	-	-	211.90	89.92
Course Fees	695.00	-	-	695.00	420.00
Bank Complaint Redress	0.00	-	-	0.00	300.00
Maritime Funding	3,430.00	-	-	3,430.00	0.00
Mourne Race Fees	237.06	-	-	237.06	0.00
Gear Sales (boat & container)	950.00	-	-	950.00	0.00
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the	<b>6,889.21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,889.21</b>	<b>2,878.69</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>6,889.21</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,889.21</b>	<b>2,878.69</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
CANI Insurance	223.00	-	-	223.00	286.00
Course Costs	0.00	-	-	0.00	101.09
Gear Costs - Boat Maintenance	576.26	-	-	576.26	439.95
Bank Fees	35.75	-	-	35.75	86.30
Pool Sessions	1,400.00	-	-	1,400.00	1,996.00
Event Costs - Maritime Festival	109.92	-	-	109.92	0.00
Gear Costs - Hose	40.00	-	-	40.00	0.00
Membership Refund & Bank Charge	22.00	-	-	22.00	0.00
Event Costs - Maritime Festival	360.00	-	-	360.00	0.00
Coach CANI Insurance Refund	180.00	-	-	180.00	0.00
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>2,946.93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,946.93</b>	<b>2,909.34</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,946.93</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,946.93</b>	<b>2,909.34</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,942.28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,942.28</b>	<b>(30.65)</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>13,765.95</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,765.95</b>	<b>13,796.60</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>17,708.23</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,708.23</b>	<b>13,765.95</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £		Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	17,708.23	-	-		17,708.23	13,765.95
			-	-		-	0.00
		-	-	-		-	0.00
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>17,708.23</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>17,708.23</b>	<b>13,765.95</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK		OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £		Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-		-	-
		-	-	-		-	-
		-	-	-		-	-
		-	-	-		-	-
		-	-	-		-	-
				Total		-	-

	Details		Cost (optional)		Current value (optional)	Last year
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-		-	-
			-		-	-
			-		-	-
			-		-	-
		Total	-		-	-

	Details		Cost (optional)		Current value (optional)	Last year	
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Kayaks		59,800		15,985	17,761	
	Paddles		10,546		2,819	3,132	
	Clothing		7,999		2,138	2,376	
	Misc Equipment		16,000		4,277	4,752	
				-		-	-
				-		-	-
		Total	<b>94,345</b>		<b>25,219</b>	<b>28,021</b>	

	Details	Fund to which	When due		Amount due	Last year
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
			Total		-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of approval \_\_\_\_\_

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**Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107484

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# Accounts

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Charity Name

Charity No.

Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club

NIC107484

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1/1/2023	To	31/12/2023	
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Subscriptions	1,091.00	-	-	1,091.00	1,495.00
Pool Session Fees	977.77	-	-	977.77	1,454.79
Session Fees	89.92	-	-	89.92	386.00
Course Fees	420.00	-	-	420.00	0.00
Bank Complaint Redress	300.00	-	-	300.00	0.00
Maritime Funding	0.00	-	-	0.00	2,190.00
Overpayment Refund	0.00	-	-	0.00	262.40
	0.00	-	-	0.00	0.00
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for	<b>2,878.69</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,878.69</b>	<b>5,788.19</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,878.69</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,878.69</b>	<b>5,788.19</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
CANI Insurance	286.00	-	-	286.00	248.00
Course Costs	101.09	-	-	101.09	0.00
Equipment	439.95	-	-	439.95	0.00
Bank Fees	86.30	-	-	86.30	125.00
Pool Sessions	1,996.00	-	-	1,996.00	1,295.00
Trailer Maintenance	0.00	-	-	0.00	115.56
Events	0.00	-	-	0.00	262.40
Boathouse Maintenance	0.00	-	-	0.00	783.77
Course accommodation	0.00	-	-	0.00	186.30
Overpayment	0.00	-	-	0.00	262.40
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>2,909.34</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,909.34</b>	<b>3,278.43</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,909.34</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,909.34</b>	<b>3,278.43</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(30.65)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(30.65)</b>	<b>2,509.76</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	0.00	-	-	0.00	0.00
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,796.60	-	-	13,796.60	11,286.84
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,765.95</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,765.95</b>	<b>13,796.60</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £		Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	13,765.95	-	-		13,765.95	13,796.60
			-	-		-	0.00
		-	-	-		-	0.00
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>13,765.95</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>13,765.95</b>	<b>13,796.60</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK		OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £		Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-		-	-
		-	-	-		-	-
		-	-	-		-	-
		-	-	-		-	-
		-	-	-		-	-
				Total		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)		Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-		-	-
			-		-	-
			-		-	-
			-		-	-
		Total	-		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)		Current value (optional)	Last year	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Kayaks		59,800		17,761	19,734	
	Paddles		10,546		3,132	3,480	
	Clothing		7,999		2,376	2,640	
	Misc Equipment		16,000		4,752	5,280	
				-		-	-
				-		-	-
		Total	94,345		28,021	31,134	

	Details	Fund to which	When due		Amount due	Last year
B5 Liabilities					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
		Total			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107484

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# Annual report

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## **Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club Charity Commission Report 1 Jan 2023 to the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023**

- Charity Commission No:- 107484
- Foyle Paddlers purpose:- The advancement of amateur sport
- The Trustees of the Club have had regard to the Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.
- Trustees: - Mr Gerald Mc Gahey, Enda Cummins, Mr Niall Lavery, Mr Martin Lynch

### **Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club Activities and Achievements**

It's been another eventful year for FPCC. **Nine** committee meetings took place during 2023 excluding the AGM. It was good to see members getting back to in person face to face meetings.

The FPCC Coaching Officer and other club coaches/leaders organised many river and sea paddles throughout the year. River paddles included the Strule, Owenkillew, Mourne and Crana rivers. There were approximately 10 club paddles on the Foyle including the Turkey paddle on the Foyle 28<sup>th</sup> December 6, 2023. Approximately 19 club paddles took place on the Swilly. The club also organised a surfing trip to Ballyliffin and a number of very enjoyable coastal paddles including Leenan to Fanad Head (2), Tullagh to Leenan, Leenan to Rockstown Harbour, Portballintrae to Ballintoy harbour.

Postballintrae to the Whiterocks/Skerries. Members also attended Enagh Lough safety and rescue training sessions at Enagh Lough.

Senior and Junior Pool sessions continued as normal in the early part of 2023 and the Autumn/Winter pool sessions began in October. The Treasurer organized a 4/5-week induction course which began in November and attracted seven applicants. Special Olympics pool sessions ran earlier in March/April.

Twelve members of the club are now trained in REC 2 first aid course.

The Secretary carried out significant work during the year updating some of the older governance documents which were last reviewed in 2010. Documents reviewed included: Agreement of club expenditure, Management of committee meetings, Junior Code of Conduct, Club Code of Conduct, Interim policy on funding of training, Membership, Joining the Club and Communication, Membership Training and Development Agreement, Equipment Hire Form, and the Risk assessment for managing pool sessions.

The Club constitution is currently being reviewed/amended. Safeguarding training was organized in October/November and twelve members completed the course. The Safeguarding Officer has been consulting with Sports NI on the correct procedure for completing Access NI checks and has assisted members on completion of these checks.

Work was also taken forward from last year looking at ways to improve efficiencies in the processing of members annual CANI insurance by batching members insurance applications rather than processing them sporadically. The club treasurer also submitted the Charity Commissions annual monitoring return at the end of October and undertook a lengthy challenging process to transfer the existing FPCC bank account with Bank of Ireland to Danske Bank.

There is an ongoing consultation process between members of the Committee and the Council over the continued use of the upper boathouse after the Council served a 'Notice to Quit' at the end of October. The Committee is currently considering the acceptability or otherwise of any future financial costs likely to arise by vacating the upper boathouse. Storage provision and internal space for club equipment/activities is available within the new Council Storage unit building and within the existing containers albeit final costs associated with such options has yet to be agreed.

Members carried out a clean-up of the lower boathouse and new racking was installed by members to allow some equipment to be moved back down from the upper boathouse.

Some members of the club assisted with safety during the Celebration of Life Challenge in August undertaken in the river Foyle by swimmer Danny Quigley.

The Coaching Officer organised the Mourne Race to take place in Dec 2023 but was postponed due to water levels and rescheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and members volunteered their time and energy to ensure this was a successful and safe event.

### **Public benefits**

The direct benefits flowing from our purposes include:

- Easy access by the people of the Derry and Strabane areas to participate in local amateur paddle sports.
- The opportunity, for all those involved, to develop paddling skills which will enable them to enjoy safe recreational water activity or perhaps engage in competitive water activities.
- Ensuring that all members can enjoy a water activity in a safe and caring environment.
- As a result of engaging with diverse groups in an outdoor environment, participant's overall health and well-being will be enhanced and community connections strengthened.
- To manage the areas of the Prehen Boathouse currently utilized by the club The benefits will be demonstrated through the following means: We will provide structured opportunities for people to participate in paddling skills development

programmes with fully trained instructors enabling them to participate in weekly paddling. As part of the sessions participants will learn about water safety, how to paddle safely and will develop skills and techniques under the instruction of the qualified instructors. The club have produced a number of trained coaches and leaders, as well as a number of members with a variety of safety qualifications since the club was founded in 1981. We will monitor participant numbers (both existing club members and members of the general public) engaging in the activities offered through the use of attendance tracking sheets Canoeing is a risk sport, even though statistically the risk is slight. The club aims to minimise those risks by using qualified instructors and by following CANI (Canoe Association NI) guidelines, implementing a Health and Safety policy and Risk Assessments for club events. Our beneficiaries are the people from the Derry and Strabane council area. The only private benefit gained is if the club decides to subsidise course fees, for members of the club seeking to gain accredited paddle sport coaching qualification, which will in turn enable the club to meet its purposes in particular the clubs safety responsibilities and hopefully ensure sustainability. Individuals may also benefit from canoe training acquired during club events.

### **What your organisation does**

The public benefit of Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club is the advancement of amateur sport. The club meets regularly (typically 1 or 2 times per week) at various outside venues throughout the year to help members develop their skills in paddlesport disciplines such as Sea/Touring, Whitewater, open boating and Surf Kayaking; as well as competition. Weekend sessions during the winter are supplemented with canoe pool sessions Membership of the club is open to the public. For safety reasons, joining the club requires either demonstrating a degree of competency in paddlesports, or participation in a variety of beginners courses, which the club offers throughout the year. All of the members of the club are amateur. Paddlesports promotes good health in participants by engaging them in both physical exertion and mental skills The club is affiliated to, and has as its governing body, the Canoe Association of Northern Ireland (CANI) and promotes progression through the formal skill levels set down by them. Members of the club hold formal CANI coaching and skills qualifications appropriate to member needs. The club does make a charge for participation in events but ALL of the monies raised are used to cover the costs of venue hire and club equipment. The Club Constitution specifically states “in no circumstances can any profits be distributed to members, but any profits earned shall be contributed to a general fund for furthering the objectives of the club.” ... [more].

**Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107484

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club**

I report on the accounts of Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club for the financial year 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008

### **It is my responsibility to:**

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of 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.

### **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.



Signed:

Name:

Linus Mc Laughlin

Relevant professional qualification or body:

FCCA (Retired)

Address:

10 Chippendale Park, Derry, BT48 0NR

Date

27 October 2024

**Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club**

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# Accounts

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Charity Name

Charity No.

Eoyle Paddlers Canoe Club

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/10/2021	To	31/12/2022
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Subscriptions	1,495.00	-	-	1,495.00	910.00
Pool Session Fees	1,454.79	-	-	1,454.79	415.00
Session Fees	386.00	-	-	386.00	120.00
Maritime Funding	2,190.00	-	-	2,190.00	0.00
Overpayment Refund	262.40	-	-	262.40	0.00
Gear Hire	0.00	-	-	0.00	30.00
Other	0.00	-	-	0.00	0.84
	0.00	-	-	0.00	0.00
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for	<b>5,788.19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,788.19</b>	<b>1,475.84</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>5,788.19</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,788.19</b>	<b>1,475.84</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
CANI Insurance	248.00	-	-	248.00	275.00
Boating Club Insurance	0.00	-	-	0.00	1,063.44
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	-	-	0.00	57.56
Bank Fees	125.00	-	-	125.00	100.00
Pool Sessions	1,295.00	-	-	1,295.00	0.00
Trailer Maintenance	115.56	-	-	115.56	0.00
Events	262.40	-	-	262.40	0.00
Boathouse Maintenance	783.77	-	-	783.77	0.00
Course accommodation	186.30	-	-	186.30	
Overpayment	262.40	-	-	262.40	0.00
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>3,278.43</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,278.43</b>	<b>1,496.00</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>3,278.43</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,278.43</b>	<b>1,496.00</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,509.76</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,509.76</b>	<b>(20.16)</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	0.00	-	-	0.00	0.00
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,286.84	-	-	11,286.84	11,307.00
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,796.60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,796.60</b>	<b>11,286.84</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	13,796.60	-	-	13,796.60	11,286.84
			-	-	-	0.00
			-	-	-	0.00
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>13,796.60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,796.60</b>	<b>11,286.84</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
				Total	-	-

	Details	fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Kayaks		59,800	-	-
	Paddles		10,546	-	-
	Clothing		7,999	-	-
	Misc Equipment		16,000	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	94,345	-	-

	Details	Fund to which	When due	Amount due	Last year
B5 Liabilities				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
			Total	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

**Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club**

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# Annual report

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### Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club Report for October 2021 to December 2022

This club year 2022 started well with our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, a paddle down the Foyle, with some 37 paddlers turning out and more spectators. It was nice that so many of the founder members turned up and thanks to Joe Rotherham for doing the presentations.

As the new calendar year started the impact of COVID was still being felt, and a number of members from the previous year choose not to renew their membership this year. Club meetings were mostly held over zoom, which proved convenient for some, but problematic for others with poor broadband.

8 members attended the Core Coaching course which was held at the boathouse.

Wednesday night paddles were held regularly on the Swilly and Foyle over the spring and summer months. Sunday Paddles were also held regularly with paddles organised on the Swilly, Foyle and Owenkillew rivers as well as coastal paddles and trips to a number of nearby islands such as Inishmurray and Owey. The use of the WhatsApp group has been very useful in communicating details or organised trips and club activities.

The boathouse at Prehen was broken into on the 7<sup>th</sup> July and a number of boats and other miscellaneous items of equipment were stolen. None of the items taken were recovered, and unfortunately the perpetrators were not caught.

The biggest event for the club during this year was the Foyle Maritime Festival in July. The club gave more than 200 people the opportunity to paddle on the Foyle through taster sessions and a twilight paddle.

The boathouse has been tidied up and the surrounding area cleaned on 2 occasions.

Pool sessions restarted at the end of October with the clocks going back, and has presented this first opportunity this year to introduce new members at both junior and senior level.

As the year draws to a close, the new pontoon has become available for use. This potential for a lease agreement with the council to formalise the club's position in Prehen presents both opportunities to develop, and financial commitments. It will be interesting to see how this issue progresses over the next year.

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# Annual return

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club**

I report on the accounts of Foyle Paddlers Canoe Club for the financial year 1st October 2021 to 31st December 2022.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008

**It is my responsibility to:**

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of 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.

**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.

Signed: 

Name: Liam McLaughlin

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACCA (retired)

Address: 10 Choppedale Park  
Derry BT48 0NR

Date: 26/10/2023