

## **FOYLE HILLWALKING AND RAMBLING CLUB**

### **CLUB CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

#### **NAME**

The name of the Club shall be Foyle Hillwalking and Rambling Club hereinafter referred to as "the Club".

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB**

To promote the interests of mountaineering, hillwalking and rambling activities hereinafter called club activities) amongst members of the Club.

To provide an opportunity for members of the Club to meet and participate in club activities together.

To act on behalf of and in the interests of Club members.

To promote awareness of the need to maintain access, conservation and protection of the cliff, mountain and countryside environment. To take part in the work and activities of the Mountaineering Council of Ireland.

#### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE CLUB**

Membership of the Club shall only be open to any members of the public, irrespective of political opinion, nationality or religion, interested in hillwalking, hereinafter referred to as "the Membership".

In addition to 3.1 above membership of the Club shall only be open to individuals who recognise that climbing, mountaineering and hillwalking are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Members shall be aware of and accept these risks and agree to be responsible for their own actions and involvement

Club Membership is open to minors under 18 but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult/parent while on walks. Written parental consent for each walk will be required.

The Committee shall have the right for good and sufficient reason to terminate the membership of any member or to refuse membership to any potential member provided that the member/potential member concerned has had the right to be heard by the Committee before any decision is taken.

New members shall be permitted to participate in a maximum of 3 walks in one year before there is a requirement to become a full member.

#### **MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB**

The Management of the Club shall be entrusted to the Club Committee, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee".

#### **OFFICERS OF THE CLUB**

The elected Officers of the Club shall be the Chair, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Walks Organiser and Public Relations Officer, hereinafter referred to as "the Officers".

Voting for the election of Officers shall take place at the AGM

## **COMMITTEE OF THE CLUB**

The Committee shall be composed of the Officers of the Club.

The Committee shall nominate a representative (*or representatives*) of the Club to attend MCI Council meetings and represent the views of the Membership and vote on behalf of the Club.

The Chair of the Club will normally preside at and chair all meetings of the Committee (*or Club*) and shall be responsible for reporting to the Membership at the Club's AGM.

The Club Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence relating to Club affairs and for announcing Committee meetings, and the production and distribution of minutes from those meetings. The Secretary shall also be responsible for announcing the AGM, giving 14 days notice. The Secretary shall keep records about the Membership of the Club and shall report to the MCI the size of the Membership.

The Walks Organiser shall be responsible for planning a walking schedule with other Committee members, promoting safety and responsibility in the hills, developing new walks, encouraging club members to involve themselves leading walks and developing leadership and navigation skills.

The PR Officer shall promote the Club to general public and organise social events.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of subscriptions and will account for any other income and expenditure made on behalf of the Club.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of the membership subscription to the MCI and the Insurance premium if this option is taken up.

The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional non-voting members.

A quorum for a meeting of the Committee shall be half of the elected voting members. In addition to the AGM the Committee shall hold at least two meetings each year for the purposes of preparing the walking programme and conducting any other business

## **CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The Committee shall have the power to set membership subscription levels for the Club on an annual basis.

Membership fees will be due within 4 weeks from the AGM which will normally be held in September each year.

## **RULES OF THE CLUB**

The Committee shall have the power to set Club rules. Such rules shall be in accordance with the articles of the Club's Constitution and the policies of the MCI.

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB**

This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds majority of those present at an AGM. Notice of any amendment must be delivered to the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the AGM.

## **DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB**

The Club can be dissolved by two thirds majority vote of eligible members present at a special meeting, whereupon the Committee will arrange to discharge any assets equally amongst nominated charities and

groups eg MCI Environmental Defence Fund, Mountain Rescue etc.). Any liabilities at the time of dissolution shall be the joint responsibility of all Members.

Constitution was adopted by the Club at a Special Meeting held on 6 December 2004.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Logue

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy Kirk