

Braddan Parish Commissioners Election

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22nd April, 2004

Dear Voters,

I am Frank Cannell and was born and brought up in the Parish, and reside at 9 Close-Y-Lhergy, Union Mills, Braddan.

I have previously been a Commissioner for Braddan, and held the position of Chairman of the Commissioners in 1996 for one year which was a great honour.

I was fortunate to be elected by the people of the Parish for two terms, and am now seeking your support for re-election for a further four year period.

Local Authority Reform

The issue of Local Government Reform is back on the Agenda. I agree with the principle only on the basis that Braddan must retain its own identify, therefore I would support Braddan and Marown coming together. I will not support the principle of 5 Regional Authorities for the whole Island, as in my opinion Braddan would loose its local identify, and loose the principle of local representation at local level.

Local Authority Reform, in my opinion, must be based on the existing House of Keys Constituencies, as this would then ensure that local issues could be raised by the Local Authority with the MHK for the Constituency.

Local Plan

One of my hobbies is Manx History, particularly Braddan, and it has been very interesting to notice the increasing role Braddan has played in the growth of the East of the area, as it relates to the increases in the population and expansion of the economy, since the early 1900's.

This growth has led to numerous boundary extensions by Douglas Corporation, the latest being as recently as 1985.

This has to be taken into consideration, in particular the financial impact it would have on you as ratepayers, in that the Braddan rate is only approximately 40% of the Douglas rate.

Whilst I support the Draft Braddan Plan, I have concerns regarding the increased risk that the proposed development will lead to as it relates to future grounds for a boundary extension by Douglas, especially the 500-600 houses which are proposed on the 'Drinkwater Land'.

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This proposed development will extend from Tromode Woods though to Braddan Hills, and is not related to a Village to a village, therefore if elected, I would wish to review this proposed zoning.

Energy From Waste Plant

In 1996, as a then Commissioner, I had the opportunity to visit what was then referred to as the 'State of The Art Incinerator', this being the Selchip Plant, prior to making a decision in relation to the principle of Incineration.

I did at that time accept that subject to the Plant being constructed and operated to the highest EU standards, that in theory 'planning terms' an Incinerator would not be a detrimental risk to the public health or the environment of the Island.

I did not accept however that the Incinerator should be located 'downwind' of the largest population and workplace of the Island's residents, however that decision has now been made by Tynwald, and if elected, I would be vigorously ensuring that the operation of the Incinerator would not constitute a risk to public health or the environment.

Housing

I am very pleased to see the plans and policy that was emerging during my period of time in office, are now a reality, in that the Commissioners Housing List has reduced substantially.

One area that I do have concern on, is the acceptance of always the lowest Tender for contract work, in that whilst this ensures value for money, it does not always guarantee that the work is carried out to a very high standard. A balance has to be achieved and not always is the cheapest option initially the most cost effective option in the medium to long term.

Finance

As referred to above, the financial management of your money is critical, and I would if elected, attempt to ensure that value for money is always obtained, to ensure the rates you pay are kept to an absolute minimum.

Waste

This is the 'in subject' as it relates to all of us having to pay for the cost of our waste being disposed. As a Local Authority, we have to be pro active in providing residents with the options to reduce their overall total waste for disposal (the most expensive option) by providing user friendly recycling options – e.g. green waste, dry recyclables (paper, glass aluminium) by way of kerbside collection.

PLEASE USE YOUR VOTE

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