

Braddan Parish Commissioners Election

RAY CORKHILL – ELECTION MANIFESTO



I am Ray Corkhill and am 56 years old, born and bred in the Isle of Man and live at The Railway Inn, Union Mills as In House Resident Manager. My partner is Celia Morgan, whose family have owned/operated the Railway Inn for over 100 years.

Prior to becoming the Railway Landlord, I operated my own business as a Planning Consultant for some 10 years, before that I worked for Government in various roles, including Planning Appeals Secretary; Secretary of IOM Gaming Board; Secretary to various Executive Council Sub Committees and Finance Officer at Ballamona Hospital.

I **still** believe in serving the best interests of the Parish of Braddan by:-

- Maintaining and sustaining the Local Community Identity;

(In the last term of office, I have supported the Draft Braddan Local Plan, successfully lobbying for the continued separation of local communities with, where possible, acquisition of publicly owned 'green belts' of open space – eg. Camlork, Leece Lodge, Ballafletcher Corner Field);

- Encouraging controlled development to serve the aspirations and needs of the Parishioners and attracting investment by the Business Community;

(Again I have been actively involved in negotiations in the drafting of the Braddan Local Plan – supporting and encouraging zoning of land in appropriate sites for new schools; housing; new community facilities and industrial without destroying the rural nature of the Parish);

- Proper financial control and management of Parishioners funds.

(I am proud that during my term of office, the Commissioners have successfully been able to reduce the rates that you pay each year, except 2003, when the Government transferred waste costs to all ratepayers. These savings have been achieved without any reduction in service or expectation of the ratepayers)

I support preservation and improvement of the rural environment by:-

- A positive and aggressive promotion of recycling and efficient/safe waste management and disposal;

(I have actively supported and promoted recycling initiatives and have served as the Braddan Commissioners representative on the Richmond Hill Consultative Committee – monitoring the Incinerator or Energy From Waste Unit! – and on the Eastern District Civic Amenity Board);

- Improving sewage treatment and disposal;

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(Having been faced with the Iris Scheme as a 'fait accompli', the Commissioners have fought to ensure that disruption to Braddan residents was kept to a minimum, - not always successfully! I am a member of The Animal Bye Products Committee – formed to ensure the proper operation of Litts and its successor);

- Countering the growing social problems, such as vandalism, drug abuse and associated crime, by encouraging greater community awareness/involvement (eg. Homewatch, Crimestoppers etc.) and canvassing and achieving more effective community policing.

(I have actively promoted greater liaison with the Police and have been actively involved in the provision of the Police Station and Police flat in Snugborough, with the appointment of a Community Police Officer and the recent appointment of the Community Warden; installation of CCTV surveillance; improved street lighting schemes – all of which are contributing to combating anti social behaviour);

- Seeking more efficient controls of Road Traffic Pollution and Congestion.

(The Community Warden is effectively monitoring traffic speed and chasing up abandoned vehicles; we are working closely with the DOT and the Police to reduce congestion and improve road safety);

IN CONCLUSION, I believe I have a wealth of experience and have been proud to have made a positive contribution as an Elected Team Member and Vice Chairman of the Braddan Parish Commissioners.

My work allows flexibility to afford time to attend to Commissioners business at odd times; my business naturally enables me to meet a wide cross section of local people, from where I can keep my finger on the pulse to project and support local opinions.

I have no long term ambitions to enter into Central Government Elections.

Unfortunately, because of the short time before the Election, I will not be able to visit everybody, but I would be pleased to meet and discuss my views and your concerns in greater detail, or telephone me on 853006.

If you require transport on Polling Day, please let me know and I will arrange it.

Thank you for reading this.

Please vote for me.

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