



Tourism

Capitalise on the £3 million invested in the M.E.R. by installing a downhill mountain bike track from Snaefell to a new cafe at the Bungalow, similar to the successful Fort William model in Scotland.



Refurbish Peel Castle in keeping with its ancient and important history so that this historic site becomes a vibrant hub of activity used by locals and tourists, utilising college apprentices and retired craftsmen.

Sell off the Government owned yard known as Spit Corner, Peel, to develop a hotel.



Work with Ramsey Commissioners to replace the Mooragh Park Cafe by North Shore Road with a licensed function room/cafe/restaurant that the north of the Island sadly lacks.

Summary

I hope that other candidates, if elected, have a similar vision to revitalise our Island's fortunes.

If we fail to deliver new initiatives how can we really expect to attract new inward investment which is essential to the Island.

My views on a range of other topics can be found in the Isle of Man Newspapers Election Supplement and Manx Radio On-line.

Should you wish to contact me please email alankermode@iom.com or telephone 415093.

Kirk Michael Coastal Erosion

For coastal erosion affecting parts of the coastline between Kirk Michael and Ramsey we need to install rock revetments starting at Glen Wyllin.

Once commenced this programme will need to be closely monitored and followed up as potential adverse increased erosion may effectively need a rolling programme budgeted for. Realistically this could begin when there is an upturn in our economy.

Jurby

Government selling off leaseholds and remaining underdeveloped plots in the industrial estate. Carry out large scale landscaping works, tree planting, etc, to provide an enriched environment to develop mixed housing including first time buyer plots and commercial outlets on the former Parade Ground.

The Bretney and Threshold Estates have been sadly neglected and deserve some Government investment, many other local authority estates have already benefited from such investment.

I hope this resonates with you and you vote for Alan Kermode on 22nd September, 2016.

ALAN KERMODE

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Introduction

Starting from scratch I have been in business now for 30 years, as an employer I hold numerous trade accounts with Island companies, have a good network of business contacts and know first hand the values of management foresight, investment and common sense.

Contrary to recent media reports linking myself to a candidate with perceived racist and homophobic views, I can categorically assure you I do not endorse such views.



Health

With a Health and Social Security budget of £244 million Government must be more proactive and strive for greater efficiency. I was supportive of the Health Minister's recent trip to New Zealand to explore new ideas.

It is essential that Government needs to promote good health. This will take time, probably generational. There will always be hereditary illnesses, injuries and age related illnesses that will require large amounts of capital, however early detection that will cost in the short term will reduce expenditure in the long run.

There needs to be a review into end of life care. How is Government taking into account the pain and loss of dignity incurred and the effects on close relatives?

Economic Growth

Economic growth, one example would be the creation of a marina in Ramsey's inner harbour. This in turn would open up development along the embankment, improving the area and acting as a catalyst to encourage further inward investment from the private sector.



Education

Whilst further academic education must be encouraged, Government should not neglect or underestimate the value of vocational training.

One example, the Foundation Course in Construction was oversubscribed by 20. Can we not work with the college to accommodate these people?

Above all the Government must ensure that wherever possible children reaching year 6 are well grounded in their literacy and numeracy skills and have a good level of self-confidence. These are the foundations of the future.

Structure of Government

Government being smarter, more transparent, proactive, prudent and individual departments working in co-operation with each other, realising that they are all part of a team. Government having a listening ear to individuals who can offer advice in their chosen fields.

Brexit

There could be opportunity to kick start financial services; the Island has a wealth of persons knowledgeable in this field from whom advice and opinion should be sought.



A reformed planning department.

Ensure hedges are cut and pavements are free from weeds and maintained. This is low cost but goes a long way with public perception both on a local level, visiting tourists and those that are seeking to invest in the Island.

Government must work with Airlines, recognise that they incur operational difficulties but seek to find ways to maintain regular competitive air travel including the vital link to London City Airport. You cannot expect business to flourish along with tourism if these goals are not achieved.

Agriculture

Work with the Agricultural Sector and Environmentalists on creating new and diverse markets ending the present support based on historic production and acreage owned.



Power Supplies

Should commercially viable amounts of gas be found within Manx territorial waters, this could be refined on Island and used to generate our own electricity with surplus sold off Island through existing pipe lines.