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Liberal Vannin Party Policies Receive Enthusiastic Response At Local Branch Meeting

At the monthly meeting of the Liberal Vannin Party Peter Karran MHK welcomed new members along to the branch. They opened the meeting by introducing the 4 local Liberal Vannin Party candidates who are Kate Beecroft for Middle, Nigel Dobson for Garff, Roland Arden-Corris for West Douglas and Bill Malarkey for South Douglas. This brings the total number of Liberal Vannin candidates contesting seats in the forthcoming election to 6 with further candidates in the final stages of approval.

The meeting was open to debate with a question and answer session from the floor which was very informative. Party Leader Peter Karran MHK said that giving the ordinary members an input into the creation of policies and decision-making was what real Party politics was all about. This is the only forum currently available for ordinary people to have their say on how their island is run. He went on to say that the Liberal Vannin Party want to bring audit back into the Government which is so completely out of control at the present time.

The Party Policy committee enthusiastically supports the solution to the current housing crisis proposed by communications director Chris Kent. The policy is designed to bring the first step on the housing ladder back into reach for many who currently find themselves at the mercy of unscrupulous landlords. The Liberal Vannin Policy Committee are in the final stages of fine tuning the details. Chris Kent stated that the

Party will hold a press conference to launch the housing policy along with the full manifesto within the next few weeks.

Questions were asked on many other subjects like the privatisation of the Post Office, the bus service etc, under the report for reorganisation of Government. Mr. Karran said that the working man should not be paying for the scandalous way this Government has squandered public money. He went on to state that politicians are trying to steer the debate away from the real issue which is the unsustainable the way the Government is operating at the present time.

When asked about the party's views on the recently published government reform document Chris Kent stated that members of party are currently reviewing the document and assessing the potential impact of the recommendations proposed. "The consensus of opinion is that in some areas the recommendations don't go far enough and in other areas they go too far. Once we have completed our review we will issue a calm and considered response to ensure the Party's position on the report is absolutely clear. We will not be drawn into the round of issuing opportunist sound bites in a knee-jerk reaction in an attempt to win the populist vote".

Mr. Karran stated that these politicians with their vested interests and their appalling track record in dealing with the public purse have endangered future generations and every walk of life. If we don't get the reforms back into the system of Government that are desperately needed, these politicians will threaten all the progress that has been made to improve our standard of life in the Isle of Man over the last 20 years.