

HOUSE OF KEYS ELECTION
23rd NOVEMBER 2006
SHEADING OF MICHAEL



**DAVID
CANNAN**

**FOR A SECURE
FUTURE FOR OUR
ISLAND & HOME**

INDEPENDENT

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DAVID CANNAN married with a grown up family has had the honour of being the Member of the House of Keys for the Sheading of Michael since 1982.

I have had 24 years experience of Government including Speaker of the House of Keys (April 2000 - October 2001), Minister for the Treasury (1986-1989), Chairman of the Financial Supervision Commission, Vice Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee and a member of most Departments at some time.

Ladies and Gentlemen

It has been a privilege to have been your Member of the House of Keys and I offer myself for re-election and seek to obtain your support and confidence for a further term in office.

My time is divided between attending to local matters and national issues as well as attending to the many and varied problems of constituents. During the past years I have consistently promoted the well being of the Parishes of Kirk Michael, Ballaugh and Jurby and have been available at all times for people who wish to see me.

LOCAL ISSUES

In matters of the well-being of the Constituency, the following have been achieved during the past five years.

Kirk Michael

- 1 The official opening in January 2002 of the new classrooms and sports hall at the school.
- 2 Provision of a public water supply to the residents of Little London.
- 3 Full public consultation on the proposal for a By-Pass.
- 4 Planning approval in principle and financial provision for the establishment of a General Medical Practice Doctors' Surgery.

It is my hope that the construction of the surgery can commence early in the New Year. The provision of a full time General Medical Practice Surgery, for the residents of Kirk Michael and surrounding district, will be of great benefit to everybody, and an asset to the village.

- 5 Coastline Management Act giving statutory powers for the protection of the coast between Glen Wyllin and Balleira.
- 6 Statutory notice that the whole of Glen Wyllin and the original village properties and land from the school playing field at Douglas Road Corner to the Whitehouse cottages is now a conservation area. Notwithstanding that Tynwald approved the Conservation Area to take effect from 1 August 2006, the Department of Education in a letter to me dated 2 October 2006 stated that the sale of the school playing field is still under consideration and consultation with the Government Valuer is presently taking place.

It would appear that the Minister (Hon. D. Anderson, MHK) and Department of Education have no regard for the expressed will of Tynwald that the school playing field is a conservation area.

The implications of the school playing field becoming a roundabout and access road to a future 200-300 house housing estate are well known.

- 7 Positive public support for fund raising activities enabling the outstanding debt on the elderly persons sheltered housing complex to be reduced to £120,000.
- 8 Provision of footpath and traffic management at Station Road and a footpath at Rhencullen.

Ballaugh

- 1 **Ballacrosha.** Installation of central heating, replacement windows etc., of the Local Government housing.

Jurby

- 1 **Bretney Estate.** Complete refurbishment and renewal of all the houses.
- 2 Construction of retirement bungalows at The Bretney.
- 3 **Threshold Estate.** Full external decoration later this year.
- 4 **Plots for Sale.** Present and future availability on the former Army Camp.
- 5 **Former Army Camp.** This area is zoned for residential development and a public exhibition of the housing proposals has been held in the Parish Hall.
- 6 **Industrial Estate.** Development of small industrial units progressing. £1.3 million approved by Tynwald for the refurbishment of the old hangars. Continuing promotion of Jurby by the Department of Trade and Industry as an attractive location for commercial operations.

For the future, it is my policy that the following will be achieved as soon as possible.

Kirk Michael

- 1 Construction of a full time General Medical Practice Doctors' Surgery for the residents of Kirk Michael and the surrounding district.
- 2 Construction of a rock revetment sea defence wall between Glen Wyllin and Balleira to prevent further coast erosion caused by global warming.

Ballaugh

- 1 Replacement of the existing portacabin classrooms with the construction of classrooms extension at the rear of the School.

Jurby

- 1 Completion of residential development of the former Army Camp and refurbishment and re-development of the Industrial Estate so as to establish Jurby as a viable and sustainable village.

NATIONAL ISSUES

This General Election is about the election of persons who will form the Government of the Isle of Man for the next five years and whose policies will effect everybody resident on the Island.

A policy for the Governance of the Isle of Man

A priority policy of the next Government must be to maintain the present strength of the economy and prevent unemployment. A strong economy with full employment provides security and peace of mind for all of us.

A policy that continues to encourage and support a successful business environment that generates full employment and provides Government with the taxation income necessary to provide and improve the services of Health, Housing, Education, Pensions, Social Welfare etc.

A policy that ensures positive relations with the United Kingdom Government and is able to conduct successful diplomatic relations with the EU and OECD and other world forums and foreign Governments, so as to maintain international confidence in the ability of the Manx Government to manage its own internal affairs.

A policy that requires the highest standards in the conduct of public affairs. A policy that requires the highest standard in the financial management and competence in the administration of Government. **A policy that curtails oppressive and vexatious bureaucracy.**

A policy that requires a change in the culture of officialdom to an Open Government policy to fully inform the public without spin and economy of truth, and to provide the public with a commitment to service, help and assistance.

On Thursday 23rd November you will elect a Government to successfully conduct the national affairs of the Isle of Man.

To achieve these policies of full employment and maintaining and improving people's standard of living, there has to be a sustained growth of manageable proportion in the economy. Negative growth in the economy will create the misery of unemployment and family hardship which **MUST BE** avoided at all costs.

To continue the present economic success the Isle of Man must maintain the initiative and remain competitive in an increasingly competitive world market. The Government must continue to encourage the development of profitable businesses and the diversification into new activities so as to create a balance between the finance sector and the manufacturing, tourist and agricultural industries.

This Island is not immune from the problems of the outside world and continues to have a great challenge ahead to sustain our prosperity which is the only means by which we can maintain the present expenditure and increasing cost of Health Care, Social Welfare, Pensions, Education and the preservation of Law and Order, etc.

I offer experienced and responsible handling of the economy to fulfill the promise of a secure future for all the residents of our Island home.

THE TREASURY

There has to be a determination by the Treasury Minister to ensure Treasury officials oversee every aspect of public expenditure by Departments to ensure competence, financial probity and good management.

HEALTH CARE:

Government has an obligation to provide the very best Health Service to the people of the Isle of Man. To achieve this the funding of the Health Service must be a priority of Government expenditure and this includes financial provision for the restoration of a 24 hour, seven days a week opening of the Ramsey and District Cottage Hospital.

PENSION AND PENSIONERS:

Government and the community have a duty to care for our pensioners. To ensure that there is a standard of comfort during the winter months there is a £400 winter heating payment paid to those pensioners in receipt of Income Support. Eligibility for Income Support is for those pensioners with a disposable weekly income of less than £135 per week. Those pensioners whose weekly income exceeds £135 **DO NOT RECEIVE** any assistance towards winter heating costs.

It is my policy that pensioners not in receipt of the £400 winter heating bonus, should receive a winter heating payment based on a sliding scale from £400 downwards, depending on income.

SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE:

The continuing provision of existing social services is essential. In the matter of the responsibility for child care and young persons, there is an urgent requirement for more efficient management.

SOCIAL SECURITY:

The continuation of existing benefits in relation to need, continues to be maintained to keep pace with the cost of living.

EDUCATION:

To provide the best education for our children with the ethos based on achievement according to their ability.
To provide a Special Needs Service for disadvantaged children that is in the interests of the children and **NOT** for the bureaucratic convenience of officials in the Department of Education.

POLICING – LAW AND ORDER:

The Police must be supported so that all of us can live peacefully and enjoy quality of life in our beautiful environment.
The Police have a duty to a commitment of efficient and impartial service to the community.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

I support continuation of the existing Local Authorities but with positive encouragement to amalgamate with adjacent authorities in the provision of services which would result in efficiency and lower cost to the benefit of the ratepayers.

PLANNING:

This is always a contentious issue but in respect of small applications such as kitchen extensions, garages, etc, there must be more flexibility. Presently there are too many vexatious refusals by the Planning Committee.

HOUSING:

There is a continuing demand for both public sector and private sector housing. Home ownership is to be encouraged but Government has a duty to provide public sector housing for those who do not have the financial resource necessary for home ownership.
At present there are too many persons on the waiting list for public sector housing and a more urgent commitment to new build is required.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL (IRIS):

A very large amount of money, including consultants fees, has been spent on this project to date and the performance has been less than satisfactory.
A serious review of the project is a requirement before any further work is commenced in the West and the North of the Island.

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT:

The protection of the Island's environment – this green and pleasant land in which we all live and work – is of primary importance. Recycling of waste is to be encouraged.

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In order to have the ability to pay for the above matters, the job creating, income creating business of the Island

must always be supported and encouraged by Government.

FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY:

This is the backbone of the Island's economy and the Island's largest employer supplying a wide range of financial services worldwide. The industry requires full Government support for the promotion of its international business activities and Government protection from any discriminating and adverse legislation and sanctions by such forums as the EU and OECD.
To ensure the integrity of the Financial Services Industry there requires to be a strong Financial Supervision Commission to prevent abuse.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY:

The Island's trade and manufacturing industry require positive and continuing promotion so as to create stronger diversification of the economy.
The cost of electricity and gas need to be carefully monitored. There must be careful supervision on the issue of Work Permits to ensure that illegal immigrants do not enter the Island.

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES:

As I have in the past – so I will continue in the future – give my full support to Manx Agriculture and Fisheries. I am fully aware that Manx farmers are facing many problems, not least financial viability and concerns at the loss of the EU meat derogation in 2010.
A strong policy of promoting and marketing Manx agricultural and fishery products for both the home market and the UK market is essential.

TOURISM AND LEISURE:

A more positive approach is needed by the Department to encourage tourism throughout the year and not just to motor sport events.
A positive commitment is required to up-grade the tourist infrastructure to meet the standards and expectations of today's visitor.

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GOVERNMENT:

In conclusion, let me clearly state that the policies set out in this manifesto can only be achieved by a strong Government that has the support of the people and the will to govern.
Pivotal to the good Government of the Island is the election of a Chief Minister who then appoints his Ministers.

CONSTITUTION:

To establish a Government that is fully democratic and has the confidence of the people it will be necessary to reform the

Legislative Council and have a 32 seat Tynwald – all elected at a General Election – together with a Chief Minister, similarly elected at the General Election.

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Finally, I ask you to give me your support and your confidence on Election Day – 23rd November – and in return I renew the undertaking I gave in 2001 that I will give this Sheading the same care and attention in the future as I have given in the past. I will do my best for the benefit of the whole community and I will be available for people who wish to see me.

DAVID CANNAN

IMPORTANT

I will be pleased to receive any offer of help towards my election.

If you are unable to attend the Polling Station on Election Day 23rd November, or you will be off-Island on Election Day please do not hesitate to contact me **immediately** so that I can arrange to have a postal vote sent to you.

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