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Bringing politics back to the people



A Liberal Vannin Party Candidate

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Why I'm standing as a Liberal Vannin Party Candidate

The Liberal Vannin party genuinely believes in open, transparent and accountable government at both national and local levels. We also strongly believe in having an inclusive society and looking after the vulnerable members of that society.

We do not just pay lip service to these principles.

Any Liberal Vannin candidate has a wealth of knowledge and experience to draw on from other members as we are more than happy to assist each other with any problem or situation. Simply put, we are part of a team and, as we are not competing against each other, we can achieve more.

All party members have direct access to our parliamentary MHK's for both their advice and assistance when necessary. This is narrowing the gap between politicians and people. I fervently believe that politicians should serve their electorate and not the other way round. The Liberal Vannin Party is addressing this imbalance and empowering its members to have a say in their own future.

In a nutshell the Liberal Vannin Party is "bringing politics back to the people."

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Peter Karran, MHK Leader of the Liberal Vannin Party

Kate Beecroft has great integrity, honesty and ability which is often sadly lacking in Manx politics.

Kate has been a real asset to Braddan during difficult times with her commonsense approach and financial knowledge.

I value her opinions greatly.

Braddan Parish Commissioners Election 24th April 2008

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Dear Voter,

hope that many of you will remember me from the local by-election last year and the general election the year before and I thank you for your support then.

I am writing to ask you to extend your support for me again in the local election for the Braddan Commissioners to be held on Thursday, 24th April.

My first year as a Commissioner has not been an easy one, particularly with the dismissal of the former clerk and the discovery of the financial deficit. Difficult decisions have had to be made and I am pleased that we now have a new clerk in place and we are taking all necessary steps to rectify the financial situation.

There have been many good points to the year as well, such as the progress with the Velodrome on Strang corner field and the new GP's surgery.

There is still a lot of work to do though and, if re-elected, some of the issues that I would like to progress are finding a solution to the situation at Cronkbourne Village and safe crossing places for Mount Murray and Union Mills village.

I am trying to visit all of you but I am sure you will appreciate that, in the limited time before the election, this will not be possible.

If you have any particular issues you would like to discuss, or if you would like to make an appointment for me to visit you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Issues I intend to tackle

Finances

The recently discovered deficit means that the parish's finances have to be given top priority for the next few years. Indeed the financial position should always be closely monitored and stringent controls in place to ensure that everyone is receiving good value for money. There is no doubt that the deficit at 31st March 2007 will mean that some schemes will not be able to proceed at the pace I would have wished for.

A lot of hard work has been done in this last year to rectify the situation and I am confident that, provided the new measures are strictly adhered to, the finances will improve and schemes, such as the car park by the Union Mills Post Office, will be able to proceed.

Cronkbourne Village

Housing that is sub standard is not acceptable and this situation cannot be allowed to continue. The board has recently met with the Minister to discuss the various options with the result that a report will be produced and the entire scheme, subject to the Department's approval, will be funded as a capital project.

Safe crossing place in Union Mills village

Progress is being made on this even if it is slower than I would wish. At a public meeting last year various options were presented by the Department of Transport and the majority of people were in favour of traffic lights at the end of Strang Road. Martin Quayle MHK, who was at that meeting, agreed with the outcome and took responsibility for obtaining the necessary funding.

Safe crossing place at Mount Murray

A crossing on the main Castletown Road has proved unsuitable for safety reasons and we are currently trying to negotiate for a bus stop within the Mount Murray boundaries.

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Health

The provision of the new Health Centre at the Strang is progressing and the board have recently sold the necessary land to the DHSS. I discussed this with Martin Quayle MHK and he assured me that the intention is to have a dental practice included in the centre.

Crime

I am delighted that, due to various initiatives, anti-social behaviour has been drastically reduced. More can always be done to improve matters but we are moving in the right direction.

Provision for our young people and seniors

The proposed Velodrome will be a wonderful facility for our young people. It has provision for a cafeteria but I would still like to see more community facilities for the use of our seniors.

Provision for the disadvantaged

If re-elected, I shall be promoting an area near to the Velodrome to be used as an integrated playground. This will include specially designed equipment to enable mentally and physically disabled young people to play alongside their peers.

My thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their support and their invaluable input which has enabled me to progress at least some of the manifesto pledges I made a year ago. If re-elected, I promise to try and fulfil the outstanding issues to the best of my capabilities.

