

Local Authority General Election 2012
Braddan Commissioners

JOHN QUAYE



DEAR VOTER

It is my intention to stand as an independent candidate for the forthcoming Braddan Commissioners Election to be held on Thursday 26th April 2012.

I am 60 years old, married to Kate and have lived in Union Mills for the last 14 years. I am Manx born of farming stock and was educated at St Mary's, Douglas and Castle Rushen High School. We have three children, Kelly, John (who is a Commissioner for Onchan) and Sean (the Isle of Man Football team captain).

I was raised in St Marks, before moving to Douglas and have been involved in the transport industry for some 40 years. In 1985 I started my own firm, Manx Independent Carriers, which has grown into one of the Island's largest hauliers employing over 100 people. I continue to be involved in the firm on a part time basis acting as Chairman.

Additionally I am a member of the Rotary Club of Rushen and Western Mann and in the next year will be the club's Vice President, having previously served as International Committee Chairman during the past two years.

It is my intention to devote my time to ensuring that Braddan is well run and the needs of the ratepayer are met in the most efficient way possible. I would hope to bring the dedication and commerciality that I have shown in my business life to this.

Yours sincerely,
John Quaye

POLLING DAY

If you have difficulties getting to the Polling Station on the 26th April, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will arrange a lift for you.

If you are away from the Island on the 26th April you may still cast your vote. Please contact me in this instance and I will be happy to supply the appropriate form and explain it to you.

As you might appreciate with the short time to the forthcoming election, I will not have time to speak to everyone in the parish in person prior to polling day, however please feel free to contact me using the details as below.

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JOHN QUAYE FOR BRADDAN

RATES

It was pleasing to see that the Braddan rates for the current year have remained static. However it is essential to constantly monitor costs and spending and ensure that ratepayers money is spent wisely if that trend is to be continued. I would apply business sense to the issue to ensure efficient operation that provides value for money.

HOUSING

It is essential that the Commissioners public housing stock should be maintained to a high standard in order to avoid deterioration and increased costs. There has been heated debate over the issue of much needed public housing being occupied by those who could perhaps afford to buy. This is an all Island issue which requires careful scrutiny but should be given every consideration so that fairness is applied.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Braddan and Douglas have decided to continue with the kerbside recycling scheme. It is essential that future generations inherit a healthy environment to live in and it is no longer acceptable to ignore the benefits of recycling. I intend scrutinising the costs of the scheme to ensure that it provides value for money and is fit for purpose. It is noted that the refuse contract has changed from Onchan Commissioners to Douglas Corporation and that a considerable saving has been made. I will endeavour to continue on this route of cost savings.

TRAFFIC

Plans are afoot to create parking in Union Mills next to the Post Office but the area suffers from huge amounts of through traffic which is often travelling too fast for the conditions. There is no adequate pedestrian crossing in the village and this along with a reduced speed limit or more enforcement will be one of my priorities. The Castletown Road at Mount Murray also continues to be an accident blackspot and if elected I will ensure that road safety is a priority in all areas of the Parish.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

The corner field at the Strang has been earmarked for sport and leisure facilities. It is hoped that the Commissioners can demonstrate the need for such a facility in the Parish. This along with proposals for a new BMX track in Cronk Grianagh will be one of my priorities if elected.