

It is disappointing to know that in the 2008 Local Authority Elections there were only 8 out of a possible 30 contested elections. The voter turn-out in the contested elections was approximately 25%. In Andreas we all now have the opportunity to vote at Andreas Parish Church Hall on the 26th April 2012. I hope that as a parishioner you will strongly consider using your democratic right and vote.

I am by nature energetic and self-motivated. I am the only new candidate in your election and I will offer a different perspective. I am committed to ensuring we maintain good local facilities for young and old and to getting value for money for all services. I can assure you that if I am successful I will not hesitate to support the Board in doing what is required to improve Andreas Parish.

I would be pleased to meet and discuss your concerns and my views in greater detail. Please telephone me on 450282 or email me aileenfraser@manx.net.

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FRASER
for Andreas

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Dear Fellow Parishioner

To introduce myself, my name is Aileen Fraser and I am standing as a candidate in the Andreas Local Authority Elections on the 26th April 2012. Even though I am not Manx my parents and I started coming to the Isle of Man every year for family holidays in 1979 until we became resident in 1991. I have lived on the Isle of Man since 1991 and in the Parish of Andreas, at Ballaberragh, Smeale, since 2003. I qualified as a Podiatrist from the Birmingham School of Podiatry in 1992 and I worked for the Health Service from September 1992 until April 2003. In 2003 I left Podiatry behind to drive cranes and lorries and this continues to be my main area of work.

The reason I have put my name forward is to provide the residents of the Parish Andreas with the opportunity to vote in the Local Elections on the 26th April. I do feel that once in a while we should all have the opportunity to have an election in our Parish.

I am relatively young, 41 years of age, and even though I do not have the experience of our current Commissioners I do feel that I would be able to bring energy and new ideas. I do feel that in order to fully represent any community the group of people who represent that community need to have a mix of age and gender in line with the voting population. This will give a combination of both experience of life, the expertise of modern technology and the ability to represent the needs of all ages. If elected I would hope to build on this by trying to encourage younger people than me to step forward at the next election. I would also like to progress the idea of giving residents of the Parish the opportunity to discuss their concerns and engage in local community issues by progressing the possibility of public meetings maybe on an annual or biannual basis.

As a business woman I am very aware of the current economic climate and as a mother I am also aware of the squeeze on the family purse. Therefore, I will do my best to ensure that every penny spent will continue to be spent wisely thus making every effort to ensure that our rates stay as low as possible. I think it is only fair that as parishioners we can see how our money is spent and what our commissioners are doing. I would hope to bring to the parish an Andreas Parish Website. I would hope that on this there will be a number of pages to include contact details and pictures of all the commissioners but also to provide copies of minutes of the meetings along with keeping everyone up to date with local events and even newsletters. Not being over technically minded I would also hope to enlist the help of our younger voters by encouraging them to provide ideas and thoughts for getting an Andreas Parish social networking page on a site such as facebook. By doing this I envisage the possibility of a forum through a social networking site so that people can post their own events and opinions or concerns.

Over the last few years I have been involved in two issues. I was instrumental in collating information to enable my partner, Stephen Broad, to present a Petition for Redress of Grievance on Legal Aid on Tynwald Day 2009. This resulted in the formation of a Select Committee and their findings and recommendations have just passed their third hearing in the House of Keys and are now progressing to the Legislative Council. If these legislative changes go through there will be much more emphasis on mediation in divorce thus trying to ensure children are put first.

More recently I have been involved in trying to ensure that small hauliers are able to be heard and have their say with the proposed Operators Licence Regulations for all vehicles over 3.5 tonnes which are used commercially. I am not opposed to regulations which improve road safety but I am opposed to regulations which I believe are bureaucratic red tape which increases cost to both government and the public. In this respect I support the Chief Minister in his aims to reduce red tape and bureaucracy.

A number of local concerns which have been brought to my attention are: the local road surfaces being very poor and in need of repair, the excess speed of traffic on the new road surface on the road from Regaby into the Village, the sewer outlet at Smeale beach, which due to a shift in the sand, is now visible at low spring tides, the lack of gritting of the roads during cold weather any further north than Jurby, the lack of a public service bus late in the evenings for young members of the community to return from The Shed in Ramsey on a Friday and Saturday night, a litter bin to be put by the recycle bins at Andreas Village Hall and the loss of the mobile library. If elected, I would hope to either continue to present current dialogue or open dialogue with the relevant Government Departments to ensure residents of Andreas are not forgotten. I will push for parishioners to be kept up to date with any discussions via a newsletter on a website or social networking site which I have mentioned previously.