

Election of Members of the Ramsey Town Commissioners
Thursday 26th April 2012

VOTE X



Stephen Rand

**Someone to depend on
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Dear Voter,

You may be asking yourself, “Why, should I consider voting for Stephen Rand as one of my Ramsey Town Commissioners? What has he to offer the town?”

I am 59 years old and have been married to Gail for 33 years. We moved to the Isle of Man in 1997 and selected Ramsey as the best place to make our new home. We have lived and worked here ever since. Our children were both educated at Ramsey Grammar School and have remained to live and work on the island. Prior to moving to Ramsey I chaired Parish meetings at Lynford in Norfolk, I am a member of Ramsey Chamber of Commerce and as a resident and businessman with two shops in Ramsey I understand many of the issues facing Ramsey Town Commissioners, local businesses and residents and would like this opportunity to give something back to our community.

Housing

It is particularly important for the Ramsey Town Commissioners to maintain and expand their housing stock, whilst endeavouring to keep the housing deficit under control. Over the past few years Commissioners’ housing has undergone a rolling programme of replacement and refurbishment and this has been achieved at no small cost. As a Commissioner I would try to ensure that we are receiving maximum value for money during this process.

Health Services and Ramsey Cottage Hospital

Ramsey Cottage Hospital has become a centre of excellence with facilities not available even at Noble’s, much of this is due to the efforts of Friends of Ramsey Cottage Hospital. The hospital has the capacity to hold more outpatient clinics, for example kidney dialysis, and expansion of the NHS dental services already based at the Cottage. I will lobby for increased provision of services to benefit and assist local people.

Law and Order

Ramsey has an enviable record as a safe place to live, Ramsey Town Commissioners work actively with the Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team and other agencies to keep homes

and families safe. Proper liaison with Inspector Juan Kinley and his Officers is essential and I will actively support the Police in their endeavours to maintain this safe and pleasant environment.

Leisure Facilities

In recent years we have seen the construction of a new swimming pool and the vacated building has now become a bowling alley. The town is fortunate to have two excellent recreational areas run by Ramsey Town Commissioners, Mooragh Park with its Fitness Trail, BMX track, Play area and Skate Park, and Coronation Park with its superb collection of children's play equipment. I want to see these facilities maintained at their present high standard and if finances permit, further improved.

Ramsey Marina

As a boat owner I have always supported the construction of a marina in Ramsey. My personal view is that this development should be confined to the inner basin, leaving Sulby River to continue unhindered in its outflow to the sea. I am under no illusion that a marina would be the one project to improve Ramsey's fortunes, but it could help promote much-needed private investment in the town.

Queens Pier

I was heartened when government financed the stabilisation of Queens Pier and I would support the renovation of the structure if finances become available. The Pier may never be financially viable as a visitor attraction, but it is an important part of the island's heritage and should be retained as such. The value of heritage cannot be quantified on a balance sheet.

Ramsey Regeneration

The important process of regenerating Ramsey town centre has already begun. The increase in the number of available parking spaces on the quayside has made the town centre more accessible to those arriving by car. You may be aware of the Government's Regeneration Committee to raise the environmental standard of Parliament Street, starting with the vicinity of the Old Courthouse / Post Office. I think the Ramsey Town Commissioners must oversee

this project, working alongside the Regeneration Committee to make it a welcoming environment for all island residents and visitors.

Summary

If elected I want and hope to make a difference and deliver good value and benefit for the town as a whole, to promote a thriving and vibrant Ramsey, which is a pleasant place to live and work, raise our families and for our senior citizens to enjoy their retirement.

If I can clarify any point or if you would like to discuss any issues with me, please call me on 07624 224979

If you have mobility problems and need help to get to the polling station, let me know beforehand and I will try and arrange transport.

Your vote is important, please use it!

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