

Climate Change & the Green Economy

The Government must set new firm targets for decarbonisation; Investing in **solar panels for all** and creating **solar farms** here in Ayre and Michael. A football pitch sized field can meet the electricity needs of 100 homes. We should stop importing more diesel and petrol cars, allowing in only electric/hydrogen vehicles from 2025 and create a **Green Technology Hub** at the **Jurby Industrial Estate**. New homes should be built using energy efficient technology, and promote more self builds on small plots in rural areas. **Manx farmers are our stewards of this Biosphere Island**, they must be supported and their produce promoted as part of a government *'Raising Awareness of how to tackle Climate Change without Costing the Earth'* campaign. The erosion of the coastline at Kirk Michael must be tackled urgently, through the addition of further revetments.



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I am a Lezayre Parish commissioner and previous Maughold commissioner (2004-2008). I would be an active MHK, holding the new government to account for its decisions and being the voice for the people of Ayre and Michael on all issues. I am a full-time teacher and will return to my post on the 6th September. I would love to hear from you; I can be contacted as follows:

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Connectivity

Ultra fast broadband is essential to grow the rural economy and allow as many as possible the option of working from home. If the **abysmal public transport provision** to Jurby and the Northern parishes is restored and decent roads with potholes filled (*managed by local work teams*), the rural economy will thrive.



Health & Social Care

GP provision must be centralised so everyone on the island has equal access to a doctor. **Social care provision must be equitable for all and adequate funding made available to fulfil current needs.** Clearing of the Covid backlog of operations, consultations and screening must be prioritised and management located on island.

MANIFESTO IN BRIEF

Planning

There needs to be an **urgent review of planning procedures** as shown by the Elm Tunnel fiasco at St Marks, **it is not fit for purpose.** The finalisation of the *Northern Plan* needs to reflect the development and housing needs of the community, not the developers. Residents in Ayre and Michael have made a conscious decision to live in the countryside, not in the town. **I will oppose any boundary changes and an all island rate** that would lead to rural parishes paying more for services they do not receive.

Government Transparency & Accountability

MHK's must scrutinise Government spending more rigorously, whether on capital projects, procurement or hiring of consultants. MHK's can only do this if they are not bound by the ministerial code. I believe there should be an **urgent spending review** and a **reappraisal of spending priorities** leading to an **integrated 5-year plan** to include Climate Change targets and a new Housing and Population department. Financial controls must be tighter and **lines of accountability** clearly defined.

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Housing & Population

There is a real need for a **capital building program** for new Local Authority Housing. In Ayre and Michael, there is a pronounced need to re-develop and refurbish our oldest homes and build sufficient new homes for young singles, families and downsizing retirees on low to medium incomes. These should be built on a rent/rent to buy basis and will alleviate pressure on the local private housing market. **A new minister for Housing and Population matters** should be responsible for addressing housing availability and affordability, and the decline in the number of young people.