

House of Keys General Election
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ALFRED CANNAN

For a modern
caring and
prosperous society

Michael





The Isle of Man is facing up to its greatest challenges in over 25 years. The economic outlook is unclear and both the private and public sectors are having to come to terms with the uncertainties that the global economic crisis has created. Coupled with that, the Island faces unprecedented challenges from legislators in London and Europe alongside growing, often mis-informed attacks, on offshore centres for reform from leading industrial nations.

It is abundantly clear that the Isle of Man needs firm leadership and a clear strategy to deal with the issues that currently face us. The Government needs to be focused on creating clear and decisive measures that will both reduce our costs and seek to drive our economy forward, in order to provide a caring and prosperous society for all.

There is no doubt that the next few years will be require all sections of the community to adapt to ever changing circumstances. We must all be prepared to work together to meet and overcome these challenges, not only simply resolving problems but finding opportunity and new ways to create a better future for ourselves, our families and our Island.

I offer the residents of the constituency of Michael the experience, acumen and ability to make a significant contribution to the future of the Island and the constituency. With your support, I pledge to work hard for everyone in the constituency, to stand up for local people, and to be a strong voice in Tynwald for your concerns.

BUSINESS

Business is the driver of economic growth and that we need to offer a secure, sustainable and attractive environment for companies, entrepreneurs and innovation to succeed. I will:

- Support our zero corporate tax structure provided it continues to offer and encourage business growth
- Support and encourage open dialogue with Westminster and Brussels but will reject any direct attempts at interference
- Support and actively engage with new businesses wishing to come to the Island
- Support and encourage entrepreneurs and local small businesses
- Support a fully compliant and regulated business environment but will seek to oppose and remove unnecessary red tape and legislation
- Encourage and support a diversified economy

TOURISM, LEISURE AND SPORT

A strong and healthy tourist trade is vital to ensuring that the Isle of Man offers a diverse and balanced economy. I believe that the leisure and sporting facilities on offer can contribute significantly to the overall "Tourism" package. The current government has effectively relegated Tourism to a lower priority through its merger into the Department of Economic Development and thus I will:

- Ask for and support a clearer strategy regarding Tourism
- Ask for Tourism to be "reinstated" as a Department with a separate ministerial appointment
- Encourage development of key sporting and leisure events
- Look for areas of sporting excellence and encourage greater governmental support (i.e. cycling)
- Encourage greater media coverage of events such as the TT as well as special events such as the Parish Walk

TRANSPORT

As an Island nation, our air and sea routes are vital to our success and stability.

The current ownership structure of the Steam Packet and the costs of both sea and air travel to and from the Isle of Man are of significant concern. It is my view that the Manx Government should have a greater, if not majority stake, in the Steam Packet for the benefit of all and I will investigate the best solutions to achieve this aim. I am also concerned that our bus service is failing the community in a number of ways. Recent timetable changes have been found wanting and the bus fleet seemingly out of place in this modern world. I will be seeking to establish the best alternatives to modernise the service to provide a more cost effective and people friendly island wide service.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

With current economic conditions, attention is clearly focused on the leadership and management provided by MHK's and senior civil servants.

It is questionable as to whether the current political system serves the people of the Island as well as it should and therefore I will:

- Work with like-minded MHK's willing to reform Tynwald to provide a more coherent and decisive platform to debate important national issues
- Support moves to publicly elect the Chief Minister
- Call for a Comprehensive Spending Review to act as a basis for budgetary reform
- Request that with immediate effect Ministers personally sign and approve ALL departmental expenditure for their first six months in office
- Call for a review into our relationships with the UK and Europe to establish if we can find ways to improve our standing in this respect
- Review working practices to ensure the taxpayer is receiving best value for money
- Seek innovation to increase returns from statutory boards and revenue producing Governmental departments
- Seek to cut red tape and bureaucracy that stifle the economy
- Work with business leaders to ensure our legislation remains advantageous to create increased business opportunities

JOBS AND WELFARE

I am acutely aware that unemployment has slowly, but steadily, begun to increase and that many people will have experienced the threat of redundancy or suffered a job loss over the last two years. In addition I am aware of the increasing financial pressures facing many of the more vulnerable in society. I will:

- Support a relative minimum wage to ensure there are incentives to work
- Support jobseekers allowance but review its requirements to ensure it actively encourages and supports focused help to get jobseekers back to work
- Work with business to provide work experience and return to work schemes
- Support those who are choosing to start new businesses or become self employed
- Work with businesses to ensure that the disabled are given their rightful opportunities in the workplace

EDUCATION

Education is vital to our future and that we are capable of ensuring that our schools and colleges produce not just great academic results, but also students with developed views on world issues and the willingness and character to succeed in life. I will:

- Encourage and support an educational system that produces high exam success rate and exposes students to a range of activities, sports and cultures
- Encourage and support schools and students to learn and understand world issues
- Encourage and support students to develop commercial and business skills
- Actively seek to work with businesses to ensure they promote and develop trainee and graduate schemes
- Support the Isle of Man College as it seeks to continually develop relevant educational courses for commerce and industry

HEALTH

The health of the nation and access to free effective health care is part of the fabric our society. I will:

- Support the National Health Service but I am acutely aware that there is always the need for continual improvements in the manner and way health services are delivered
- Explore ways in which primary care can be delivered in the community
- Seek the establishment of permanent doctors surgery in Kirk Michael to fit alongside the facilities in Jurby
- Actively encourage the NHS to develop the proper facilities in all areas of healthcare.

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

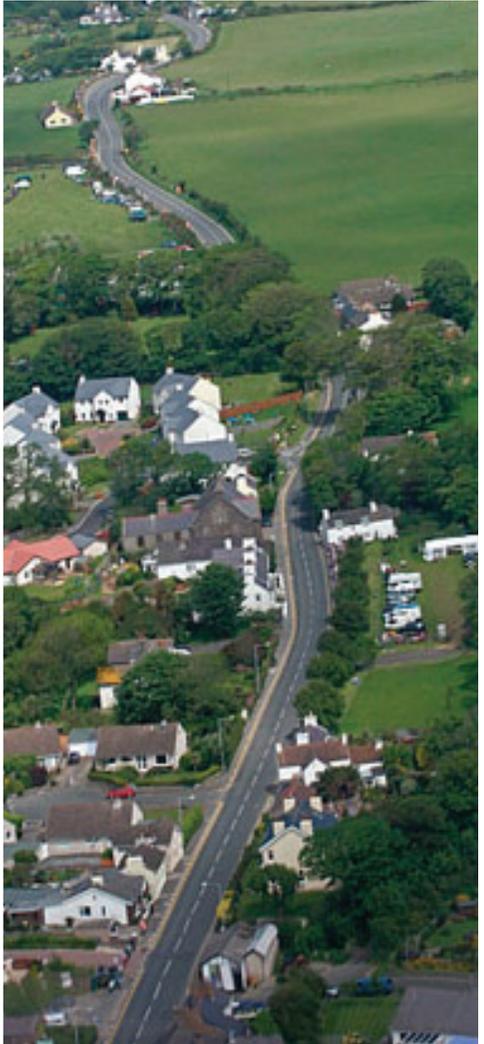
*We must make every effort to protect the scenery, space and farmland that our Island affords us.
I do not believe that Farmers are being properly supported by the Countryside Care scheme and that we must seek a more focused support scheme designed to encourage maximum efficiency and profitability alongside the need to maintain the countryside. I will also:*

- Seek to support and develop the best agricultural practices
- Support farmers wishing to improve existing practices
- Support local produce
- Vote against onshore wind farms but actively engage with relevant parties to explore offshore energy opportunities
- Seek regeneration of our towns rather than continued countryside expansion
- Take seriously public concerns of the impact of off road motorcycles and machinery on our uplands

LOCAL ISSUES

It is my view that a successful society is built around a unified and committed local community. I will:

- Support and encourage local retail businesses to provide a range of quality local produce and other key essentials
- Monitor carefully the shopping services that are being provided in Jurby
- Encourage new and existing businesses in the community
- Work with the local commissioners to enhance the environment and quality of life
- Protect local educational facilities
- Seek a fit for purpose surgery in Kirk Michael
- Seek a renewal from Tynwald for the development of a viable and sustainable village at Jurby
- Support the retention of Jurby Church
- Support and encourage community events
- Listen to local community concerns and act appropriately according to the majority view.
- Seek to confirm the views of the residents of Kirk Michael in respect of village expansion and act accordingly.



ALFRED CANNAN

Alfred was educated at King Williams College and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. He spent four years as a commissioned officer in the Royal Regiment of Wales and served across the globe seeing active service in Northern Ireland in 1990.

In 1994 he returned to the Isle of Man and worked as an Operations Manager for Nationwide International. In May 2000, he established local recruitment consultancy Paragon which he successfully developed over a seven year period before selling the business in 2007. He subsequently spent two years in London working with blue chip companies sourcing senior executives before returning to the Island in 2009 with his current business, McKenzie Fox, which offers local and international recruitment solutions.

A keen sportsman, Alfred played representative Rugby for Cheshire, Hong Kong and the Isle of Man at various levels. He is a former Captain of Ramsey and Vagabonds Rugby Clubs and continues to support local Rugby and Manx sport in his spare time.

Aged 43, Alfred is married to Bella and has three children. He currently resides at Staward Farmhouse in Sulby but is seeking a move into the constituency boundaries.

Alfred would welcome your help and support on election day,
Thursday 29th September 2011.

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