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Bringing Politics back to the People

ABOUT PENNY HARDMAN



Giving a Voice Back to Peel

"I am delighted to have been selected to represent Liberal Vannin in the forthcoming Peel bye-election. Peel is my favourite place in the world and I feel passionately that the needs of Peel are heard and met.

Why LibVan?

Lib Van fulfills an important role in questioning the way our Government represents the people of the Isle of Man. I believe that we deserve a democratic Government in which an alternative voice exists to challenge and support, when appropriate, Government decisions for the betterment of our Island. Like Liberal Vannin, I believe in open and transparent government in a system that is fair to all.

I am standing as a LibVan candidate because I believe party politics can change the Government for the better. The Council of Ministers, with collective responsibility in its current form, are in effect a political party without public mandate for any of their policies. LibVan will stand by its policies before and after the election. Always remember that politicians are there for the benefit of the people, not the other way around.

My Profile

Educated at Queen Elizabeth II High School, I graduated from Goldsmiths College, University of London, before pursuing postgraduate studies in education and law at the University College of St Martins, Lancaster and at the University of Huddersfield, respectively. After returning home in 2000 I gained experience working in the financial sector, the charitable sector and as a Peel Town Commissioner. I have run my own business and as a civil servant I have gained in-depth knowledge of how Government works across numerous Departments.

Over the next few weeks I will be sending out leaflets to constituents, offering surgeries where people can come and chat and also visiting as many people as possible."

Feel free to contact me on 436261 or email penny@libvan.com to arrange a chat or visit my Facebook page and tell me about the issues which affect you most deeply.

Penny Hardman

A word from our Leader Kate Beecroft



I have known Penny for some time and am convinced that she will make an excellent MHK.

She is strong and intelligent and has all the life skills necessary to represent you to a standard that you deserve. Penny is also a caring person and I know that she will deal with any problems that you have in a caring and efficient manner.

Penny shares our values and aims for the Island. She will be a most welcome addition to our team who are committed to achieving our manifesto pledges and building a better future for all.

The people of Peel deserve quality representation and that is what you will get when you vote for Penny Hardman.

EXTRACTS FROM SOME OF OUR POLICIES

HEALTH

- Free of charge at the point of delivery
- Protect frontline staff and services
- Appoint an independent regulator
- Ensure compliance with best practice
- Publish a list of all consultants, their qualifications and waiting times
- Promote through education and encouragement better lifestyle choices
- Create a working party to develop an effective first class dental health care policy and system
- Define and eliminate fuel poverty

EDUCATION

Investing in our young people has to be the best investment that we can make and all should be provided with the opportunity and encouraged to meet their full potential.

- A University grant system based on achievement
- Protect frontline teaching
- Ensure all class sizes are appropriate
- Give more decision making powers to head teachers
- Make better use of technology
- Reintroduce tax relief on educational covenants

REFORM

- A publicly elected Legislative Council
- An open Tynwald ballot for Chief Minister
- Candidates for Chief Minister to publish a programme for Government prior to the ballot
- Restrict collective responsibility to Ministers and then only to the policies in the programme for government
- Abolish the supplement paid to Tynwald members for memberships of departments and statutory boards
- Appoint an independent Auditor General
- Remove commercial confidentiality clauses from government contracts unless there is a proven need

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Some of the LibVan Team

LibVan has many people working together for the betterment of our beautiful Island. These are all people united by the desire for fairness, equality and responsibility, and with that determination and support LibVan is the only means of change.

Penny will not be a politician who will only be seen every five years as we hold monthly meetings and all of our MHKs attend to give their reports and answer any questions.

Peter Karran



**Party Ard
MHK for Onchan**

Roy Redmayne



Party Chairman

Pat Ayres



Party Vice-Chairman

Kate Beecroft



**Party Leader
MHK for Douglas South**

MY PRIORITIES

Nationally

Grow the economy - Incentives need to be put in place to encourage investors to locate and start up businesses to the Isle of Man as well as to encourage investments locally. Local employment could be helped by reintroducing the NI holiday for new employees. It is our generation's responsibility to secure a long-term future for our children and for generations to come.

Balance the books - Communication of the Island's financial situation is required in order for everyone to understand what needs to be done openly and transparently.

Pensions - The current final salary Public Sector Pension Scheme should be closed to new starters and a viable option investigated which protects existing members.

Smarter Working - A change to the legal structure of Government should be evaluated to inform whether the public sector can work more effectively and efficiently.

Taxation - Develop a National Tax Strategy that considers the long-term needs of the Island instead of continuously increasing stealth-like indirect taxation which detrimentally impacts on ordinary working people.

Education - I believe that everyone is entitled to an excellent education. Having gone to University as a single parent, together with my four children, I am acutely aware of the value education has on enabling to people to make the best of themselves.

Locally

Sewerage - There is an urgent need to agree and implement a solution to our sewerage problem in Peel that is sensitive to both local residents and local businesses. This problem existed when I was a child paddling in the sea, it existed when my own children headed down to the beach and now I am expecting a grand-child. Thirty-five years is time enough!

Regeneration - Peel is beautiful and securing regeneration funds to build on Peel's existing charm will encourage tourism and support the local economy.

Grow local business - The provision of small units will assist start-up businesses in Peel which will hopefully grow and employ people locally.

The Harbour - Peel harbour is the most active fishing port in the Isle of Man and is regularly used by hundreds of boat owners but the silt problem, which was raised by harbour users before construction of the marina but not addressed, is an ongoing problem. An acceptable and practical solution needs to be found.

The Environment - Peel needs to be kept clean and tidy and free from dog fouling.

My Pledge

I promise to be honest, compassionate and to act with integrity.



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