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Over the last few weeks I have walked around Peel meeting as many people as I can and amongst the many interesting discussions the same concerns are expressed again and again:

- There is a lack of trust and confidence in the current administration;
- There are concerns that the current infrastructure in Peel does not meet the needs of the Town; and
- Further development on the edges of Peel needs to stop!

There is also agreement that things need to change.

Liberal Vannin is the party that is committed to fighting for change and is the only means of achieving change against the background of lone voices and broken promises that always follows from independent candidates. LibVan stands by its policies and I am delighted to have been selected to represent the party because I too believe in open and transparent government in a system that is fair to all.

LibVan fulfills an important role in questioning the way our Government represents the people of the Isle of Man. We deserve a democratic Government in which the opportunity exists to counter the views of the ruling politicians and to challenge Government decisions for the betterment of our Island.

It is our generation's responsibility to secure a long-term future for our children and for generations to come. The current final salary Public Sector Pension Scheme should be closed to new starters and a viable option investigated which protects existing members; we urgently need to develop a National Tax Strategy that supports the long-term growth of the Island and incentives need to be put in place to encourage investors to locate and start-up businesses in the Isle of Man as well as to encourage investments locally.

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

Locally, we need to put in place the infrastructure to support a town that has grown too rapidly in the last few years. Even before Peel began to be developed the sewer system was not adequate. Nevertheless, housing development has continued at a rapid pace without addressing this problem and the results are catastrophic. A solution that is sensitive to both local residents and local businesses needs to be agreed and implemented immediately. Securing regeneration funds to build on Peel's existing charm will encourage tourism and support the local economy, beginning with the development of the Market Place to East Quay.

As a Lib Van MHK I will be different. With two MHKs supporting me, coupled with my strong academic background in education and law and careers in the financial and public sector, I can be a powerful voice built upon integrity, compassion and reason. I also have the knowledge and experience to formulate policy and review legislation in order to ensure economic and social growth. Use your vote wisely and vote for me. It is time that Peel came first.

Yours sincerely,
Penny

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SUSTAINING ECONOMIC GROWTH IN PEEL & ISLAND

We mean business. We believe that the role of government is to create the right environment to allow businesses to grow and to promote, not just regulate, private enterprise. That means enhanced job opportunities.

A LibVan government will work with the private sector to sustain growth and maintain confidence and investment despite the restraint on government finances. The political, social and cultural foundation of the Isle of Man should be a vibrant and diverse economy where all are given an equal opportunity to prosper.

- Government strategy must meet the needs of the entire business community, both large enterprise and small
- Ensure that the Island's infrastructure serves the strategic goals of the Island
- Explore the development of a privately funded deep water linkspan to encourage competition in sea freight, transport and attract cruise liners
- Reintroduce incentives such as our previous policy on national insurance holidays
- Support and continue with the successful financial assistance schemes currently in place which have helped strengthen many local businesses
- Review the planning system to ensure it is agile and responsive
- A fully open and transparent tender process
- We, and in particular Peel, have much to offer by way of niche tourism but more can be done to promote and further develop our unique offerings
- We have high quality local produce but there is a need for greater awareness of our products both on the Island and wider afield



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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Island's health system must stay free of charge at the point of delivery and has to be capable of meeting the needs of all residents.

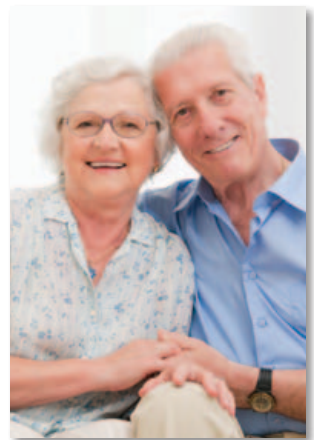
- Protect frontline staff and services
- Implement the recommendations of the West Midlands Quality Review reports
- Appoint an independent regulator to ensure compliance with best practice
- Publish a list of all consultants, their qualifications and waiting times
- Promote through education and encouragement healthier lifestyle choices for all Island residents
- Create a working party to develop an effective first class dental health care policy and system
- Define and eliminate fuel poverty



OUR ELDERLY

Our elderly citizens should be respected and afforded all that they need to continue to enjoy a high quality of life.

- Assistance to remain in their own homes and maintain their independence
- Flexible personal care and support budget to enhance choice
- Investigate a broad based system of support for family members who care for dependent relatives
- Ensure that the basic pension is sufficient to provide an acceptable standard of living
- Co-operate with the third sector to ensure that there are sufficient opportunities to prevent social isolation



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REFORM AND IMPROVED GOVERNANCE

The case for improved governance in our institutions has never been stronger. Such changes in the policies, procedures and operation of government is at the cornerstone of LibVan's undertaking to the people of the Island.

- Create a publicly elected Legislative Council so that laws are made by people who are accountable to the public
- Ensure that the Chief Minister has a public mandate
- Require all candidates for the position of Chief Minister to publish a programme for government
- Restrict collective responsibility to Ministers and then only to the policies stated in the programme of government
- Abolish the supplement paid to Tynwald members for memberships of departments and statutory boards
- Appoint the already approved Tynwald Auditor and an independent Ombudsman
- Create a meaningful Freedom of Information Act
- Remove commercial confidentiality clauses within government contracts unless there is a proven need.

TAXATION AND WELFARE

We live in a global market and we need a sustainable and competitive taxation strategy to attract individuals and companies to relocate to, and operate from, the Island while remaining fair to all.

- Set up a Tax and Welfare Commission to review the present regimes and make recommendations
- Taxation and welfare system must be thoroughly integrated
- Phase out the existing public sector pension scheme whilst protecting benefits accrued to date and identified key sector workers such as medical professionals
- A fair method of means testing benefits
- Support recent budget announcements to increase the personal allowance

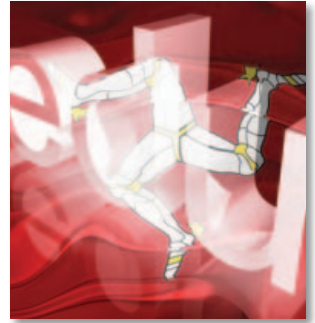


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EDUCATION

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.

- Introduce a university grant system based on achievement
- Expand financial assistance for further education and apprenticeships
- Protect frontline teaching
- Ensure all class sizes are appropriate
- Give more decision making powers to head teachers
- Invest in technology to broaden choice and improve efficiency in education provision
- Reintroduce tax relief on educational covenants



OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

We are fortunate that our beautiful Island has wonderful natural resources and whilst these need to be protected they should also be used as a means of economic and social growth.

- Energy generation should be clean, sustainable and any excess used for revenue generation.
- Require Manx Utilities to pay a reasonable amount for micro generated electricity.
- Negotiate with the United Kingdom to put an Exclusive Economic Zone in place.
(The median line between our coast and our neighbours)
- Effectively promote our already high standards of animal welfare
- Continue working towards making the Isle of Man the worlds first biosphere nation



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LAW AND ORDER

We are lucky to live on an island with such low crime but this is currently being undermined by the financial cut-backs. We need to recognise that law and order is not just vital to our quality of life but also has a major impact on the economy by encouraging businesses to relocate here.

The safeguarding of life and property has to be paramount but more effective ways of rehabilitation and dispute resolution are needed.

- Instigate an independent penal review
- A concerning number of those given a prison sentence have committed an alcohol related crime. Consideration needs to be given to weekend prison sentences which allow the offender to continue in employment whilst restricting their freedom
- A high percentage of those in prison have mental health issues and need help rather than incarceration
- Mediation should always be a first step in dispute resolution. A LibVan Government would assist in establishing an independent mediation centre
- Prioritise the reduction in domestic abuse and take steps to ensure that all victims are able to feel safe

USE YOUR VOTE WISELY - VOTE FOR CHANGE VOTE PENNY FOR PEEL

If you support these policies by voting for Penny you will know that they have at least two other MHKs in the House of Keys and Tynwald who support them as well. This is something that no independent politician can offer.

Penny is happy to discuss these policies in more detail so please come along to a surgery on Saturday 5th September 2015 between 10 and 12 at the Peel Centenary Centre and meet the LibVan team.

Or contact Penny directly:

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LibVan Manifesto

LIBVAN MHK's

Kate Beecroft - Party Leader, MHK for Douglas South

As Leader of the Liberal Vannin Party, it really is my pleasure to ask you to vote for Penny Hardman. She is an exceptional candidate who I know will serve you well and will be an asset to the whole of the Isle of Man.

Penny will not be an MHK that you only see every five years. Like other LibVan MHKs, she will be at our central branch meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 7.30 at Douglas Old Friends on Finch Road. These are open meetings, you do not need to be a party member and all are welcome.

Your vote is valuable so please use it wisely and vote for Penny.

Thank you.



Peter Karran - Party Ard, MHK for Onchan

I am delighted that Penny has been selected to represent LibVan in the forthcoming election.

The political system needs to change, LibVan is committed to ensuring that change happens and Penny is eager to help us to achieve that.

Penny will be part of a team with different experiences and attributes and by using them all we are stronger together.

This will enable us to introduce the good systems of governance that are badly needed in order that all sections of society have "the freedom to flourish".



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