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**THURSDAY
10TH SEPTEMBER**

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This year I was elected the President of the World Manx Association. This photograph was taken at the presentation of the medals for the North American Manx Association to young achievers in many fields in the Isle of Man.

In 2012, I became the secretary of a new committee of the Sailors' Shelter in Peel. With the effort of the committee members and a number of helpers, it is now completely refurbished and a very important piece of Peel Heritage has been preserved. It was constructed in 1877 by the fisherman themselves in a period of 40 days and was a focal point for the fishing community in Peel for nearly a hundred years.

My full name is Leslie Lucas Alfred Hanson. I was born in the Isle of Man and I was educated at St Thomas' School in Douglas, King William's College in Castletown and the University of Edinburgh Dental School, where I represented the dental faculty for three years on the Student Representative Council. I have one brother, Mark Hanson who is a consultant gynaecologist and resides in Kent. My late father was Eric Reginald Hanson who was the Headmaster of Albert Road School in Ramsey. My late mother was Betty Quirk Hanson, the first woman member of the Legislative Council, both of whom were from Peel.

I have been living in Peel now for 30 years. I have been in dental practice in Peel and Onchan for 30 years.

I will be holding political surgeries between 12pm and 1pm every Saturday from now until the Election at 18 Stanley Road, Peel. If you wish to contact me by fax, the number is 842412.

IF YOU REQUIRE TRANSPORT ON ELECTION DAY PLEASE CALL 842412

THE MOTTO OF THE WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION:
ELLAN VANNIN DY BRAGH - ISLE OF MAN FOR EVER

MEA

Fifteen years ago the MEA had a business plan to refurbish the whole of the power supply system of the Island and also build a new gas fired power station. This was to be financed by a fibre optic telecom company called Skyward. A fibre optic system was layed to every Electrical Substation and the signal would then be transmitted to the customer down the earthwire of the three pin plug socket in their homes. Listed below are the potential capabilities of this system.

Copied from a government document:

The opportunities found by the Skyward committee have exceeded all expectations:

- **Broadband over MEA power lines to give 2 MHz bandwidth from any 13amp plug in the home, school or office (this at least 10 times faster than the service currently provided over standard telephone wires.)**
- **International telephone calls via the internet at local rates.**
- **Real time video conferencing for company meetings.**
- **Huge new employment opportunities for the Isle of Man to set up international data storage for Disaster Recovery.**

Quoted from the Select Committee on the Manx Electricity Authority Final Report 155.

'It is apparent that the MEA expected problems with the Communications Commission regarding obtaining a telecoms licence. Mr McCallion in his oral evidence stated that "the Isle of Man Director of Communications stated that he would never – repeat never – issue the MEA with the necessary licensing to enable it to operate". The reason given by the commissioner was Government would be competing with a private company.

This is not any Manx or UK legislation I am aware of. Is it EU Competition Law??

As you can see from my letter on the website that I sent to every member of Tynwald at the time, they all knew therefore they are all individually personally responsible for doing nothing.

Silence is complicity.

We elect 24 MHKs, and they are told what to do by an official quoting legislation that doesn't exist in the Isle of Man and yet they say nothing.

If you elect a stooge, you'll get more of the same.

If I am elected, I will do my best to get the system lit up with all the benefits to the economy quoted in the government report plus the income will finance the MEA debt and the price of electricity can be reduced.

Accounts for Peel Town Commissioners year ending 31st March 2014

How is this ever going to be paid back?

available in detail on the Peel Town Commissioners website

Revenue Activities 2014	£	£
Cash outflows		
Cash paid to and on behalf of employees	(740,623)	
Other operating cash payments	(882,149)	(1,622,772)
Cash inflows		
Rents	1,268,378	
Deficiency grant received	89,901	
Rate receipts	1,119,220	
Other operating cash receipts	348,814	2,826,313
Net cash inflow from revenue activities		1,203,541
Cash outflows		
Interest paid		(635,276)
Current liabilities		
Bank Overdraft		(2,895,462)
Short term borrowing		(839,011)
Long term liabilities		
Long term borrowing		(13,161,512)

Preschool

Liberal Vannin should never have abolished free preschool education and this should be brought back.

It is in the interests of every economy to engage as many economically active people in the workplace, so they pay more tax, direct and indirect, to benefit the economy. Liberal Vannin's Economic Policy is totally economically illiterate.

Peel Railway Line

The first steam passenger railway line in the Island was laid between Douglas and Peel. My great-grandfather, Lucas who lived in Crown Street in Peel was involved in its construction. Reinstating the railway line is do-able and setting up a charity trust would be the way forward.

A few years ago, the local government board proposed a residential development in St John's. Part of the development would have been on the track bed of the Peel and Ramsey railway line. I put an objection in to Planning about this as if it went ahead, the future Peel railway line could never happen. I got Isle of Man Newspapers to write a half page article and several letters went between me and the local government board.

I wrote out a poster and sent it to Peel Commissioners informing them of the danger of this development regarding any future of the Peel railway line. Peel Commissioners weren't interested whatsoever. Eventually an independent planning officer came from across and I was faced with four senior civil servants supporting LGB's planning application and not one other person put an objection in. After two hours of wrangling, eventually the LGB agreed to take the track beds of Peel and Ramsey line off the development. If I hadn't put an objection in, there would be no future Peel railway line.

Universities

The new partial tuition fees should be scrapped.

Doctors, dentists and veterinarians: These courses are longer than a normal three year degree course and therefore cost the student and their parents a lot more money; I would support the funding of the extra years above the normal three year period.

Local Economy

There is a requirement for a policy to increase job opportunities within the Peel area. These require very little in the way of government finance but could do a lot to help the Peel economy:

- A** There is potential for the conversion of the factories north of Peel for one-man businesses and workshops.
- B** Peel's second beach at the turn of the 20th century was moved to Douglas, replacing it would not cost much but would be a real boost to Peel's income and status; not just having the best beach in the Island but having the best two beaches.
- C** We have many facilities in Peel which are underutilised and have the potential for the future.
- D** We have one festival in Peel utilising these facilities but I think the closeness of proximity would ideally suit other festivals particularly out of season. Large events outside of the summer season are the way forward.

Security of Resources

A Fisheries

The Isle of Man should declare a 12 mile fishing limit.

B Agriculture

To use taxpayers' money to pay wealthy people who own a lot of land to do nothing with is just not acceptable. The whole system has to be rethought.

Personal Tax

The personal allowance should be increased to £15,000 a year for lower incomes.

The personal tax allowance for everybody is £9,300; to use round figures, approximately £10,000. I propose for people with incomes of £20,000 a year or below, the personal allowance should be increased to £15,000. This would then be phased down to the present amount of approximately £10,000. For people on £25,000 to £55,000, there would be no change. The personal allowance would then be phased down to nothing for people earning over £60,000 a year. Anomalies would be prevented by phasing between the bands.

If you're lost, don't worry. Please look at the table below:

Income	£15,000.00	£20,000.00	£25,000.00 to £55,000.00	£60,000.00 plus
Present Approximate Tax	£500.00	£1,000.00	No Change	Pay £1,000.00
Proposed Tax	ZERO	£500.00	No Change	more than present

The Treasury have put forward another option to come into affect in April. I consider this to be better.

Pensions for Government Employees

People applying for government jobs should pay a higher rate towards their pension as part of their job contract. This will prevent any future deficits and I don't see why all government employees shouldn't pay the same rate towards their pension

Pensions - They should be made secure again

The secure pension fund was used to finance the new Noble's Hospital on the solemn promise by the politicians that all the monies would be paid back into the pension fund. This promise has to be kept for the government's integrity within the Island and as a finance centre in the eyes of the rest of the world.

Work Permits - Need to be much tighter . . .

... to protect Manx jobs. In previous years permits have been handed out far too freely and this must be changed.

Legislation

In November 2013 Health Legislation was put out for Public Consultation. Within the document was a paragraph which gave a UK Government body direct authority over certain Manx Government employees.

I sent a letter to Alan Bell plus a copy to every member of Tynwald pointing out that this would be in breach of our constitutional relationship and would not be democratic and therefore should be amended.

I received no replies and no questions were asked in Tynwald. I sent letters several months later and again I received no replies.

I then found out that this legislation had been passed without amendment. In the effect the Island has ceased to be a democracy.

The only thing I could do was to ensure it was on record that this legislation was in breach of our constitutional relationship with the UK and try to prevent it's Royal Assent. On June 26th I wrote to the Head of State and pointed out that under the Consitutional Relationship between the UK Government and Crown Dependent Territories (of which the Isle of Man is one), the UK Government has a constitutional obligation to ensure all legislation passed by Crown Dependent Territories complies with International Law.

Democracy would cease and this is a fundamental right guaranteed by the United Nations.

I requested that Royal Assent be withheld until such a time as the legislation could be amended to comply with International Law. I received a reply from the Head of State stating that the Head of State could not get involved in Political Matters but the letter was being referred to the Offices of 10 Downing Street.

As far as I am aware the Legislation has received Royal Assent. I am still waiting a reply from my letter referred by the Head of State to David Cameron about why his administration (which is ultimately responsible) gave Royal Assent to Legislation that did not comply with International Law.

Iris Scheme should be scrapped

The original Iris Scheme - **pumping waste from one end of the Island to the other** - has been quietly scrapped as it's totally unworkable. It has been replaced with (regional Iris Schemes). These schemes should be scrapped and replaced with the normal way of dealing with sewage by coastal towns everywhere else in the British Isles. Cost of operating and repairing could be handed to Peel Commissioners. **We can't afford it . . .**

Common Purse Agreement should end . .

The Channel Islands have never had a Common Purse Agreement, they never had VAT because the Channel Islands never had Purchase Tax.

The Isle of Man could operate in a similar way to the Channel Islands regarding their indirect taxation.

Tynwald Committees should be totally democratic

All Tynwald committees should have only elected Keys members sitting on them, there should be no appointees.

Nodding Donkeys

The government spends too much time rubber stamping UK legislation, which has no real relevance to the Island; 70-80% of which comes from Brussels.

Windscale

There is still no evacuation policy in place.

Children's Family Rights

It is important for children when they are growing up to have access to both parents and in my view, more importantly for children to have access to grandparents.

Health and Safety has to go

This comes from Brussels. We are not part of the EU. Health and Safety financially affects small businesses far worse than larger ones. Because of the size of the Isle of Man, Manx businesses are naturally small so really health and safety could be described as indirect anti-Manx racism.

Immigration Control

If the Manx Government does not have the financial resources to provide healthcare and education to the standard expected by the people already living here, why should we allow any more people in as it will only reduce our standards which are already under threat? It would also protect jobs and wage levels.

Passport Control - Stronger borders for better security

To be able to travel by air to the Isle of Man from the UK and vice versa, one has to produce photographic ID at the airport at least once. We have a choice on where we draw a line regarding our security. Do we go down the road of not letting our children out of the house, putting in legislation reducing all individuals' freedoms and rights in the name of security or do we put in place a strict Passport Control regime?

Sarah's Law

There are a lot of people who support this in the Isle of Man and I think on balance it should be brought in but it would be absolutely pointless without my point above; Passport Control. What's the point in knowing who is here when anyone can walk in!

Heritage - World Heritage Status

We have the biggest water wheel in the world, the oldest continuously running inter-urban electric tramway in the world, the steepest friction only mountain railway in the world, and that is just our modern heritage. We have some of the finest ancient archaeological sites, perhaps in the world as well.

All nations in the world are allowed to submit so many sites and structures to the United Nations, for them to receive World Heritage status. As the Isle of Man is lumped in with the UK, we do not get our rightful access to the United Nations. Again, we will have to find out from the United Nations what changes we will have to implement in our status to be allowed to submit sites on our own behalf, directly to the UN.

Breast Cancer

The Manx government should enter into negotiations with a private hospital with a contract to provide surgical and medical services. This would reduce waiting times.

Disinformation

In 2013, I commenced a comprehensive refurbishment and upgrade of a commercial residential property with the approval of the relevant government departments. Halfway through 2014, walls which the builders had stripped down to the stone were photographed by someone who wasn't a tenant and without the knowledge of the tenant and published on a Facebook page claiming the walls were in this state due to disrepair. Subsequently this situation was remedied through the courts.

Football on an International level

If the Isle of Man could join FIFA, the status and money that would come to the Isle of Man would be significant. Three or four years ago, I wrote to Seb Blatter, head of FIFA, about having a Manx National squad recognised. Unfortunately, according to the present FIFA rules, only nations who fulfil the democratic criteria recognised by the United Nations can become members. As the Isle of Man is not recognised as a proper national democracy by the United Nations, we cannot become members until such time this matter is rectified.

MEET THE ANCESTORS!



FLORRY QUIRK'S WEDDING

Taken in 1909 in the garden of Creggen Ashen farm, Glen Maye (owned by my great-grandfather Thomas Quirk)

From left to right:

Top row -

Mary Quirk	Florry's sister
Thomas Faragher	Mary Quirk's husband, they farmed Glen Faba farm and mill and they had two sons, Dennis and Malcolm
Unknown Lady	Stood between Thomas and Caleb, can anyone enlighten me?
Caleb Counsell	Licensee of the Waterfall (gentleman with moustache)
Anne Counsell	Caleb Counsell's wife
Mr Kelly	Manager of the Waterfall
Mrs Kelly	Manageress of the Waterfall
Willy Seal	
Annie Quirk (lady with large hat)	Florry's sister, married to Radcliffe Karran and they had two sons, Alec and Bernie
Lisa Carrin	Thomas Quirk's wife's sister

Sitting row -

Aunt Susan Rae	
Thomas Quirk	Florry's father, my great-grandfather
Florry Quirk	The Bride, my grandmother's sister
John Roscoe	The bridegroom from Stockport, they had a son called Jack
Alice Quirk	My grandmother, married to Edward Lionel Lucas who had a draper shop in 33 Michael Street, Peel. They had a daughter called Betty Quirk Lucas and a son Lionel Lucas. Betty Lucas married Eric Hanson and had two sons, Mark Hanson and myself
Elena Quirk (nee Carrin)	Florry and her sisters' mother, wife of Thomas Quirk
Edith Quirk	Florry's sister, married to Alfred Wattleworth. They had a son and daughter, Colin and Mary

Bottom row -

Tom Counsell	
James Roscoe	John Roscoe's brother
Herbert Ford	John Roscoe's friend
Norris Roscoe	John Roscoe's brother
Unknown little girl	Can anyone enlighten me?

The five Quirk sisters are all in the photograph, the one member missing is their brother, Tom Quirk, who emigrated to Winnipeg, Canada. Approximately 51 years later, Tom Quirk in Winnipeg retired as Head of the Winnipeg Fire Department and came home to visit the Isle of Man for the first time.



Taken on Douglas Pier and appeared in one of the Manx newspapers. Pictured are three of the five Quirk sisters from Florry's wedding photograph, plus their brother Tom, who was not in Florry's wedding photo.

From left to right:

Back row -

Collin Wattleworth
Tom Quirk
Thomas Faragher

Edith Wattleworth's (nee Quirk) son
Quirk sisters' brother from Canada
Mary Faragher's (nee Quirk) husband (also pictured in Florry's wedding)

Middle row -

Mary Faragher
(nee Quirk)
Edith Wattleworth
(nee Quirk)
Margaret Quirk
Alice Lucas
(nee Quirk)
Betty Hanson
(nee Lucas)

Tom's Canadian wife

Alice's daughter

Front row -

Mark Hanson
Leslie Hanson

Betty's son
Me!



Directors of Peel Gas Company
Taken in the late 1950's

Centre Front -

Edward Lucas

My maternal grandfather



Irene Hanson qualifying as a Nurse

Taken in the garden of Fieldhouse, Tynwald Road, Peel
in the mid 1930's

From left to right:

Standing -

Harold Hanson

Eric Reginald Hanson

Irene Hanson

Leslie Harold Hanson

Sitting -

Clara Hanson

My Grandfather

My late father

My father's sister, married to Robert Gell

My father's brother, RAF pilot killed in WWII

My grandmother



BETSY LUCAS

Taken in the yard of Wavertree House, Crown Street, Peel

Edward Lucas' mother, my great grandmother.

She was a Shimmin from Bridge House, Ballasalla.

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