

*House of Keys General Election 29th September
2011*



***GIVE PEEL A VOICE
VOTE***

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It is time for change:

We need to be more assertive in any negotiations with the UK and should anticipate any further moves by them to siphon funds from our economy.

We should have a plan 'B' in place.

No more throwing away our resources on wasteful capital projects.

Incentives to promote all island employment, a stop on further development on the outskirts of Douglas.

We should have full openness and accountability in all Government decisions.

Many of you will already know me but for those who don't here is a quick introduction.

I am a 43 year old Manxman and have lived in Peel all my life. I am married to Chrissie and have 5 children, 3 of whom attend Queen Elizabeth II High School with my youngest 2 attending Bunscoill Ghaelgagh Manx Language School in St Johns.

I am the proprietor of Firinne Studios kitchen showroom on East Key and have previously held a position in the Civil Service. I also have the honour of serving as a Retained Fire-fighter in Peel having previously served as a member of the Peel Lifeboat Crew.

I, like many people, feel very let down by the previous government. The most obvious failures have been the farce surrounding the Reciprocal Health Agreement and the recent capitulations with the VAT Share Agreement. We have also seen vast amounts of money wasted on schemes such as Richmond Hill, Ramsey Pier and Ballakilowey roundabout.

All this at a time when half the pavements are not fit to walk on and the West still does not have a sewerage treatment works.

We need to get back to basics, there needs to be an injection of common sense and, possibly most importantly, we need to decide whether we truly are an independent self governing state or just an open purse waiting for the UK Government to dip into each time it wants to help itself to a slice of our success.

What would I hope to achieve were I to be elected to represent Peel in the House of Keys?

I would like to see a Western Sewerage treatment facility in place as a matter of urgency. This would not be within the City boundary, nor would it be an open plant.

I would seek Government funding to help develop the end of the promenade to provide facilities for family's to spend the day enjoying our beautiful bay and city. If this area were to be developed with play equipment, fun water features, picnic areas and such like this would encourage not only tourists to spend more

time and money in Peel but also encourage people from all over the island to come as well. More people visiting can only be beneficial for local businesses, when existing businesses are thriving this encourages other businesses to set up in the same area and creates more local employment.

From my own experience I know there is a need for small industrial units in Peel. I believe it is time for Government to step up and be proactive in encouraging businesses to set up outside the Douglas area and particularly in the West.

In view of the recent VAT debacle I believe it is time for a serious look at our whole relationship with the UK. A thorough study needs to be undertaken to ascertain if it would be better for the Island to withdraw from any current agreements. We need to be looking to see what is best for our long term stability, but in the short term we need guarantees from the UK Government that they will not be revisiting the issue for a set amount of time. Without a full study of all the facts and figures we are not in a position to decide what is best for the long term future of the Island.

I would like to see the already considerable strides taken to revive the Manx language given more Government support. I believe that every primary school child on the Island should be taught the basics of our National tongue in the hope that as they grow, so will their desire to build on this learning.

I believe that we should be proud of our culture, our history, our language and our individuality. We should celebrate, protect and cherish them. We have every right to love our beautiful Island and should do so. As Peel residents we live in what I believe is the jewel in the crown of the Island. We need representation who will speak out and fight for what is best for Peel and our Island.

ITS TIME PEEL HAD A VOICE

I am a realist, I know that as one vote in the House I can not promise to bring about wholesale changes in order to make all our lives better.

What I can promise is to do my best to achieve the objectives set out in this manifesto.

I promise to represent Peel and its people to the best of my ability, to be vocal on issues and to ask questions. MHK's should not be criticised for asking questions in the House.

I promise to listen to the people who I represent through regular surgeries as well as other conventional means, and to act on any concerns raised.

This September the people of the Island have a choice, due to failures and waste from the previous administration, the next 5 years will be some of the most difficult faced in our recent history. It is time to stop the rot. We need a strong mindset, the will and the courage to stand up for ourselves, I have seen little from the previous Government that would make me believe they are up to the task.

I will be knocking on doors and hope to speak to as many of you as possible before the election.

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