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The Chairman
Port St Mary Commissioners
Town Hall
Port St Mary
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27th November 2019,

Dear Chairman,

Resignation from the Board of PSM Commissioners

I am resigning from the Board with immediate effect.

The reasons for my resignation are as follows;

Tynwald overturning a democratic vote made by PSM Commissioners and accepting the recommendations from a public inquiry with those giving evidence being 1 member of the public and 3 sitting PSM commissioners who were always opposed to the reduction to 5 members from the start and would not accept the democratic vote.

Also I am not prepared to sit on a board operating in such a toxic environment with certain members continuously trying to undermine the Chair and the constant accusations of cliques and the seemingly paranoia conspiracy theories that abound. In my opinion personal agendas and egos should be left outside the boardroom.

The Local Government Unit needs to get a grip on PSM with an independent inquiry into member's values and behaviours. At our last meeting Mr Phair left due to an outburst directed at him which happened in full view of a member of the public sitting in on our open session. After the meeting I personally felt the need to apologise to the person concerned for the unacceptable behaviour they had witnessed. The constant attacks on Mr Phair have been going on since before he was elected including one board member entering his place of work on two separate occasions making totally unfounded accusations towards him. In my opinion Mr Phair has brought a much needed professionalism to the board as has newly elected Mr McGregor Edwards.

I voted for the Board to be reduced to 5 however for the record I never intended to seek re-election after this term, for me the reduction was purely about reform. Now having seen how PSM have operated I think the time has come to consider one Southern Authority Board to put an end to silo thinking and personal agendas.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ian Paul Skelly