

HOUSE OF KEYS GENERAL ELECTION 29th SEPTEMBER 2011

Rodger Gimbert – time for change, time for Peel

Dear Valued Peel Resident,

I recently announced my intention to stand in the September General Election. My reason is simple; it's **time for change** and **time for Peel** to have strong, decisive and dedicated representation in Government.

I was brought up on the Island and for the last 14 years have been privileged to live in Peel, with my wife and two sons. Since 2004 I have been honoured to serve on the board of Peel Town Commissioners and was Chairman during 2009/10

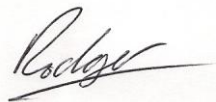
Our Nation, Our City and Our Community currently face enormous challenges. Now is the time for common sense, focus and integrity to enter Manx politics. In fact it is imperative if we are to survive, maintain our quality of life and look forward to a future in which the island will prosper in national and international arenas.

With your vote in September we can, together, bring about a new era in Manx politics. Overleaf I have set out my commitments to you, the people of Peel. I would like to invite you to an open meeting on Thursday 28th April at 7pm, so that I can hear about what matters to you and your views on how your MHK should represent you.

In these challenging times, your vote is more important than ever. I would also ask that you check either with me or with the Electoral Registration Unit on 685754, to ensure you are registered to vote.

Thank you for reading this message and I look forward to meeting you in person to discuss issues that are a concern for you.

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A candidate for change working for Peel
OPEN MEETING: THURSDAY 28th APRIL, CORRIN HALL at 7PM

For Peel – my aims are to protect and enhance the uniqueness of our community. To this end I will, if elected, work towards supporting improvements for the following areas:-

- **Parking** is a major issue for Peel and has been for many years. I will endeavour to improve parking by promoting a second level on the Douglas Street/Market Place car park which will benefit businesses and residents alike.
- **IRIS regional strategy** means that Peel is due to get an open treatment works within our town boundary. This will have a visual impact as well as a smell that will detract from the beauty of Peel. I will continue to oppose this option.
- **Social Housing** needs to continue to be provided and appropriately modernised. We have started, but it is important that this doesn't stall due to the current economic constraints.
- **Sympathetic regeneration of Peel using private and public funding** needs to be encouraged. The Sailors Shelter on Peel Quay is a facility that needs to be protected as part of our heritage and if the area is re-developed, it should be enhanced as part of any proposed scheme.
- **Peel is a cost effective option for relocation of business** as our rents and rates are competitive with other areas of the island. I would actively promote Peel as a supportive environment for 'niche' business opportunities.
- **Available retail and office space could be used to create job opportunities to help rejuvenate Peel.** I would work towards making this a reality, by encouraging partnerships with property owners and Government to best utilise the available asset and internal space.
- **Open communication channels** for the electorate are vitally important if an MHK is to represent the constituent's views accurately. If elected I would reintroduce monthly surgeries as part of my commitment to represent Peel people in Government.
- **Roads** around Peel are a major issue with HGV's using the town as a short cut, I will work towards a weight restriction on the roads through the town apart from the dedicated HGV route to the power station and busses. I will also endeavour to work towards a long term solution for Peel in the form of a properly designed and situated relief road; transferring the traffic to Oak Road does not resolve the issue.

For the Island – To promote an open and accountable Government, I would propose the following:-

- **A robust and meaningful Freedom of Information Act.**
- **A publicly elected Chief Minister,**
- **Publicly elected MLCs.**
- **Continued economic development,** through greater diversification.
- **Greater scrutiny of Government expenditure,** through new committees being set up with investigative powers, with similar authority to a Departmental member.
- **Lead by example, MHK/MLC pensions to be contributable and any pay awards linked to Civil Service.**
- **A reduction in departmental membership to reduce patronage.**
- **Pro-active investment in the island's front line public services,** with a high priority given to the most vulnerable in our society.
- **All Businesses operating on the island to be registered for VAT on the island,** as this benefits the Manx portion of the tax sharing agreement and could benefit our Finance sector.
- **Actively protect the use of the Manx language and promote Manx culture** as a means of maintaining Manx identity.
- **Encourage Government departments to relocate out of rented accommodation in Douglas,** to regenerate growth in all areas of the island.
- **Strong representation of the IOM with the UK and Europe** to protect our current agreements and enhance our international standing.

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