

House of Keys General Election

Thursday, 29th September, 2011

MARTYN QUAYLE



**Your Independent Candidate
For the Constituency of**

MIDDLE

(Parishes of Braddan and Marown)

A blend of 35 years of Civil Service, Private Sector and Political Experience –

Tried, Tested, and Trusted.

THE CANDIDATE

- Aged 52, brought up at Glenlough Farm, lived in Marown for 47 years and worked in Braddan for 25 years.
- After experience in the Isle of Man Civil Service, 25 years of solid, successful business experience in the Private Sector including 15 years as Manager of a Multi-Million Pound Company, dealing with customers, staff, suppliers and shareholders, making a profit in each of the years employed as Manager.
- Additionally, almost 10 years of Political experience as Member of the House of Keys for Middle and Member of Tynwald, helping with concerns of Constituents in an energetic, efficient and effective manner, supporting Community events, dealing with Parliamentary work, (Legislation in the House of Keys and Finance and Policy making in the Council of Ministers and Tynwald) and Departmental responsibilities.
- 5 years experience as a Member of the Council of Ministers, formulating and delivering effective and successful National Policies on your behalf, exercising competent and effective control as Minister for Home Affairs, (Police, Prison, Probation and Fire and Rescue), Minister for Tourism and Leisure, (Tourism and Motor Sport, Public Transport, Buses, Trams and Trains, Villa Marina, Gaiety Theatre, Wildlife Park and National Sports Centre) and latterly as Minister for Social Care, (Social Security, Social Services and Housing - the largest Department within Government with a net budget of £136 Million.)
- Delivered all Capital Building Projects within approved Departmental budgets, and ensured that general revenue spending in each of my Departments was contained within allocated budgets whilst improving delivery of services and making efficiencies.

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EXPERIENCE YOU CAN TRUST AND RELY UPON TO
HELP MEET THE GREATEST CHALLENGES IN A GENERATION.
PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Dear Elector of Middle,

It has been an enormous privilege, pleasure and honour to have served as your Member of the House of Keys for Middle for the last 10 years and I express my sincerest thanks and appreciation for the support from so many, which has enabled me to work in the best interests of my Constituents, Middle and the Isle of Man. The greatest pleasure for me has been to assist hundreds of Constituents over the years with their concerns. With your support, I would very much welcome the opportunity to continue to assist you, serving your interests, and the Island's, in the House of Keys and Tynwald which is why I am offering myself for re-election.

Five years ago, I mentioned that in my first 5 years, it had been a steep learning curve and having completed an 'apprenticeship', I felt if re-elected, I could make a far greater contribution. I believe that having had a seat within the Council of Ministers for the past 5 years has been of great benefit to my Constituents (rather than a disadvantage) as I have been able to champion the views expressed in my previous Manifesto, directly influencing and developing policies which were then contained within the Government Service Delivery Plan.

I have been calling around the Constituency ahead of the General Election, but I am conscious it is such a large area that it may well not be possible for me to call on everyone personally before the Election but I am endeavouring to do so. My responsibilities as Minister for Social Care and Member of the Council of Ministers continue throughout the run up to the General Election, which obviously eats into the limited time available.

Recognising that there has been a great increase in the number of new residents in Middle in recent years, I felt it would be helpful to provide you all with information concerning my candidature and my record over the last 5 years ahead of you receiving my Manifesto.

- **SERVING THE NEEDS OF CONSTITUENTS:**

I have always tried to help with concerns of Constituents in an energetic, efficient and effective manner whilst supporting Community events and dealing with Parliamentary and Council of Ministers responsibilities. However, I recognise that Middle is the largest single seat on the Island and has twice as many voters as the neighbouring single seat Constituency of Glenfaba and has much the same number of voters as either East or West Douglas – both two seat Constituencies. Until the current Boundary Review comes up with a sensible solution, it is the case that the MHK for

Middle has a far greater workload than many others. If re-elected, I will arrange for additional secretarial support to enhance my service to Constituents.

- **LEGISLATION:** One of the main roles of an MHK is to legislate or pass law, and in the last House of Keys, there have been approximately 60 Bills which have been passed and enacted for the benefit of the people, including a Tynwald Auditor General Act and a Tynwald Commissioner for Administration Act. A Freedom of Information Bill was introduced into the House of Keys but as it did not pass its stages, will be introduced into the new House of Keys. However, a procedure has existed in recent years whereby anyone can apply via the High Bailiff for access to information which has been denied by Government. There have only been several applications, about half being approved the remaining applications were rejected.
- **ELECTION OF CHIEF MINISTER:** Following the last General Election, I proposed John Shimmin for Chief Minister, who shared my commitment to tackle the Scope (and Structure) of Government. Tynwald repeatedly chose not to endorse my candidate, or Steve Rodan or David Cannan, and instead, Tony Brown was elected as Chief Minister with 30 votes out of 32, which included my support.
- **ECONOMY:** As a Member of the Council of Ministers, we dealt with the unprecedented challenges relating to the Global Financial Crisis, helping to steer a steady course, maintaining economic confidence and supporting the most vulnerable in Society, dealing with the collapse of KSF Bank, challenges from the UK (with revisions of the VAT Revenue Sharing Agreement, the UK Foot Review, the UK Ministry of Justice Report into the Constitutional Working Relationship with the Island), meeting challenges from the EU in relation to retention of our crucial Zero Ten Taxation Policy, Organisation for Economic Development (O.E.C.D.), G20 Group of Nations (securing the IOM's position on the 'White List' instead of being 'Black Listed'), and the International Monetary Fund, (I.M.F.). The Island's economy has grown by 30% in the last 5 years, (with the rest of Europe recording Zero growth over the same period due to the recession which the IOM avoided), 2% unemployment - a quarter of the EU average, and a record number of 47,000 people in employment.

- **REBALANCING OF THE BUDGET:** Government achieved savings of over £51 Million in Government spending in the last 2 years, cutting Government staff numbers by around 400, whilst protecting 'front line' services in Health, Social Care and Education. The Restructuring of Government led to a complete transformation, enabling the new Department of Economic Development to concentrate on income generation and a cohesive marketing approach.
- **UNIFIED PENSION SCHEME FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR:** Government engaged Hymans Robertson to liaise with employees and advise on recommendations for an affordable, sustainable, simple scheme which has led to 17 Pension Schemes being unified into one scheme from 1/04/2012. Additional contributions from Scheme Members will ensure that it will be sustainable without on-going support from taxpayers. In Tynwald, I have advocated that Members of Tynwald should contribute to their own Pension Scheme and expect this to be agreed early in the new Parliament.
- **ARCHALLAGAN -** Proposals for a Landfill facility: Even though a Member of the Council of Ministers, I worked tirelessly in conjunction with the ASAP Opposition Group, Constituents, David Anderson, MHK for Glenfaba (also a Minister), Marown and Patrick Commissioners to defeat the proposals, which saved a probable £15 Million Capital Project and subsequent on-going hundreds of thousands of pounds revenue expenditure.
- **TRAFFIC ISSUES:** I have worked in conjunction with Braddan and Marown Parish Commissioners, the Police and Highways Division to address concerns across the Constituency, including the following;
 - (i) Staunch support for safe Pedestrian Crossings at Crosby and Union Mills. Both measures have been agreed in principle by the Highways Division, subject to agreement with various parties, and funding has been identified within 2011/12.
 - (ii) New bus shelter for Crosby at layby near former Crosby Wholesalers. I convened an on-site meeting to identify agreed location with installation due to be completed in September 2011.
 - (iii) Bus stop opposite Eyreton Park. Although rejected due to safety concerns, this should be addressed as part of the forthcoming consideration of the Eastern Plan.
 - (iv) Cronkbourne – Supported new bus shelter/stop and traffic calming measures.
 - (v) Glen Vine/Glen Darragh Road – Originally achieved traffic lights. Convened a meeting of all stakeholders following a major accident, including Minister of Education, Highways, Head Teacher, Parents and Governors of Marown School to evaluate and implement additional safety measures, which also led to staggered school times to ease congestion.
- (vi) Port Soderick – Convened two Public Meetings to identify traffic calming measures which are now subject to consultation with residents in the area.
- (vii) Lhergy Cripperty – Supported pedestrian link to opposite Union Mills Post Office.
- (viii) TT Course – As Minister for Tourism and Leisure, initiated traffic corridors from Quarterbridge to Strang Road and Crosby Crossroads to Ballavitchel Road.
- (ix) Greeba, Mount Murray, Braaid, Top Road, Crosby, Mount Rule, Eairy, Strang, Ballahutchin Hill and into Union Mills, East and West Baldwin – Supported reduced speed limits in these areas.
- (x) Strang Road – Supported reduced usage by Buses in the Bus Network Review.
- (xi) New roundabouts at Jubilee Oak Tree and in the vicinity of Braddan Church – Supported these as they appeared to offer benefits.
- (xii) Richmond Hill – This was the Island's top 'Black Spot' for fatalities and Tynwald supported this scheme by 23 votes to 7. Involved a major reconstruction of the road to prevent road fatalities estimated at £1.6 Million per fatality for all consequential losses and costs, and provided safe access for visitors to the Home of Rest for Old Horses and residents to Ballacubbon lane, and a pavement for residents to save them walking at the side of one of the busiest roads on the Island.
- (xiii) Quarterbridge – Supported the scheme which has improved access into Douglas from the West and enhanced the appearance of the area.
- **PALATINE GP SURGERY AT THE STRANG:** Post General Election of 2006, Douglas and Onchan MHKs and Members of the Legislative Council living in the area mobilised to canvass for a continuing facility in Douglas instead of it moving to the Strang. I lobbied extensively to ensure the original plans to move it to the Strang were adhered to and a £1.1 Million Pound investment was completed in Middle to the benefit of many of my Constituents.
- **AGRICULTURE:**
 - a. The Department, the Manx National Farmers' Union, the IOM Agricultural Marketing

Association, IOM Meats, Manx Beef Producers and the Flock Masters' Association appeared to be in broad support of the introduction of the Countryside Care Scheme, which is why Tynwald unanimously supported it. I'm aware of serious concerns and the Department is seeking views from the industry to update its strategy for agriculture, which will set the direction for the Island's rural economy and countryside for the future

- b. In relation to the restructuring of Government, I strongly lobbied for the retention of the Department of Agriculture.
 - c. When I became aware of concerns from the MNFU in relation to the Flood Risk Management Bill, I lobbied the IOM Water Authority for it to be withdrawn. I believe there needs to be a complete revision of the Bill instead of amendments to address the concerns.
 - d. Annual visits to the Island by Sheep Shearers are essential and I lobbied the Department of Economic Development to facilitate appropriate changes to the Points Based System to assess immigration rights.
- **BALLAFLETCHER SPORTS GROUND:** Standing for election in 2001 to fight for a 'green lung' around the hospital instead of the proposals for a new Prison. I successfully lobbied colleagues in Tynwald for them to abandon the proposals for a Prison there and as Minister for Tourism and Leisure, successfully steered proposals for the Ballafletcher facilities which were opened earlier this year. An investment in Middle of £2.4 Million Pounds
 - **REFURBISHMENT OF HOUSING AT CRONKBOURNE:** Supported Braddan Parish Commissioners and the Department of Social Care to progress this scheme at the earliest opportunity.
 - **MULTI-USE LOW COST SPORTS HALL:** Within Government, I lobbied and received support from the relevant Ministers to support Marown's excellent case and attended an on-site all party meeting at Marown School this summer when we were able to break the log-jam about the design and location, resulting in approval of Marown's bid for the hall.
 - **BRADDAN & MAROWN PARISH COMMISSIONERS:** Supported them where appropriate, appreciating them fulfilling their responsibilities and roles in the Community, enabling me to concentrate upon my National and International responsibilities and dealing with the concerns of my Constituents.
- **BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS:** Dismissal of the former Clerk. – Flagged my concerns at the time with the Chair of Braddan Parish Commissioners and the Minister for Local Government and the Environment, as to the procedures followed which I believed were potentially flawed, and which could result in serious financial consequences for the ratepayers of Braddan Parish. This matter is ongoing.
 - **MANX ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY:** In my previous term, I initiated an emergency debate in the House of Keys and then amended a motion in Tynwald which enabled a Select Committee to be set up, to give all parties an opportunity to contribute. The Select Committee has provided interim reports, and a final report is awaited.
 - **CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM:**
 - (i) **2 seats for Middle:** I pledged to fight for 2 seats for Middle and received support for a Boundary Review Committee. However, the original proposals would have carved up Middle, transferring 201 voters in the Ballafletcher area and 953 voters throughout Union Mills to Douglas North and 168 voters from Clybane to Douglas South. My amendment to secure 2 seats for Middle, taking one seat from Douglas which only warrants 7 seats instead of 8, was narrowly defeated by 11 votes to 11 votes in the House of Keys, with the casting vote of the Speaker against to preserve the status quo. I had successfully lobbied colleagues against the original proposal and this was defeated by 15 votes to 7 in the House of Keys. If I hadn't helped to defeat this proposal, all voters from Douglas out to Strang Road (both sides) and to Trollaby Lane would have been voting in the Douglas North Constituency at this General Election and those voters in the Clybane area would have been incorporated into Douglas South. A new Boundary Review Committee is sitting at present which hopefully, will reach the conclusion that Middle deserves 2 seats.
 - (ii) **TYNWALD DAY:** Steered legislation through the House of Keys which enabled the President of Tynwald (instead of the Lieutenant Governor) to preside at the sitting of Tynwald in the Royal Chapel of St. John's where Tynwald captions the Acts of Tynwald, following their promulgation on Tynwald Hill. This is consistent with the previous removal of the function of the Lieutenant Governor to preside at sittings of Tynwald in Douglas.
 - (iii) **ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:** Steered Legislation through the House of Keys which would have enabled

Members of the Public to elect 8 Members of Legislative Council, currently elected by the House of Keys. However, Members of the Keys who wished for no change or this particular change combined in opposition so as to remove a crucial clause from the Bill. Although the Bill passed to the Legislative Council, who could have amended it, they refused to do so and defeated the Bill.

• **CONTROLS UPON BLIND TRUSTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR CANDIDATES TO THE KEYS:**

Supported these proposals in a Bill before the House of Keys but it was defeated, the majority preferring that a new more detailed Bill should be brought forward following this year's General Election.

• **CHAIRMANSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIPS OF COMMITTEES:**

- a. In the absence of the Chief Minister, I have gained valuable experience in chairing the Council of Ministers. (COMIN).
- b. Chaired a COMIN Committee on Government Properties which resulted in Tynwald approval for more cost effective and efficient utilisation of Properties and Assets of Government. Now taken forward to save Millions of Pounds.
- c. Chaired the Economic Initiatives Committee which prodded the previous Government into the lighting of the Fibre Optic Cable linking the Island to Great Britain.
- d. Chaired the Communications Commission which issued an Operating Licence for Mobile Phones to Cable & Wireless (SURE), benefiting the Island with competition in prices, and mobile phone number portability.
- e. Chaired the Douglas Quayside Working Group which negotiated the Heads of Terms Agreement, approved by Tynwald for a £70M Private Sector Scheme for a 120 bed 4* Hotel, Retail shops, Apartments and Car Parking.
- f. Chaired the Council of Ministers Social Policy Committee
- g. Member of COMIN's Business Change Steering Group, which has been dealing with the Transformation of Government to achieve Millions of Pounds worth of savings.

• **NURSING CARE CONTRIBUTION SCHEME:** Lobbied Treasury in the past, to secure a commitment in the Budget in 2008, for a commitment to pay towards nursing care costs to all residents of nursing homes who have to pay for their own care.

• **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT:** As Minister for Social Care, I initiated actions to facilitate the Act's implementation, subject to agreement by the new Council of Ministers.

• **MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS:** Oversaw completion of the new £41.5 Million Prison and ensured it was completed within budget. (Previously as a Member, I was prepared to resign from the Department rather than support extravagant staffing arrangements which resulted in a review and 30 jobs deleted from the operation of the Prison which was still able to be fully opened.) Appointed a new Chief Constable, Mr Mike Langdon who has contributed to lowering levels of crime and increasing crime detection rates, the most successful for some 25 years.

• **MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND LEISURE:** Appointed half way through the year, inheriting a £1 Million overspend and longstanding deep-seated problems.. Achieved savings and brought the Department within its budget by 31st March 2009 avoiding any overspend and dealt with staffing and governance issues. Whilst plans for TT 2009 were advancing prior to my arrival, there was understandable, considerable disappointment with the entertainment provided in 2009. I initiated a comprehensive review of TT Entertainment and announced these new plans at the TT Launch at the Villa Marina in March 2010. The ensuing TT 2010 Festival was acknowledged to be one of the best ever with increased numbers of visitors, excellent entertainment and superb racing.

During a Tender process, it was my decision to award the TT Television coverage to North One TV, in place of Greenlight, which has led to award winning superb coverage on ITV and throughout the World, increasing visitors to the TT, and the much acclaimed film, TT3D 'Closer to the Edge'.

After initiating a comprehensive review of facilities provided for the TT and MGP at the Grandstand and surrounding areas, I signed off a phased programme of improvements including the roadways, now completed and signed a new agreement with the Manx Motor Cycle Club to develop a Manx Grand Prix Festival to grow numbers of visitors. Played a pivotal role in ensuring TTXGP went ahead as the World's first clean emissions race, and subsequently TT Zero which has assisted the IOM to promote itself for innovation and advances in technology. Involved in negotiations concerning 'The Bowl' which led to securing ownership of it as a National Stadium and its redevelopment, now completed, and a lasting legacy for generations of our young people to play football on an all-weather pitch. I spoke at the Closing Ceremony of the Commonwealth Youth Games in India in 2008, broadcast to millions of people, inviting representatives from the 71 Commonwealth Countries to attend the Isle of Man in 2011. Oversaw completion and

opening of the newly refurbished Villa Marina Arcade, a £5 Million project completed within budget and secured £1.5Million for investment in the Snaefell Mountain Railway which would have closed this year if we had not been able to accelerate the scheme. Signed an agreement releasing the former Travel Shop in Lord Street, to the Department of Education for it to become 'Café Laare' – a much needed, popular and well used Youth Facility.

- **MINISTER FOR SOCIAL CARE:** Appointed 1st April 2010, set up the new Department with the Chief Executive from scratch. The largest Government Department in terms of expenditure - Social Services, Social Security and Housing, and with almost 1000 staff, the 3rd largest employer. Prioritised improved services for Children and Families. Ensured savings of Millions of Pounds to ensure the Department kept within its budget for year ending March 2011 and £9 Million savings in contracts over next 2 – 3 years. Initiated a comprehensive Housing Policy Review – the first for 20 years. This has been the most successful Government since the 1950s for provision of Local Authority Housing, partnering with the Private Sector. Assistance provided to 1200 first time buyers and 1000 new or replacement Local Authority Houses provided since 2001. Last year was the best ever for delivery of new homes for first time buyers. Steered a new comprehensive Housing Bill through the Keys and seconded the Social Services Bill, which will amongst other matters, restrict certain services to immigrants by imposing a 5 year period of residence to qualify.
- **STRONG AND EFFECTIVE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION:** Participated in meetings of the British Irish Council along with Prime Ministers/Chief Ministers, Ministers and Deputies. Represented the Isle of Man at various UK Political Party Conferences and established good connections with many Members of the UK Houses of Lords and Commons.
- **RECIPROCAL HEALTH AGREEMENT:** Whilst this matter was principally dealt with by the Chief Minister and the Minister for Health who were involved in the negotiations with the UK, I continued to lobby MPs, Members of the House of Lords, raised it in discussion with the Deputy Prime Minister and signed the Number 10 petition. Thankfully, a change in UK Health Minister (to a North West MP), an impending UK General Election, pressure from people and Parliamentarians from the UK and IOM along with pressure from the IOM Government led to a new Agreement, now signed.

- **BRADDAN PARISH PLAN:** Although the Braddan Parish Plan was abandoned, I strongly supported many local residents opposing development of the Camlork fields between Union Mills and the Strang.
- **RENEWABLE ENERGY:** I supported the Government Target of achieving 15% Energy from renewable forms by 2015. . Currently 6% generated from the Energy from Waste Plant and Hydro Electric Power.
- **BREAST CARE:** During the last 5 years, a full breast screening call/recall programme was introduced.

These have been just a selection of the many issues and challenges which have arisen during the last 5 years. Please feel free to contact me to discuss these or any other issues.

MAIN NATIONAL CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE

The Isle of Man is facing a major financial challenge, along with Countries around the World, but we have a healthy and diverse economy, sound reserves, no external debt, and a great reputation as a centre for international business, well regulated with competitive taxes. We will need to re-balance our finances, protect the most vulnerable and needy in Society, maintain growth in the economy and low unemployment, maximise efficiencies and modernise outdated employee terms and conditions within Government, tackle the Scope of Government and consider raising certain taxes and charges, whilst keeping the Island competitive.

These matters and a lot more besides will be covered within my MANIFESTO which you will receive before the General Election. My views on the main International, National and Local Issues and Challenges facing the Island and Middle will be clearly presented.

Transport to the Polling Station can be arranged and an Absent Voter Form or Proxy Voter Form is available to those who realise that they will be unable to vote in person due to incapacity, illness or absence from the Island. If required, please make early contact with me so that I can make the necessary arrangements.

Kindest regards
Yours sincerely



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VOTE

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In an effort to be environmentally friendly, one Leaflet has been issued to cover all voters in any household, which I trust is acceptable to you.