

Braddan Parish Commissioners Election

Thursday 22 nd April 2004



ALAN BLANEY

Your Polling Stations are
Braddan Commissioners Office or
at Port Soderick Hall – 8am to 8pm

I have been a resident of Braddan for 22 years. I am retired but have worked for 23 years in the Department of Health and Social Security as a Senior Health Care Facilitator in a Community Proactive Rehabilitation Team.

My present employment is a part time position with the British Red Cross, Isle of Man Branch. I have decided to be nominated as a candidate in the forthcoming Election for the position of Commissioner now that I have time available, and would wish to take part in having a meaningful input by way of serving the Parish of Braddan, as one of your elected representatives.

One of my proudest achievements to date is having a vital role in reducing the rates for the Parish again to £174 in the pound.

I have been a Commissioner for some 5 months, and have raised issues on behalf of residents within the constituency no matter how small an issue maybe.

I have set out below some key issues that I would wish to progress with:

- **Improved Facilities for the Young People of the Parish**
- Providing assistance in the resolving of social problems by way of partnerships with all relevant Agencies – for example our new Community Warden and Police Station
- Reduction in the level of vandalism, drug abuse, associated crime, by raising the community awareness to such problems, and engaging the community in the involvement of trying to address these issues in a positive and proactive way
- To obtain an increase in the provision of community Policing, as I strongly support the Chief Constables Strategic Policy of high visibility Policing
- To establish a very close liaison and working relationship with the professional organisations relating to the abuse of alcohol, drugs etc. that our young people are experiencing
- **Highway and Lighting Issues**
- To seek the support of the Commissioners, together with our MHK for the Department of Transport to bring forward a comprehensive traffic management plan for the Parish. Such plan would include proposals as to ensure effective management of traffic flows on the Highways within the Parish, speed enforcement, parking and other related Highway issues
- **Town and Country Planning**
- To ensure that the rural nature of the Parish is retained for the benefit of us all at present, and also for future generations, by way of the application of the principle of sustainable development.

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- To ensure that the existing green belt pockets are retained within and between the villages and Hamlets of the Parish, and in particular to avoid any further encroachment of development into these areas.
 - To ensure that adequate land is provided to meet the needs of the local people of the Parish, as it relates to the provision of first time buyer development and Public Sector housing.
 - **Waste Management**
 - To implement the principles of a sustainable waste management plan for the Parish, in particular to ensure the most cost effective solutions are obtained, as it relates to the disposal of waste, by way of minimisation, reuse and in particular recycling. Such measures have to ensure that not only environmental benefits are being obtained, but also ensure that the costs to you as the rate payer are kept to a minimum.
 - **Local Government Reform**
 - I support the principle of Local Government Reform, in the National interest.
 - I support the principle of the reduction of the existing 24 Local Authorities to five Local Authorities.
 - I do not support Braddan being amalgamated with Douglas Corporation
- In conclusion, whilst having always had a keen interest in Local Politics, and being a resident of the Parish for 22 years, and now having sufficient time available to me, I do believe as being relatively young, enthusiastic and very much approachable, and having the ability to listen and communicate with people, and caring about not only our Parish but also the people of the Parish, that if elected, I would endeavour to make a valuable contribution the Board of Braddan Commissioners.

I fully accept that I have an enormous amount to learn, as it relates to Politics, but equally I believe I can make a valuable contribution, and I make a promise to represent all the residents of the Parish to the best of my ability.

I can only conclude, that if you give me a chance, I will prove to you my worth.

If there are any issues that you would wish to raise with me prior to the Election, please do not hesitate to contact me on 852812 or by email on or ablaneybpc@manx.net

If you require transport to the Poling Station, or need an Absent Vote, please contact me on 852812 or 450725.

Please Use Your Vote.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely
Alan Blaney



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