

HOUSE OF KEYS GENERAL ELECTION

Thursday, 23rd November, 2006

MARTYN QUAYLE



**Your Independent Candidate
for the Constituency of**

MIDDLE

(Parishes of Braddan and Marown)

A blend of 30 years of Business and Political Experience –

Tried, Tested, Trusted.

THE CANDIDATE

- **Aged 47, brought up at Glenlough and lived in Marown for 42 years, and worked in Braddan for 25 years.**
- **Twenty-five years of solid Business experience in the Private Sector, including 15 years as Managing Director of a Multi-Million Pound Company, dealing with Customers, Staff, Suppliers and Shareholders.**
- **Five years Political experience, 2001 – 2006, as Member of the House of Keys for Middle and Member of Tynwald, dealing with Constituents in a timely, efficient and effective manner, supporting Community events, dealing with Parliamentary work, (Legislation in the House of Keys and Finance and Policy-making in Tynwald), and Departmental responsibilities.**
- **2001 – to date, Member, Department of Tourism and Leisure.**
- **2001 – 2004, and 2005 – to date, Member, Department of Trade and Industry.**
- **2001 – 2004, Member, Office of Fair Trading.**
- **2002 – to date, Chairman, Tynwald Standing Committee on Economic Initiatives.**
- **2004 – 2005, Member, Department of Home Affairs.**
- **2004 – to date, Chairman, Isle of Man Water Authority.**
- **Member, Council of Ministers Social Policy Committee (Children & Young People Strategy, and Drugs & Alcohol Strategy), and Past Member of several Parliamentary Select Committees of Tynwald on Petitions of Redress of Grievances, including that which recommended to Tynwald, an Independent Police Complaints System.**
- **International experience, as a delegate representing the Isle of Man in forums and debates within the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (British Islands and Mediterranean Branch) and the Inter-Island Conference between the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.**

Dear Constituent,

MY RECORD OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

FIRSTLY, may I say what an enormous privilege, pleasure and honour it has been to have served you as your Member of the House of Keys for Middle for the last five years and may I take this opportunity to express my sincerest thanks and appreciation to so many of you for your warm wishes and support, not just when I have been calling around the Constituency recently ahead of the General Election but over the last 5 years. However, Middle is such a large Sheading that it may well not be possible for me to call on everyone personally before the Election but I am endeavouring to do so.

As an Independent Member, not affiliated to any Political Party, I have played a pivotal role in the House of Keys and Tynwald, supporting the Government when I have considered it right to do so, moving things forward or holding things back by giving 100% opposition on many occasions where I have felt that they have been misguided, such as its Waste Strategy (e.g. Archallagan), Local Authority Reform and its flawed proposals on Rate Revaluation.

I have enjoyed the challenge of representing Middle, assisting Constituents with their concerns, working in Partnership with the Local Parish Commissioners, and without fear or favour, holding the Government to account and dealing with my Parliamentary duties and Departmental responsibilities.

My dual role as a Member of the Departments of Trade and Industry and Tourism and Leisure, has enabled me to be proactive in advancing the Economy of the Island. Last year Tourism contributed £116 Million to the economy, up from £102 Million in 2003 and a steady recovery from the Foot and Mouth year of 2001. The Department of Trade and Industry has been very successful in supporting Manufacturing – every £1 in grant support has generated a calculated return of £4.

For e-business, the Island is renowned as a premium location, having a combination of zero corporate tax, secure and stable Government and support and World-Class telecoms Infrastructure. For the Space Industry, the Island is a World-Class Player with cutting-edge legislation, tax benefits, professional expertise, insurance industry and satellite frequency rights.

* **ARCHALLAGAN** – I played a leading role in working with A.S.A.P. and those opposed to this ludicrous and extravagant proposal for a Land-rise facility and was recently successful in persuading Government to commit to serious consideration of Private Sector Proposals.

* **BRAAID -PROPOSED CARE HOME** – Working with residents, we achieved the objective of persuading DHSS to reverse its Policy and I supported a more suitable location.

* **BALLAFLETCHER** – My Manifesto pledge was achieved by effective lobbying and working with Political colleagues to move the proposed Prison off this site, so that a green belt is maintained around the Hospital, and as a Member of the Department of Tourism and Leisure, I played a key role to

secure the site for the provision of much needed Sports Pitches and facilities for the next 50 years. Finance for this scheme amounting to £2.1 Million has been identified in the Capital Programme and work should commence in 2007.

* **BRADDAN PLAN** – I strongly supported many local residents with their concerns in relation to the Camlork fields between Union Mills and the Strang and ensured that this green belt between both Villages was not zoned for development.

* **GP SURGERY** – My Manifesto pledge to ensure that a Doctor's Surgery was provided for the residents of the Sheading of Middle, has been achieved in that a Planning Application has now been submitted by DHSS for the Strang and finance has been identified for work to commence in 2007.

* **NEW SCHOOL FOR BRADDAN** – I lobbied for provision of a new School for when any new major housing development occurs and in the meantime, supported the School extension.

* **LOCAL AUTHORITY REFORM** – The Government needed only one more vote to get its proposals passed, effectively to have Braddan swallowed up and run by Onchan, and Marown to be swallowed up and run by Peel. My vote was critical and saved both our Parishes, and ensured that the Government withdrew its flawed plans.

* **WASTE DISPOSAL STRATEGY** – I have consistently opposed Government's plan to transfer more costs onto the Ratepayers, which can have a disproportionate affect on the elderly and those living alone, and those on low and fixed incomes.

* **RATING REVALUATION** – By some well placed questions in Tynwald, I achieved the objective of persuading Government to withdraw its ill-thought out proposals so that proper consultation could take place with Local Authorities and the Public.

* **COOIL ROAD DEVELOPMENT ORDER** – An attempt by DOLGE to railroad this through the October sitting of Tynwald was defeated by my very strong lobbying of the Chief Minister and Ministers, behind the scenes, and it was withdrawn.

* **POLICE STATION** – Soon after being elected, I attended a meeting with Braddan Parish Commissioners and the Chief Constable, and supported a Police Sub-station in Snugborough.

* **COMMUNITY WARDEN** – I gave support to Braddan Parish Commissioners to introduce this important service which does much to preserve and enhance the Quality of Life.

* **TYNWALD HILL** – I was successful in persuading my colleagues in Tynwald to approve a Motion to seek World Heritage Site Status for Tynwald Hill, where the World's Oldest Continuous Parliament assembles each year.

* **CAPITAL PROJECTS** – My Manifesto promised rigorous control and without any doubt, I have consistently delivered on this promise;

- a) **Archallagan** – I was successful in tabling a Motion in Tynwald, amended by the Council of Ministers, which commits to serious consideration of Private Sector Proposals.
- b) **New Prison** – I was prepared to resign from the Department of Home Affairs rather than support extravagant staffing which resulted in a review of new Staffing requirements and 30 jobs deleted from the scheme.
- c) **IOM Water Authority** – As Chairman, I saw the Sulby Water Treatment Plant completed on time and within its £14 Million budget. The Douglas Water Treatment Plant costing £26.5 Million is presently on time and within budget.
- d) As a Member of the Department of Tourism and Leisure, the Villa Marina's £15 Million refurbishment was completed on time and within budget.

* **IRIS** – I have consistently held the Department of Transport to account for its bungled handling of the pipework from White Hoe to Oakhill and have spent an enormous amount of time, on behalf of Constituents in relation to the Department's ongoing problems with the White Hoe Pumping Station and Meary Veg.

* **CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL** – I gave strong support which saved it from going off to a Select Committee, which would have scuppered the Bill and which has now been enacted, and brings in tough, important new measures to assist the Police in combating Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

* **MOUNT MURRAY INQUIRY** – This had been an issue which had remained unresolved for many years and we grasped the nettle and brought it to a conclusion and recommendations are being implemented for the benefit of the Island. I recall that a Tynwald colleague had alleged financial corruption which precipitated the Public Inquiry, but as no financial corruption was found, the allegation was found to be without substance. This illustrates that Members should always act responsibly and be reasonably sure of their facts to avoid Public monies being spent unnecessarily.

* **CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM** – In line with my Manifesto pledge to seek fairer representation in the House of Keys across the Island, my Motion in Tynwald for a Boundary Commission was successful, and I then led the debate to defeat a Motion to transfer most of Braddan into North Douglas and with an amendment narrowly failed in the House of Keys by 10 votes for, 10 votes against, to obtain an extra seat for Middle which would have been transferred from Douglas. The Boundary Commission is still sitting and will bring back further proposals for consideration in the new Parliament, such as for 12 x 2 seat Constituencies or 24 single seats.

* **CHIEF MINISTER** – I supported Hon. Donald Gelling, MLC to become Chief Minister after the General Election, played a pivotal role in working with Donald and others to

secure a smooth transition and replacement of Richard Corkill and had the honour to propose Donald as Chief Minister, which enabled the Isle of Man, politically to move out of 'choppy waters' into 'calmer seas'.

* **BALLACAIN**– I had no reservations, as one of 15 Members of the House of Keys who voted for this issue of Public Importance to be referred to the Tynwald Members Standards and Interests Committee, whilst several of the eight Members who opposed this, were Ministers and whose decision has now been found to be wanting.

* **BRADDAN PARISH COMMISSIONERS INQUIRY** – After consultation with the Commissioners, I voted in Tynwald for the Inquiry, but was fully satisfied that this complex and complicated matter could have been resolved more easily, perhaps to have included the Chief Minister, Attorney General and others.

* **DEPUTY SPEAKER** – I had the honour to propose the nomination of the Deputy Speaker.

* **MANX ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY** – Immediately, I became aware of the problem, I initiated an emergency debate in the House of Keys and my successful resolution resulted in the Treasury Minister being summoned that afternoon to the House of Keys to give details and the action to be taken. My robust and prompt action, in the midst of Government inertia, ensured that the facts were brought into the Public domain and appropriate action was taken. Later on in Tynwald, I successfully moved for a Select Committee to be appointed, to give all parties such as the MEA, Treasury, DTI and any others, to give details of how the events unfolded and their part in them.

* **TYNWALD STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC INITIATIVES** – As Chairman, our Committee has been very successful and proactive in meeting with all segments of the Finance Sector and Government, and helped to probe/push/prod Government into action in relation to the Companies Act, and a strategy for lighting the Fibre Optic Cable linking the Island to Great Britain.

* **MINISTERS ON LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL** – Exceptional circumstances led to Hon. Donald Gelling, MLC sitting in Legislative Council, as Chief Minister, but it was inappropriate for a Ministry to then remain in the hands of a Member who had been elevated from the House of Key to Legislative Council.

* **TRAFFIC ISSUES AROUND BRADDAN & MAROWN** – I have led and worked tirelessly in Partnership with the Commissioners, Police and the Department of Transport to resolve many issues involving speeding and traffic calming measures.

* **GLEN DARRAGH ROAD TRAFFIC LIGHTS** – Last year, I obtained an agreement with the DOT Minister, Hon. John Shimmin MHK for a traffic lights scheme, and took the drawings to Marown Parish Commissioners to seek their agreement, confirmed it with the Minister and then with a change of Ministers, had to arrange an on-site meeting with the new Minister, and a meeting involving both Ministers to resolve matters, supported by Constituents.

* **MOUNT MURRAY** – I initiated action to ensure that resurfacing of the Estate roads could be finished, having followed it up with the Mount Murray Residual Issues Committee.

* **LEGISLATION** – I sponsored three Bills through the House of Keys, the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, Minerals (Amendment) Bill and the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill and as a Member of the Department of Trade and Industry, assisted in taking the Employment Bill through the Keys, which gives important benefits to Employees.

* **CIVIL SERVICE FINAL SALARY PENSION SCHEME** – Over the last 5 years, I had advocated Tynwald and the Council of Ministers to take action to stop new entrants joining the Scheme, whilst protecting existing Staff, and also highlighted the need to look at the UK Turner Report and the implications upon the Island in terms of retirement ages etc. Government belatedly was forced by Tynwald to look at the Pensions issue and various matters are now being progressed

* **RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES AND NURSING FEES** – I was successful in persuading Treasury to phase in over 3 years, free Nursing Care, worth around £200 per week.

* **PRE-SCHOOL FACILITIES** – I lobbied the Chief Minister, Education Minister and others for facilities to be provided in Marown, as it is disadvantageous to parents and children when facilities are available elsewhere.

* **HEALTH & SAFETY** – I lobbied for a delay in introduction of the Construction, Design and Management Regulations until the Select Committee had completed its work. A better balance has to be struck to provide appropriate measures.

* **OVERSEAS AID & FAIR-TRADE PRODUCTS** – I supported an increase in the Island's contribution towards 0.7% of its GDP by 2013 in line with the United Nations declaration and to seek to achieve Fair-trade Island Status.

There are too many to mention but these have been just some of the issues that I have been involved with in working on your behalf.

Main National Issues and Challenges for THE FUTURE:

ECONOMY

* We have had 22 years of successive economic growth, and our main aim has to be to ensure that the Economy continues to grow, be successful, flourishes and further diversifies, whilst preserving the Quality of Life that we all cherish, so that we can continue ongoing appropriate investment in Health, Education, Law and Order, Housing for our Young People and other essential aspects of our National Life such as securing a viable future for Agriculture and the Countryside, (ensuring a role for traditional family farms), which benefits Residents and Tourists alike.

* To seek further diversification opportunities such as the Space Sector, Aircraft Register and Film Industry and to attract new business to the Island bringing high value but low labour requirements, benefiting our economy but not overburdening our infrastructure and to maximise the benefits of our 'Window of Opportunity' by capitalising on the Island's Zero Tax Strategy and the new Companies Act which makes us very competitive and to maximise the potential of Financial Services, such as the Fund Management Sector.

IMMIGRATION/RESIDENCY CONTROLS

* With an average of 5% growth and 1.5% Unemployment over the last 5 years, we need to bring people in to work in our Tourist Sector, (Cafes, Bars, Restaurants, Hotels), Retail Sector, Financial Services Sector, Schools, Hospital and Care Homes and Service Sector. However, we need to address the issue of Immigration to ensure that people contribute to our economy (whilst assessing the impact of any dependants), that they are a benefit not a burden, by strengthening the Work Permit Measures, closing any loopholes to prevent any abuse of our benefit system, and to consider introduction of the Residency Act and Regulations, Passport Control or Embarkation/Disembarkation forms at the Ports, and to look at legislation in other Jurisdictions to ensure that we come up with the best solution to meet our requirements. The key issue is that we need to know who is coming into our Island and this has to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

* There is a need to ensure that people coming to the Island have a reasonable standard of English or else they will need to reach a minimum standard within a certain time and they need to fully integrate into our Society and respect our culture to protect our Quality of Life.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS

* To meet and deal with any external threats to our successful economy, such as from the European Union, United Kingdom or O.E.C.D.

MANX ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY

* To deal with the ongoing impact of the MEA and its financial repercussions.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

* To achieve Constitutional Reform to popularly elect the eight Members of Legislative Council and to achieve a fair and equitable distribution of House of Keys seats, for example, to achieve 12 x 2 seat Constituencies.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE ON LOW INCOMES

* To ensure that adequate provision is made to cushion those on low and fixed incomes, including our Senior Citizens, from rising costs, which could outstrip their ability to pay and to consider a discount on Rates for single occupancy households, especially as the principle of granting a rate rebate is already included in Legislation. For Local Authority Housing, we need to consider determining rent based on the wage of the highest earner.

SCOPE AND STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT

* To look at the Scope and Structure of Government, to make it more efficient, effective and accountable, including tighter control of Capital and Revenue expenditure, (although I acknowledge that 90% of the Capital Programme has come in on time and within budget). Many of the proposals are pragmatic, commonsense and could be accomplished within a reasonable time, without much difficulty whilst the more radical proposals need much more detailed consideration and consultation.

* Our competitors such as Jersey are looking to become leaner and keener and we need to look at a smaller, simpler, cheaper Public Sector. Not all of the proposals can be supported by any means, but many believe that Government is too large and diverse and that we could reduce some of its non-essential functions, and work with the Private Sector, but we need to ensure that existing Staff are reassured about their employment in any transitional period and numbers could be reduced gradually through normal retirement, people leaving etc.

PERIOD OF CONSOLIDATION

* To ensure, that as much of our Infrastructure has now been renewed (e.g. Hospital, Schools, Incinerator, Prison, Court House, Water Treatment Works, Power Station, Sewage Treatment System, National Sports Centre, refurbished Villa Marina), that we have a period of consolidation over the next 5 years and commit to spending less on Capital Investment and more on distributing the wealth we create for the benefit of our people so that they can reap the rewards of our successful economy.

HEALTH CARE & PENSIONS STRATEGY

* To determine a viable long-term future Health Care and Pensions strategy, to ensure that our huge investment in Health is spent wisely and efficiently, assessing Management levels and providing more Nursing Staff at the front line, to cut waiting lists, to provide increased Physiotherapy, to take into account the demographic problem of the rising age of our population, to tackle the unsustainability of allowing new entrants to join the Civil Service Final Salary Pension Scheme and to consider the removal of the upper earnings limit on National Insurance Contributions.

ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE & WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

* To be more mindful of the Environment and Climate Change, reducing carbon emissions, to implement a proper Waste Management Plan Strategy to allow people to Reduce, Recycle, Reuse and to consider the introduction of Kerbside Collection and to encourage renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

* To strengthen Local Democracy and consider equipping Local Authorities with greater powers so that they can be even more effective in delivering services to their locality and for Government to define a minimum standard service level provision so that ratepayers across the Island can know what to expect.

TRANSPORT ON & OFF ISLAND BY AIR & SEA

* Undoubtedly, there is concern about the cost of travel, service levels and future operations. Government will need to be more pro-active in dealing with public concerns and taking any appropriate action.

REGENERATION OF TOWNS OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL

* To seek to breathe new life into the towns around the Island, by encouraging more businesses to locate themselves elsewhere than Douglas.

* To encourage and facilitate a Marina in Port St Mary and/or Ramsey, and to provide adequate facilities in Douglas to develop and expand Cruise Ship visits.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

* To invest in Information Technology but ensure that we maximise savings by greater efficiency.

EDUCATION AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

* To seek to reinforce Parental responsibility and guidance of children at home and for us to support and empower our Schools and Teachers, to engender a culture of discipline, respect, good manners and to introduce measures to counteract disruption by unruly students which is detrimental to the majority.

* To review the arrangements in respect of the Fostering of children so as to encourage more people to Foster.

* To seek to provide improved leisure activities for our young people within the 14 – 18 age group.

* An investment in our Youth is an investment in the future, so we need to maintain our generous support to Students attending Universities and to explore new initiatives to encourage them to return to the Island.

Main Local Issues and Challenges for THE FUTURE:

If re-elected, I would seek to continue working closely and be supportive of your elected Parish Commissioners and Staff of Braddan and Marown Parishes in their ongoing efforts to provide an excellent service, to work proactively with them in conjunction with the Police to address anti-social behaviour and excessive speeding. My record over the last five years has quite clearly demonstrated that I can work effectively with people as a Team Player, at Local, National and International levels.

The LOCAL ISSUES that will need careful attention and consideration are as follows

* **PLANS FOR BRADDAN & MAROWN PARISHES –** These will come forward as part of the Eastern Regional Plan, probably during 2007/08 and will involve widespread consultation with the Public, Local Authorities and Departments of Government and Statutory Boards relating

to the Issues and Options to be dealt with. We need to strike a balance between sufficient housing, improved recreational and other facilities for young and old and provision of adequate School/Health/Retail services and facilities.

* **ARCHALLAGAN** – Ongoing opposition to this ludicrous £15 Million scheme is essential and private sector proposals need to be properly considered. We have won many battles but have not yet won the war!

* **IRIS** – To continue to hold the Department of Transport to account, to resolve the ongoing IRIS problems at White Hoe & Meary Veg, and to press for the connection of Union Mills to Peel, (or at least to Crosby) so that existing sewage treatment plants in the Central Valley can be decommissioned.

* **BALLAFLETCHER SPORTS FACILITIES** – Ongoing vigilance is needed to ensure timely progression.

* **GP SURGERY AT STRANG** – We need to augment this excellent hard-won facility for the whole Sheading of Middle, with a Dental Practice and Pharmacy.

* **LOCAL AUTHORITY REFORM** – Undoubtedly, this will be an issue and I would seek to preserve the identities of Braddan and Marown, believing that reform should be evolutionary, not revolutionary.

* **TRAFFIC ISSUES** – To work towards Traffic calming measures through the Sheading, particularly at Crosby (and Eyreton Road), and Union Mills, to include Safe Crossings in both villages as well as other areas. I would like to facilitate a Public Meeting involving Residents, Marown Parish Commissioners, Department of Transport and the Police to consider the issues, similar to the recent one organised for Braddan.

* **PRE-SCHOOL FACILITIES** – To seek the Department of Education's commitment to provide Pre-School facilities in Marown.

* **PORT SODERICK** – To continue to seek a way forward with Stakeholders to provide a viable solution for Port Soderick and to look at all options available, including Compulsory Purchase by Government, if necessary.

* **CONSTITUENCY SURGERY** – In my previous Manifesto in 2001, I indicated that I would be very accessible as my new home at Ballahutchin Hill would be situated between Union Mills and Glen Vine, (having received Planning Permission in Principle for it in August 1998, and Detailed Planning in November 2000 and before I was elected). I have been able to meet Constituents at my home or call at theirs and mine has been the only MHK's mobile phone number in the telephone directory. However, it would be my intention to arrange a Constituency Surgery, on a regular basis and to continue my wholehearted support and availability at the many and varied activities and Community events throughout Middle, where I have enjoyed meeting so many of you over the years.

In Conclusion . . .

In conclusion, I trust that this Manifesto is in tune with your concerns, hopes and aspirations for our Constituency and Island. Having completed a 'five year apprenticeship', I feel better qualified to be even more effective in the next five challenging years which will need House of Keys Members with experience. We should not forget that there have been 8 new Members of the House of Keys in the last five years, and with 3 retiring Members this will mean 11 new Members out of 24, even if there were not any other changes – so you can appreciate the need for continuity and experience.

I trust that my record will have shown me to be young, keen, enthusiastic, approachable, able to relate and get on well with people in all walks of life, to have an ability to listen and to communicate, to work as part of a team to achieve results, to have demonstrated my determination and commitment, and to have dealt with matters confidentially as required.

Additionally, I care about people, about the Island, its heritage, history, culture and traditions, its quality of life and its future.

I feel that I have an enormous amount to learn, a lot to contribute and I make a promise to continue to do my best for the people of Middle and the Island if you will give me an opportunity to continue my work for you to prove my worth.

If you would like transport on Election day, or feel that you are not well enough to vote at the Polling Station and wish to vote at home, or you may be off Island on the day, please contact me as soon as possible so that I can arrange an Absent Vote by telephoning 851001 or e-mail martynquayle@gov.im

Every vote is vital, so please make yours count and as I have been voting for you for the last five years, I seek your vote for me for the next five years!

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely



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**On
Thursday, 23rd November, 2006**

VOTE

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