

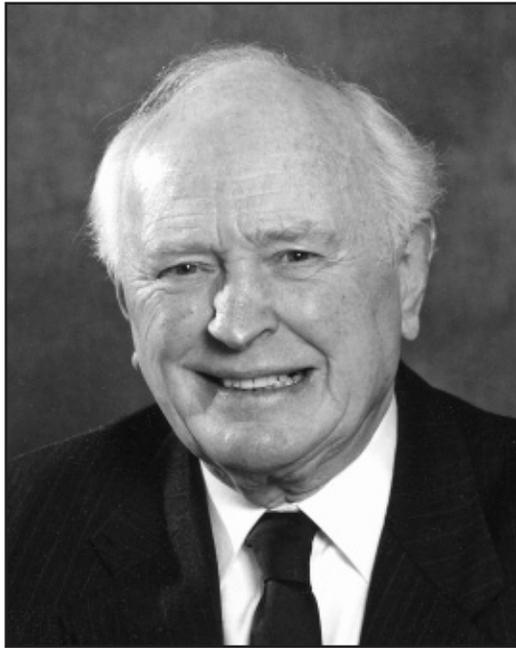
Onchan District Commissioners

# **ELECTION**

**Thursday 24th April 2008**

8.00am – 8.00pm

at the Onchan Community Centre, School Road



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## **Dear Constituents**

The last 4 years has brought significant changes in the constitution of Onchan Commissioners which I supported.

The Urban Ward and the Rural Ward have now amalgamated and Onchan District Commissioners will now consist of 7 members who will form 3 committees with all members sitting on them. They will transact business focussing on a variety of different subjects, making decisions without delay and any urgent business can be decided in contrast to waiting 5 weeks for a firm decision.

The meetings will take place on a 4 week cycle with no meeting on week 4, although this could be utilised for any urgent business.

Any resident in the District can now stand for election and any rate commitment to the former Rural Ward will continue until 20???

I am Manx born, married with 2 daughters and retired from the Manx Electricity Authority with 48 years service in which I include National Service in the R.A.F.

Like myself, both my daughters and 6 Grandchildren have attended Onchan Primary School, 2 of whom still attend.

After being elected onto Onchan District Commissioners in 1990 I have been Chairman twice and served on all former statutory committees and with your support I hope to continue my membership for a further term.

I am also a member of Onchan Heritage Association, the Onchan Branch of the Royal British Legion, a life member of R.A.F Association and I am also a member of the Onchan Pensioners Social Club so I have a long association with Onchan.

## **Kerbside Recycling collection**

Along with Braddan and Douglas it appears that this scheme will go ahead in the near future and whilst the Department of Local Government and Environment would finance it for 3 years it appears that Douglas will do the collecting in the area for the 3 years. Any further expense after that period is expected to go onto our rates and with the sensitivity over our rates at the moment, this would present a severe problem, but what concerns me and I am totally opposed to this, is the possibility of a fortnightly refuse collection to supplement the kerbside collection.

## **Land and Housing**

There are 2 or 3 small areas for development, with a possibility of a Department of Local Government and Environment project in Ridgeway Road but there is also a possible option to re-zone Dowty's land in School Road, and the Gas Plant by Ashley Park this would enable development for approximately 150 dwellings on a mixed development which DOLGE would support.

## **Bemahague School**

The development of the school is still delayed which is of great disappointment to me if the full funding cannot be found from Central Government it should be constructed in 2 phases

the first phase being ground works where the sports facilities and an all weather track facility and the second phase would be the construction of the school.

## **Library**

There are plans for a new entrance porch which will make access much easier particularly for the disabled.

The Library deserves our support as the staff with their enthusiasm and knowledge is welcomed by our residents and its retention as it is, is essential.

We also need to further develop our Onchan Commissioners web site as this needs to be more up to date and I am pleased that you can search and reserve books on line.

## **The Park**

There is an Onchan Tennis Club to be formed, which I support, and there will be an official opening in the near future with free tennis play instruction for the day.

I would prefer to keep the park area as open free space as there is little enough of it in Onchan; I am supporting a small development of a sensory garden adjacent to the Commissioners bungalows.

I am pleased that I have supported the use of Onchan Stadium for many years as a football facility for Onchan Football Club and now we have a number of junior teams ranging from 5 years up to 17 years old, this has given the children of Onchan a focus.

I support the retention of the village fair in the run up to Tynwald week; this gives a chance for the community to meet each other socially.

## **Roads**

I am concerned that the maintenance of roads and footpaths by the Department of Transport is particularly poor and people sometimes have to walk on the roads to avoid possible falling, it seems a pity when we now have a street cleaning machine which we have total control over for cleaning the footpaths.

## **Rates**

Finally, as I opposed the recent increase of 9% and a further proposal to increase rates by 8% for 2009/10 and a further 6% for 2010/11 it is quite clear that only necessary expenditure should be envisaged.

The present rate cannot be changed but the 09/10 and 10/11 can and I believe extending the financial plan from 4 years to 6 years could be accommodated and the closest scrutiny of any expenditure closely examined.

Thank you for reading my manifesto, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Please ring 623616 if you require an absent vote or transport to the polling station.**

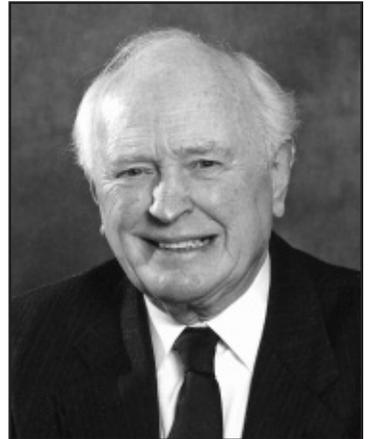
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When you vote on 24th April  
make Terry Black your first X

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Any offer of assistance with  
my election campaign will  
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you are able to help,  
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