

2008 Local Authority General Election

JUNE KELLY

Onchan



**Dear Voter,
I am standing for re-election to Onchan Commissioners on the 24th April 2008, and I would once again invite you to vote for me.**

My name is June Kelly. I am nearly 50 years old and married to Dave. We are both Manx born and have lived on the Island all our lives, spending our entire married life in Birch Hill. Both our daughters Clare and Helen attended the Community Centre Playgroup, Ashley Hill School and then St Ninian's High School. As the girls moved through the senior school I was elected for four years as parent governor of the school. This I believe was the start of me becoming interested in local issues.

I was delighted to be elected as the new commissioner for Onchan last year and during the past fourteen months, I have met with the people of Onchan and joined in with their community activities. On these occasions I have gained first hand experience of the concerns and issues of the people of Onchan.

My own career began as a nursery nurse student at the College of Further Education in Douglas. Since then I have continued my professional development through a career in nursing. Four

years ago I achieved a BSc (Hons) degree as a specialist practitioner in public health. This qualification allows me to promote public health and support families within their own home environment, gaining a greater understanding of some of the difficulties that families experience.

During my short term of office I have gained knowledge of the system and now believe that I have the experience to question and evaluate the issues.

Although it is difficult to measure whether I have been successful in such a short period of time, I can assure you that my promise continues to be to make a difference, especially when I believe that the outcome will be in the community's best interest. I can also assure you that my focus remains on being a voice of the people and my priority is to care and help make the right decisions for the people of Onchan.

I promised on my last manifesto to be an enthusiastic and motivated member of the Commissioners. This promise remains.

As well as my role as a commissioner, I continue my support of the Onchan Live at Home Scheme. This small group of volunteers is constantly raising funds to allow the scheme to grow. I am a life long member of the Salvation Army, a Christian organisation which offers practical and pastoral help for people in need in the community.

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Polling Day

24th April 2008 from 8am til 8pm

Polling Station: Onchan Community Centre, School Road

**THAT 9% ON
THE RATES**

The estimates for the last three years show that the overall increases in administration and leisure and amenity expenditure are reasonable. However, the fact that the estimates were actually reduced for the year 2007/08 makes this year's increase look bad. It has not helped that the budgeted reserves for 2007/08 were reduced by approximately £160,000 and some of this now has to be clawed back. Obviously control of future expenditure is now paramount.

**LEISURE AND
AMENITIES**

I believe that the proposed Skateboard Park is unnecessary and not worth the ratepayers' expense. The very small number of Onchan residents that would use such a facility can be catered for elsewhere on the Island. However the provision of the 'Wembley Arena' has proved to be viable and worthwhile. It appears to me that Onchan Park is under utilised by the ratepayers. A total review of the use of the park and the nature of the amenities provided is necessary so that future use is geared to the ratepayers' needs and not the government's desire for tourist attractions.

RECYCLING

The Commissioners were going ahead with sites for recycling. However the Government's trial initiative on kerbside collection for the village makes this unnecessary.

TRAFFIC

This issue has been raised at the very worthwhile Eastern Partnership meetings. At the latest meeting the DOT explained that the major works around the Island have been scheduled for the next two years. This unfortunately does not include Onchan but I intend to keep pressing for action on traffic relief through the village at every opportunity.

**AMALGAMATION OF
RURAL/ URBAN
DISTRICTS**

This ongoing process and reduction in the number of commissioners on the board will make the administration of the district more streamlined and give a greater voice to the remaining commissioners.

**TEENAGERS AND
VANDALISM**

Both these separate issues worry me a great deal. I will endeavour to take every opportunity I have to understand the problems but know that there are no easy solutions; greater use of the Community Centre could help.

IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO VISIT EVERY HOUSEHOLD, BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES YOU WOULD LIKE TO RAISE WITH ME, MY HOME NUMBER IS

675373

If you require transport on the day, please ring 675373

PLEASE USE YOUR VOTE FOR

JUNE KELLY