

ARE YOU BEING LISTENED TO?



**BILL GALLEY
FOR
CASTLETOWN
2025**

- Enhancement of heritage assets
- Completion of school hill redevelopment
- Local government reform
- Enhancement of Poulson park
- Modernisation /enhancement of street lighting
- Enhancement / refurbishment of playground equipment




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Manifesto

Increase and maintain existing social housing

Castletown faces a critical housing shortage. Too many residents endure inadequate living conditions while waiting for Commissioner housing, and the lack of affordable options is pushing families into poverty and straining our community. The Castletown Commissioners must prioritize securing funding to upgrade and expand the town's social housing stock.



Reform Planning Procedure

The planning process needs reform to prioritise our community needs over developer interests. We must shift the focus to protecting our environment, preserving affordability, and enhancing our community. Residents deserve a stronger voice in shaping the future of Castletown and should have greater influence over local development.

Increase facilities and access for the young, old and those with disabilities

Castletown's residents deserve more opportunities and we are a diverse community. We must address the lack of facilities for adolescents by leveraging existing resources and collaborating with local groups, sports clubs, and charities. Making spaces like the civic centre and the square more accessible to community activities and youth organisations is a key step in providing people of all backgrounds with an inclusive, engaging and enriching experience.



Manifesto - Continued

Rebuild Southern Civic Amenity Site

The Southern Civic Amenity Site is no longer adequate. Given the recent growth of new housing developments in the south, the population center has shifted significantly, likely closer to Ballasalla than Port St Mary. This shift justifies exploring the feasibility of relocating the amenity site to a more central location, such as near Castletown, to better serve the current population.



Utilities reduction/concession for Town Homes & Businesses

Exortionate utilities payments are squeezing working and middle-class families and small businesses in Castletown, harming our community. To address this issue and ensure a more equitable housing and business environment, we should explore potential concession agreements and improve those in place such as Time-of-Use Tariffs, Dynamic Pricing, Demand Response Programs and Energy Efficiency Obligations.



The reintroduction of The Rent Act for private sector housing and businesses

Castletown businesses are still recovering from the pandemic's impact. To support their revitalization and ensure the long-term health of our local economy, we should consider implementing targeted rates reductions for business premises until trade returns to pre-pandemic levels. This measure would provide much-needed relief and encourage continued investment in Castletown

Work with Castletown and local MHKs to push for better upkeep of roads, pavements and infrastructure

About me

I'm Bill, and Castletown is my home. I was educated here, raised my family here on Douglas Street, and have lived here for 40 years. I'm deeply invested in our community and the island and want to give back by ensuring we have the best possible services for those that live, work and visit here.

My experience in public service, from housing, public estates, highways and green spaces has given me a deep understanding of our town's needs. As a shop steward and health and safety rep for Unite the Union, I've always fought for working people. My work on the Minimum Wage Committee reflects my commitment to fair wages and reducing poverty.

As a member of the Manx Labour Party, I'm guided by socialist values. I believe in a strong, supportive community for everyone. I'm ready to work hard to improve our town and make it an even better place to live from the experience in life, work and *play*.

I am confident the above is to inform that I am ready and would be a strong candidate and voice for Castletown and that you will consider me as your commissioner.

Absent voter's ballot

Absent voter's ballot papers can be obtained only by means of an application duly completed and received by the Town Clerk of Castletown Town Commissioners.

a) where the absent voter's ballot paper is to be marked in the Isle of Man, at least 7 clear days before the day fixed for the poll.

or

b) where the absent voter's ballot paper is to be marked elsewhere than in the Isle of Man, at least 9 clear days before the day fixed for the poll.

Absent voter's ballot papers will be issued to persons whom the returning officer has accepted as being entitled to vote as such at the address in the Isle of Man or elsewhere as notified to the returning officer.

a) where the absent voter's ballot paper is to be marked in the Isle of Man, at least 5 clear days before day fixed for the poll.

b) where the absent voter's ballot paper is to be marked elsewhere than in the Isle of Man, at least 7 clear days before day fixed for the poll.

Provided that where the absent voter's ballot paper is to be marked in the Isle of Man the ballot paper may be delivered to the absent voter at any time before the close of the poll.

Application forms are available from the Town Clerk of Castletown Town Commissioners during normal office hours: H.F. Mackenzie, Town Clerk, Castletown Town Commissioners, Town Hall, Castletown IM91NR, telephone 01624 825005.

Polling information

Voting on the day will take place at Castletown Town Hall, on **Thursday 24th April 2025**. The polling station will be open from 8:00am until 8:00pm.

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