

Castletown Comm Clerk

Subject:

FW: Hustings

Could each candidate please describe what they think can be done to help local traders flourish, without mentioning 'car parking'.

Answer: Communication Communication and more Communication! Firstly have all the heritage sites open, work with organisations on holding events.

The new board of commissioners needs to set up a working group with traders, devise a plan and work from there. All traders within Castletown need to know they have the boards backing.

If the Square is opened to traffic in the winter months how are the Board going to ensure it isn't a weekend car park for those members of the community who feel entitled to park anywhere regardless of parking restrictions?

Answer: Actively Police it, if that requires staff at weekends then that's what's needed. The new board need to overhaul all the parking area's within Castletown and have a strategic plan going forward, they need to include and liaise regularly with DOI and Harbours regarding their car parks.

A 3 part question: what will candidates do to improve transparency in terms of how business is conducted; in doing so, how will they manage conflicts of interest & how will they ensure that decision making primacy lies with elected members.

1. A new fully functioning website and encourage positive interaction via social media.
2. This is covered by legislation and declarations made and recorded.
3. If financial the member cannot take part in the discussion.

Could each candidate offer one creative idea that would help lead to improvement in the prosperity of the town?

Answer: liaise with DOI Harbours and rejuvenate our beach, provide huts for vendors, seat benches for resting on the prom, same for the outer harbour, both places could be such a hub of activity, like Peel and Port Erin.

How do the commissioners propose to repurpose the rugby club changing rooms when they don't own the building?

Answer: The building is on land which was left for the benefit of the people of the Town, I don't know the details of the leasing arrangement for the club house but I'm sure the new board will have a meeting with the Rugby club if and when they decide to leave the facility. The club house could easily be repurposed to facilitate toilets and a refreshments unit.

The recent anti-social behaviour does need addressing and it's good to see it commented on by the candidates but what are they going to do about increasing Manx Youth Service in Castletown.

Answer: Dialogue with the DESC to see what areas of expertise they can offer, not all children are into sports or youth clubs. Ask the children the question "what do they want" if the new board can support ideas then great. I did mention last night and in my manifesto upgrading and greater coverage of CCTV.

I have only had one candidate knock on the door, when will the others be coming to my door. I have heard that some candidates don't feel it necessary and that's not right just because they are "known"

Answer: With there being 7 seats and 9 Candidates and a short run up to election day I thought residents would not appreciate a knock on the door. However I think it is more expected by prospective MHK's at the General election to be door knocking. I have been out and about and met a number of residents and was happy to answer any questions, I'm very approachable and happy to chat anytime.

Best regards
Carol Quine.