

Port St Mary Bye-election

Thursday 18 April 2024

Vote for David Scott



After nearly six years, you will finally get a chance to have your say in who represents you as a Port St Mary Commissioner. I believe it is vital that such positions are contested, to ensure residents' views are properly represented, and to prevent those overseeing our village from becoming complacent and inward looking. The Commissioners need to be transparent in what they do. They should have a clear vision for the future development of Port St Mary, and a programme of implementation, something that has not been obvious in the recent past.

A vision for the future

Port St Mary is a wonderful place to live. We have one of the best (and, seaweed apart, cleanest) beaches on the Island. We have good restaurants and cafes. We have a diverse selection of shops, including a pharmacy, post office and COOP as well as a successful primary school.

But we will need to make sure these can remain viable in the future – experience elsewhere shows we should not take them for granted.

The village is an ideal place to live, retire or bring up children, and offers a wide range of outstanding leisure opportunities – both on the water and on land. But the demise of the Port St Mary Bowls club is a warning of what can happen, and the Commissioners' handling of the Golf Club and Pavilion lease renewal does not inspire confidence. We need to work to keep our village attractive to those wishing to benefit from its facilities, and the Commissioners must play a role in making sure appropriate facilities are available. In particular, the beaches should be properly managed to ensure they remain attractive to children and sportspeople alike.

I feel it cannot be healthy for any Commissioner to be involved in significant financial and legal transactions with the Commissioners, or for the public to be unable to know the details of discussions or decisions made at meetings.

About me

I am a semi-retired Licensing and Business Development Consultant. My wife Lesley and I moved to Port St Mary just over five years ago, and we both play an active role in Island life. I recently spent three years as Chairman of the Port St Mary RNLi branch and established the Beach Tug of War on Chapel Beach.



I sail dinghies as a member of the IOMYC and enjoy cycling and walking. As a member of the local Rotary Club I have introduced the Rotary Star awards to encourage primary school children to think about how they can help their local community -Scoill Phurt le Moirrey has supported the scheme for four years now. I am also a governor at UCM and believe it is important to give our children the opportunity to have the ability to follow their chosen career paths.

Why am I standing?

I love our village and wish to help to keep it as a lovely place for all generations to live! I believe that means making good use of its own funds and also being proactive in encouraging businesses and individuals to support our community.

It also means having Commissioners that can be seen to be free of insider influence, who make their decisions and discussions as publicly as possible.

If elected I will be prepared to challenge decisions I believe to be misplaced and would hope to make the activities of the Commissioners more transparent, so others too may raise questions or propose better ways of using resources.

If you want the Commissioners to be more transparent and accountable vote for David Scott on April 18th.

If you have any questions, or need a lift to the polls, you can contact me on 832919.