

**VOTE**



**ELECTION 2016**

**JOE MOONEY**

ST. PETER PORT NORTH



Proposer: Jan Kuttelwascher    Second: Mira Domaille

# My Manifesto

I have decided to stand for election because of the current political climate and the performance of the past government, I feel that I cannot stand by and allow this to continue without making an effort to change the course of events.

If elected, I plan to utilise my life experiences, team and leadership skills within the role. I am a practical, responsible and logical person and can apply a common sense approach. I believe I can make a positive contribution. I strongly believe that the employment of expensive external consultants should be removed from their pivotal role within government and will seek to address this if elected.

I shall endeavour to represent your views at all stages so that we can make decisions that are in the best interest of the Island's future and ones that we can be proud of. I shall also aim to report your views on any future changes proposed to our town while I am in office.

## A bit about Joe

I was born in county Kildare, Ireland. Growing up on a farm I had a keen interest in the outdoors and pursued a career in construction. I worked in various European countries before moving to Guernsey in 1988. Since 1989 I have lived in St Peter Port raised four children and have run a successful business.

I am a keen sports fan with a special interest in horse racing. I enjoy being outdoors, and I am involved with La Vallette restoration project and other environmental projects such as The Halfway. I am or have been a member of the following:

- St Peter Port Douzenier
- La Vallette restoration - Project Manager
- St Peter Port Waste Committee – Acting Chair
- Floral Committee/ Streams
- St Peter Port Amenities Committee
- Art of Living Volunteer
- Involved in 2015 Liberation day Cavalcade
- PTA St Mary & St Michael Primary School
- Guernsey Gaels Association – Membership & PRO

# Education

I Education is a key tool for life and does not start or stop at the school gate.

The current selection process within our schools has become outdated and a fresh approach needs to be taken. I support streaming of children throughout their final two years of primary school to identify their key skills so that they move to a school best suited to their talents, or if support is needed that this is identified and provided as early as possible. Streaming is necessary as we all have different mental and physical abilities and it happens at all stages of our lives whether it is on the sports field or in the office and the classroom is no different. Children should be thought how to think, not what to think and an option to follow an academic or vocational route should be available and equally supported and encouraged.

# Waste

Prevention, re-use, recycle and recovery are central to the waste strategy but in order for this to work economically there must be flexibility between each. The existing Guernsey strategy does not have this flexibility aspect and therefore does not give good value for money.

Our previous States made good progress in educating and promoting recycling. However they have provided no information on costs or evidence to justify the current approach. I believe this should therefore now stop until we know what the costs are and who is paying for it.

I currently hold the position of acting chair on the Parish Waste Committee and I am in the process of forming a Douzaine Island wide waste committee. My aim in doing this is to improve the strength of participation of the Parishes in the waste strategy, as continued unjustifiable cost increases cannot be accepted. We need to develop and adopt an economical and energy efficient way of dealing with our waste and this is now time critical.

# Transport

**Our air-links are expensive.** I believe a key error was made by not extending the runway as part of the refurbishment, which would have enabled low cost carriers to consider Guernsey as a destination. A runway extension needs to be considered to ensure Guernsey is a value for money destination.

**Our sea-links are in two halves.** On the commercial side we are well catered for. We have two purpose made vessels that provide an excellent service.

**On the retail side.** Domestic and holiday travellers are provided with an overpriced, unreliable and inconvenient schedule. These issues can only be addressed in partnership with Jersey. I would push for a date to be set for an acceptable service standard to be achieved. If the company has not reached the standard by that time it must be removed and compensation sought.

# Health

I am amazed to see that Guernsey spent £4.5 million on agency staff in 2015. We need to question why the Health Service as distinct from any of the other service providers on the Island needs such reliance on temporary staff. It should be noted that Jersey Health also employed agency staff in 2015 but they spent only £1.3mil. We need to look at ways of reducing this Agency cost and develop a plan to provide the support and resources in order to attract and retain competent and professional staff so that Guernsey can have the service it deserves.

# Finance

The Finance Industry is a very important and integral part of our economy. This sector employs 23% of the working population and funds up to 40% of our annual spend. The continued success of the financial services industry is critical to Guernsey's ongoing economic performance and I believe more should be done to provide the right environment for this growth and innovation to take place. We should not be complacent as this sector must continue to be a respected and competitive player in an ever changing financial world if we are to hope for its contribution to our economy to continue.

***These are just a few of my concerns.***

***If you wish to discuss any issue please contact me.***

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