

VOTE DAWN CURRY ON DECEMBER 8TH 2022 – LET'S MAKE PORT ERIN EVEN BETTER

November 2022

Dear Port Erin Resident,

I am Dawn Curry and I am standing for election as a local commissioner on December 8th 2022. I am a full time Port Erin Resident of 4 years and have lived in the Rushen area for 18 years. My employment background is in teaching, educational leadership and with children and family services, and currently I run a small, niche bed and breakfast from my home on Bradda East.

What can I bring to Port Erin Commissioners? I am a positive, proactive person; I enjoy bringing people together, grappling with a goal, working through obstacles and pulling a project together. I am passionate about inclusion for all people and will represent you with commitment and hard work. I don't like to take no for an answer when I really believe in something and I don't shy away from changes and new initiatives. I am straight talking but I know when it is important to listen to the community and when to challenge. I don't like to waste time or resources. I cannot promise I can work miracles but I can promise my wholehearted commitment to the role and to representing the residents of Port Erin with integrity and transparency and to give value for money for ratepayers.

I love Port Erin with a passion and have been actively involved in community events such as the Beach Festival and the Community Hop Tu Naa event. I have really enjoyed seeing the latter grow over the past three years and hope you will continue to support it as we develop and evolve. For me, the village has almost everything I need. But I recognise more and more that there is still more potential – we can make it even better, more prosperous, for everyone.

Local Business

Our future success requires creativity and flexibility; I am committed to assisting in any way I can to 'grow' Port Erin, local amenities and events through strengthening relationships and collaborative working with all businesses both in the town and beach area to attract more families and young people. I believe it is the commissioners' duty to work as a proactive partnership with local businesses and traders to ensure Port Erin maximises its full potential by supporting local events and initiatives that enhance the life of the village and promote longer term growth.

Community

The Isle of Man's sense of community is one of its greatest strengths, and inclusivity, where there is care for everyone is key to this. I am committed to working hard to improve areas where we can better represent everyone's needs. Our current bus service is underused and does not meet the needs of all members of the community. I will lobby the Dept of Infrastructure for an additional smaller, 'hopper' bus service to run a daily circular service around the village to include some outskirts such as Bradda and Ballafession, the new glamping site at Reayrt Vradra and the Marine Biological Site; this would have the effect of bringing people into the village more easily, reducing traffic and parking issues and have a positive environmental impact, reducing emissions and carbon output. This could be the forerunner for a future summer park and ride service to reduce the pressure on Shore Road and the Lower Promenade area.

Development

I am a Cosy Nook supporter and believe that the current building could be developed sympathetically with an extension to accommodate a more suitable and accessible space, whilst retaining the original facade. This is of course controversial and not without obstacles. However, I believe it is important we listen to the voices of ratepayers and give the village the restoration and building it deserves. Furthermore, I am in support of the development of the residential home at Spaldrick which will bring a beautiful living space to the island's elderly people and jobs to the area.

The new glamping development and the proposed development at the Marine Biological Site will undoubtedly bring visitors, employment and revenue to Port Erin but this must be balanced with the needs and views of local people with regard to traffic, noise and environmental impact. I will

actively oppose any measures which exacerbate these issues without fully addressing and resolving them.

Beach Access

As a dog lover I would like to see dog bins emptied more frequently and kept in a better state of repair; many have loose lids. Additionally, I would like to see a few more close to the beach as the current wheelie bins used by other beach users, including children, smell foul and are a health risk to others. Extending the times of dog access to the beach to outside of all school holidays; the beach is deserted most of the time during these periods and this would bring people onto the beach and to local businesses for longer periods throughout the year. I agree that the problem of dog waste is difficult and contentious but given that dogs are able to access the beach during other times of day it is irrelevant to this issue and needs to be addressed separately as it affects many areas of the village. We also need to take a more prominent and proactive role in keeping our beaches safe and litter free during peak periods.

Our Young People

We have some lovely green spaces, the beach and playgrounds for our children and young people. However, in my opinion, Port Erin serves its youth poorly. I would like to hear the views of this group on what could be done to support their needs more suitably by Port Erin Commissioners in partnership with local businesses.

Local Housing & Healthcare

I would like to lobby central government on a number of issues which affect the village; the provision of social housing in and around our village should be increased and we also need to put more pressure on developers of new housing to provide more affordable homes for our young families. I would continue to place pressure on central government to bring our roads and pavements to a good state or repair and to maintain this. Finally, I am increasingly concerned about the healthcare provision for local people. The village is growing and in my opinion the provision of GP Surgery appointments and treatment has not expanded to meet this demand. It is time Manx Care and central government considered healthcare in the south of the island.

If you are not registered to vote, please do so before 25th November 2022 at <https://services.gov.im/electoral-register/> The form is pretty straightforward but give me a call if you need help with this or if you would like a lift to the polling station. A vote for me on 8th December is a vote to start making Port Erin even better!

Kind regards,

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VOTE DAWN CURRY FOR:

- ✓A POSITIVE, PROACTIVE APPROACH
- ✓SUPPORTING COMMUNITY AND FAMILY
- ✓WORKING WITH AND FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES
- ✓BALANCING PROGRESS WITH THE NEEDS OF PORT ERIN RESIDENTS
- ✓SAVING THE COSY NOOK
- ✓PROVISION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
- ✓MAINTAINING FOOTPATHS AND ROADS
- ✓LOBBYING CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOR IMPROVED HEALTHCARE SERVICES LOCALLY
- ✓IMPROVED PUBLIC TRANSPORT
- ✓THE CONSERVATION OF OUR LOVELY VILLAGE AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

