My Background

I am Manx born and bred, from an Arbory farming family with generations of farming and fishing connections. I have lived permanently in Port St Mary since 2008. It has been a wonderful community in which to raise our family with two of our children having attended Scoill Phurt le Moirrey.

I have worked in the charitable sector while raising my family, served on the Planning Committee from 2016 to 2021, and have been General Secretary of the Manx National Farmers Union since 2021. These roles have given me valuable experience in governance, negotiation, and representing the interests of others. I understand how Government works, how decisions get made, and the importance of sound financial management and accountability. I will listen, take on board different viewpoints, and always endeavour to seek practical solutions. I am not afraid to tackle difficult problems, ask the questions and see matters through to completion. I believe these are essential qualities for a Commissioner to effectively represent residents and businesses.

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I would represent you

I care deeply about our community, shared heritage and Manx way of life. I will be firm about the issues while remaining respectful towards the people I deal with. I will pursue these priorities and take my responsibilities on the Board seriously.

I welcome your support and the opportunity to serve Port St Mary as one of your Commissioners. Please vote for me on

Thursday 3 December

The East Room
Port St Mary Town Hall
Polling station open **8am to 8pm**

For more information on how to vote contact the returning officer:

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ELECTION MANIFESTO

VOTE FOR

SARAH COMISH

Port St Mary Commissioners



VALUE FOR MONEY AND AN ACCOUNTABLE BOARD

Port St Mary ratepayers deserve good value and a village we can be proud of. If elected, I will represent residents and businesses, make realistic commitments and keep pressing for practical progress.

THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER

8am to 8pm | Port St Mary Town Hall

VALUE & FINANCIAL CARE

Your Rates

I will ask the Board to adopt value for money as a priority. Residents should see what their rates pay for, the options considered, and whether commitments have been delivered.

I recognise the current Board and office team have put in significant work to restore stability. Financial prudence must continue. Town Hall and workshop repairs need thorough costing, urgent work prioritised and other funding explored before relying on ratepayers.

We must plan to retain the Southern Sheltered Housing administration contract and prepare responsibly for any future changes, including any potential effects on staff, services and rates. As experienced staff approach retirement, we need time for them to pass on their knowledge and train replacements for good continuity of services.

Housing Repairs

A priority for Port St Mary Commissioners over the next few years will be the essential repairs and management of public sector housing, and tenants must be kept informed about what will happen and when. I will press Government to make housing deficiency payments on time, and for the Department of Infrastructure to maintain its core local government services, scrutinise loan petitions properly and approve sound applications within reasonable times.

PRACTICAL LOCAL PROGRESS

Prioritising our Village

High Street: I would, with the Board, press DoI to resolve this outstanding matter, establish a realistic start and develop a completion programme. Residents and traders need fair notice of access changes so that trade is not adversely affected and disruption minimised.

Chapel Beach: I support practical, cost-effective options for managing seaweed and improving the beach area and facilities for residents and visitors. I would lobby DEFA to reduce the cost of the licence to remove seaweed.

Town Hall landslip: We must press DoI to confirm tendering is complete, secure necessary funding and complete repairs as soon as possible, with the aim of early spring 2027 so the grassed slope has time to grow and establish.

Play park and Christmas lights: I would work with the Clerk and Board to budget for phased play park replacement and replacement of worn-out streetlight decorations.

Southern Swimming Pool: I support the continued provision of the Southern Swimming Pool as a valuable community facility and efforts to secure its future. It is important to ensure the needs of Port St Mary residents are recognised in any decision making.

Southern Amenity Site and Recycling: We must have responsible waste management and recycling, reducing waste going to landfill. We need to make best use of the site for the community, and ensure any changes to its operations are considered, affordable, and in the best interests of Port St Mary residents.

A VILLAGE WITH A FUTURE

Life in Port St Mary

I want our shops and businesses to have customers throughout the year and new businesses to see a future here. Residents and traders should help define the village's identity, perhaps drawing on our significant fishing and tourism heritage and seaside appeal.

Our facilities should serve residents while welcoming visitors. I will press for Port St Mary to be ready to bid for grant funding for village regeneration, and any new Government initiatives that could improve our local economy.

Accountability

I believe a good Commissioner must be approachable and fair, understand the responsibility of public office and work constructively with colleagues. I support a code of conduct for staff and Commissioners, and the Nolan Principles of public life. I will be open, honest and accountable. I will press DoI and Tynwald members to progress the second stage of local government reform, with a stronger, enforceable code of conduct and standing orders. I oppose any unfunded transfer of services, including under the Island's Waste Strategy. The duties, costs and funding must be set out publicly before the Board agrees to any change.