Commissioners are our elected representatives – they are obliged to act in the interests of the whole community, rather than simply the interests of those with the loudest voices or self interest.

I believe in honest leadership, open communication and responsible decision-making that puts our community first.

We need:

Transparency and accountability over projects;
Protection of village assets for future generations
Community benefit at the heart of decisions about our public buildings and spaces.

How my experience can help the Port - What I can offer -

- **Commercial and financial judgement** - understanding how to protect public money and assess investment.
- **Technical and practical knowledge** - understanding infrastructure, engineering and project delivery.
- **Community commitment** - Understanding people, volunteering, young people, sport and heritage.

I will be an independent-minded Commissioner who listens to residents, asks sensible questions, challenges decisions when necessary and works constructively with fellow Commissioners.

Who is Willam Teare?

Better known as Alan, I am a Port St. Mary resident of 27 years although my family background is Colby and Onchan. My grandmother was Ida who ran the Colby Pump for 70 years.

A retired Civil Engineer and Project Manager with the 13 years before retirement being spent as a senior member of The Treasury's Budget and Policy Team.

I have designed, built or managed major infrastructure works in the Harbour and Village so have firsthand knowledge of the complexity of the Village.

Voluntary positions

- Former Island Commissioner for Scouts
- Vice President of Isle of Man Scouting Association
- Management Board of Rowany Golf Club
- Three Legs of Man Classic Car Rally organiser
- Volunteer Rushen Heritage Centre

So why am I seeking to be a Port St Mary Commissioner?

I am not a Politician but I'm tired of our Village Commissioners being used as a political playground instead of concentrating on the Village!

I have extensive knowledge and experience in Public Administration and Financial Control which can be better utilised for decision making by the Commissioners in the best interests of the Village.

Port St Mary Commissioners by-election

3rd December 2026, 8am - 8pm
Port St Mary Town Hall



VOTE TEARE

My view about the Port St Mary Commissioners.

The Commissioners have a difficult role, not because it is particularly hard but because they have limited resources for the tasks which they can directly undertake and limited support from past Governments for the things that matter in the Village.

This is not made easier by previous Boards squandering large amounts of Village reserves on projects that either never appeared or simply failed!

Enough about the negative past. How can we have a positive future?

Let's look at the strengths of the Village:

- It is a very desirable place to live.
- The Village is tired but is slowly awakening.
- There is a strong community spirit which pulls together.
- There is a good foundation, we just need to make sure it is maintained well for it to evolve.

Limitations for growth

No large-scale development potential - but I'm not sure as residents that we want to emulate the likes of Ballasalla or Peel?

Built on a large tourist industry that no longer exists, we need commerce to service the village and attract investment. The Commissioners cannot directly provide this but can create the quality environment for it to flourish. So, the priority for the Commissioners is to improve and maintain what we have to a high standard. But, this requires resource and with limited ability to generate income it is vital for the future that the Village funds are managed in the most efficient way. I was brought up and started my working career in an environment similar to this. Out of necessity we squeezed the most out of every £ to keep things working and make some available for improvements.

Areas the Commissioners have no direct control over

The Commissioners cannot determine priority for Highways. This has been clearly demonstrated recently. Lobbying has provided limited success but should continue. However, there are more roads in the Village than just the High Street, some in even worse condition and residents on these roads also deserve support. I recently reported subsidence in the road at Primrose Terrace. The DoI did a good job in filling it – but no investigation into the cause. What impact could this have given the adjoining banks and sycamore trees? ---- A landslide in the making?

Areas of Direct Responsibility/Services

Direct control of large areas of public land in the Village for which the Commissioners have an annual maintenance plan which the workforce is diligent in progressing but there needs to be a longer term plan which foresees potential issues with mitigation options identified. The Commissioners should prepare a regeneration proposal and seek every single funding available from central government or maybe commerce, to offset costs to the ratepayers.

I have had Port St Mary Golf Club members expressing their concern that the lease has still not been completed. This puts the long-term future of the club at risk. But more importantly the club use but also maintain 50 acres of Commissioners land which would otherwise be a burden on the ratepayer. This needs sorting.

The Town Hall – this should be a community hub accessible to all.

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