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My full name is Leslie Lucas Alfred Hanson. I was born in the Isle of Man and I was educated at St Thomas' School in Douglas, King William's College in Castletown and the University of Edinburgh Dental School, where I represented the dental faculty for three years on the Student Representative Council.

I have one brother, Mark Hanson who is a retired consultant gynaecologist and resides in Kent. My late father was Eric Reginald Hanson who was the Headmaster of Albert Road School in Ramsey. My late mother was Betty Quirk Hanson, the first woman member of the Legislative Council, both of whom were from Peel.

I have been living in Peel now for 36 years. I have been in dental practice in Peel and Onchan for 36 years. I am patron of Peel and St. John's Cricket Club and a member of Peel Football Club.

In 2012, I became the secretary of a new committee of the Sailors' Shelter in Peel. With the effort of the committee members and a number of helpers, it is now completely refurbished and a very important piece of Peel Heritage has been preserved. It was constructed in the nineteenth century in a period of 40 days and was a focal point for the fishing community in Peel for nearly a hundred years.

**IF YOU REQUIRE TRANSPORT ON
ELECTION DAY PLEASE CALL 842412**

Health

Funds should be prioritized for the health service so when people ring to see a doctor, they see one. When people have to attend Accident and Emergency, it is always fully staffed with qualified people. More clinical staff will have to be recruited. This will require an increase in the Lower Pay Grade so wages are higher than the UK to attract staff to the Island.

Preschool

Liberal Vannin should never have abolished free preschool education and this should be brought back.

It is in the interest of every economy to engage as many economically active people in the workplace so they pay more tax, direct and indirect, to benefit the economy. Liberal Vannin's Economic Policy is totally economically illiterate.

Bus Passes

Bus passes should be introduced for people over 60 and people aged between 60 to 65 should pay a standard fare of £0.50.

TV Licence

The licence should be scrapped.

Universities

The new partial tuition fees should be scrapped.

Doctors, dentists and veterinarians: These courses are longer than a normal three year degree course and therefore cost the student and their parents a lot more money; I would support the funding of the extra years above the normal three year period.

Flats at the Westlands - should not be demolished

It is a well maintained quality building, there is absolutely no need to demolish it.

Breast Cancer

The Marx government should enter into negotiations with a private hospital with a contract to provide surgical and medical services. There should be no waiting times. Speed is of the essence.

Pensions - They Should Be Made Secure Again

The secure pension fund was used to finance the new Noble's Hospital on the solemn promise by the politicians that all the monies would be paid back into the pension fund. This promise has to be kept for the government's integrity within the Island and as a finance centre in the eyes of the rest of the world.

Personal Tax

The personal allowance should be increased to £15,000 a year for lower incomes.

The personal tax allowance for everybody is £10,500. I propose for people with incomes of £20,000 a year or below, the personal allowance should be increased to £15,000. This would then be phased down to the present amount of £10,500. For people on £25,000 to £55,000, there would be no change. The personal allowance would then be phased down to nothing for people earning over £60,000 a year. Anomalies would be prevented by phasing between the bands.

If you're lost, don't worry. Look at the table below:

Income	£15,000.00	£20,000.00	£25,000.00 to £55,000.00	£60,000.00 plus
Present Approx. Tax	£500.00	£1,000.00	No Change	Pay £1,000.00 more than present
Proposed Tax	ZERO	£500.00	No Change	

Security of Resources

With Brexit, we can start with a clean sheet of paper. It is for both industries to put forward their policy on their future

- **Fisheries**

The Isle of Man should declare a 12-mile fishing limit, this is not negotiable. All previous agreements should be ignored.

- **Agriculture**

Within subsidy payments there should be a production element to make it worthwhile for young people to take up farming.

Local Economy

There is a requirement for a policy to increase job opportunities within the Peel area. This requires very little in the way of government finance but could do a lot to help the Peel economy.

- There is potential for the conversion of the factories north of Peel for one-man businesses and workshops
- Peel's second beach at the turn of the 20th century was moved to Douglas, replacing it would not cost much but would be a real boost to Peel's income and status; not just having the best beach in the Island but having the best two beaches
- We have many facilities in Peel which are underutilised and have the potential for the future
- We have one festival in Peel utilising these facilities but I think the closeness of proximity would ideally suit other festivals particularly out of season. Large events outside of the summer season are the way forward.

BREXIT

Quote from a letter written to the Chief Minister from the UK Prime Minister:

'It is right that the crown dependencies are kept informed and offered the opportunities to contribute where it is relevant an appropriate to do so.'

Basically the Isle of Man will be told afterwards what has been decided. This is not acceptable.

All matters that impinged on Isle of Man in negotiations should be placed before Tynwald for their approval in advance.

Renewable Energy

Air turbines, solar heat pumps and hybrid cars.

- All new technology is expensive because very few companies make them
- All new technology tends to have teething problems
- The mass consumer market tends to avoid them

These technologies are no longer new, they are mature and have come of age and are now being mass produced globally. The cost is down and reliability is the same as any other consumer product. Because of this, there is going to be a rapid growth in the use of the systems by the private individual.

What has not been factored in is the fact that banks are now not providing a return on capital. Investing in these technologies is a way of getting a return on capital in the form of reduced energy costs. Assistance in the form of reduced VAT would be a good first step.

MEA - now Manx Utilities

Fifteen years ago the MEA had a business plan to refurbish the whole of the power supply system of the Island and also build a new gas fired power station. This was to be financed by a fibre optic telecom company called Skyward. A fibre optic system was laid to every Electrical Substation and then the signal would then be transmitted to the customer down the earthwire of the three pin plug socket in their homes. Listed below are the potential capabilities of this system.

Copied from a government document:

The opportunities found by the Skyward committee have exceeded all expectations:

- Broadband over MEA power lines to give 2 MHz bandwidth from any 13amp plug in the home, school or office (this at least 10 times faster than the service currently provided over standard telephone wires)
- International telephone calls via the internet at local rates
- Real time video conferencing for Company meetings
- Huge new employment

Quoted from the Select Committee on the Manx Electricity Authority Final Report 155.

'It is apparent that the MEA expected problems with the Communications Commission regarding obtaining a telecoms licence. Mr McCallion in his oral evidence stated that "the Isle of Man Director of Communications stated that he would never – repeat never – issue the MEA with the necessary licensing to enable it to operate"

The reason given by the commissioner was the Government would be competing with a private company.

This is not any Manx or UK legislation I am aware of. If it is EU Competition Law, in light of Brexit we can issue a licence.

As you can see from my letter on the website that I sent to every member of Tynwald at the time, they all knew therefore they are all individually personally responsible for doing nothing.

We elect 24 MHKs, and they are told what to do by an official quoting legislation that doesn't exist in the Isle of Man and yet they say nothing.

If you stooges are elected, you'll get more of the same.

If I am elected, I will do my best to get the system lit up with all the benefits to the economy quoted in the government report plus the income will finance the MEA debt and the price of electricity can be reduced.

Peel Railway Line

The first steam passenger railway line in the Island was laid between Douglas and Peel. My great-grandfather, Lucas who lived in Crown Street in Peel was involved in its construction. Reinstating the railway line is do-able and setting up a charity trust would be the way forward.

A few years ago, the local government proposed a residential development in St John's. Part of the development would have been on the track bed of the Peel and Ramsey railway line. I put an objection in to Planning about this as if it went ahead, the future Peel railway line could never happen. I got the Isle of Man Newspapers to write a half page article and several letters went between myself and LGB.

I wrote out a poster and sent it to Peel Commissioners. Peel Commissioners weren't interested. Eventually an independent planning officer came from across and I was faced with four senior civil servants supporting LGB's planning application and not one other person put an objection in and got it stopped.

I have recently put an objection in about the development of Port St. Mary's Railway Station and it has been upheld.

Asset Stripping

The Marx Government has a duty to balance the financial books by making sure spending does not exceed income. In the last five years, they have shown they are incapable of doing this resorting to asset stripping of the nation's wealth.

Common Purse Agreement Should End...

The Channel Islands have never had a Common Purse Agreement, they never had VAT because the Channel Islands never had Purchase Tax.

The Isle of Man could operate in a similar way to the Channel Islands regarding the indirect taxation.

As far as I am aware, the Government report on what goes where regarding VAT has still not been published.

Passport Control - Stronger borders for better security

To be able to travel by air to the Isle of Man from the UK and vice versa, one has to produce photographic ID at the airport at least once. We have a choice on where we draw a line regarding our security. Do we go down the road of not letting our children out of the house, putting in legislation reducing all individuals' freedoms and rights in the name of security or do we put in place a strict Passport Control regime? The police want it.

Tynwald Committees Should Be Totally Democratic

All Tynwald committees should have only elected Keys members sitting on them, there should be no appointees.

Nodding Donkeys

The government spends too much time rubber stamping UK legislation, which has no real relevance to the Island, 70 – 80% of which comes from Brussels.

Brexit will stop all this.

Football on an International Level

If the Isle of Man could join FIFA, the status and money that would come to the Isle of Man would be significant. 3-4 years ago, I wrote to Seb Blatter, head of FIFA, about having a Manx national squad recognised. Unfortunately, according to the present FIFA rules, only nations who fulfil the democratic criteria recognised by the United Nations can become members. As the Isle of Man is not recognised as a proper national democracy by the United Nations, we cannot become members until such time as we rectify this matter.

Heritage – World Heritage Status

We have the biggest water wheel in the world, the oldest continuously running inter-urban electric tramway in the world, the steepest friction only mountain railway in the world, and that is just our modern heritage. We have some of the finest ancient archaeological sites, perhaps in the world as well.

All nations in the world are allowed to submit so many sites and structures to the United Nations, for them to receive World Heritage status. As the Isle of Man is lumped in with the UK, we do not get our rightful access to the United Nations. Again, we will have to find out from the United Nations what changes we will have to implement in our status to be allowed to submit sites on our own behalf, directly to the UN. Should renovating old buildings attract VAT when new buildings do not?

Legislation

In November 2013, certain legislation was put out for Public Comment which did not comply with international law.

I wrote a letter to Alan Bell plus a copy to every member of Tynwald pointing out that it did not comply with international law. I received no replies.

I then found out that this legislation had been passed.

To ensure it was on record that this legislation was flawed, on 26th June 2014, I wrote to the Head of State and pointed out the UK Government had a constitutional obligation to ensure all legislation passed in the Isle of Man complied with International Law.

I received a reply from the Head of State stating the letter was being referred to the Offices of 10 Downing Street.

I am still waiting for a reply, though I have written several times and received acknowledgements.

Health and Safety has to go

This comes from Brussels. This is another area affected by Brexit.

Iris Scheme

The whole scheme should be reviewed particularly in light of the most recent information.

Sarah's Law

There are a lot of people who support this in the Isle of Man and I think on balance it should be brought in but it would be absolutely pointless without my point above, Passport Control. What's the point in knowing who is here when anyone can walk in!

Immigration Control

If the Manx Government does not have the financial resources to provide healthcare and education to the standard expected by the people already living here, why should we allow any more people in as it will only reduce our standards which are already under threat? It would also protect jobs and wage levels.

Children's Family Rights

It is important for children when they are growing up to have access to both parents and in my view, more importantly for children to have access to grandparents.

Pensions for Government Employees

People applying for government jobs should pay a higher rate towards their pension as part of their job contract. This will prevent any future deficits. This does not have to apply to all types of jobs.

Work Permits - Much Tighter...

... to protect Manx jobs. In previous years permits have been handed out far too freely and this must be changed.

Meet The Ancestors!



FLORRY QUIRK'S WEDDING

Taken in 1909 in the garden of Creggan Ashen farm, Glen Maye (owned by my great-grandfather Thomas Quirk)

From left to right:

Top row Mary Quirk (Florry's sister), Thomas Faragher (Mary Quirk's husband, they farmed Glen Faba farm and mill and they had two sons), Dennis and Malcolm, Mrs. Moore, Caleb Counsell (Licensee of the Waterfall - gentleman with moustache), Anne Counsell (Caleb Counsell's wife), Mr Kelly (Manager of the Waterfall), Mrs Kelly (Manageress of the Waterfall), Willy Seal, Annie Quirk (Florry's sister, married to Radcliffe Karran and they had two sons, Alec and Bernie - lady with large hat), Lisa Camn (Thomas Quirk's wife's sister)

Sitting row Aunt Susan Roe, Thomas Quirk (Florry's father, my great-grandfather), Florry Quirk (The Bride, my grandmother's sister), John Roscoe (The bridegroom from Stockport, they had a son called Jack), Alice Quirk (My grandmother, married to Edward Lionel Lucas who had a draper shop in 33 Michael Street, Pool. They had a daughter called Betty Quirk Lucas and a son Lionel Lucas), Betty Lucas (married Eric Hanson and had two sons, Mark Hanson and myself), Flena Quirk nee Carrin (Florry and her sisters' mother, wife of Thomas Quirk), Edith Quirk (Florry's sister, married to Alfred Wallerworth, They had a son and daughter, Colin and Mary)

Bottom row Tom Counsell, James Roscoe (John Roscoe's brother), Herbert Ford (John Roscoe's friend), Norris Roscoe (John Roscoe's brother), Unknown little girl (Can anyone enlighten me?)

The five Quirk sisters are all in the photograph, the one member missing is their brother, Tom Quirk, who emigrated to Winnipeg, Canada. Approximately 51 years later, Tom Quirk in Winnipeg retired as Head of the Winnipeg Fire Department and came home to visit the Isle of Man for the first time.

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Taken on Douglas Pier in 1960 and appeared in one of the Marx newspapers. Pictured are three of the five Quirk sisters from Florry's wedding photograph, plus their brother Tom, who was not in Florry's wedding photo.

From left to right:

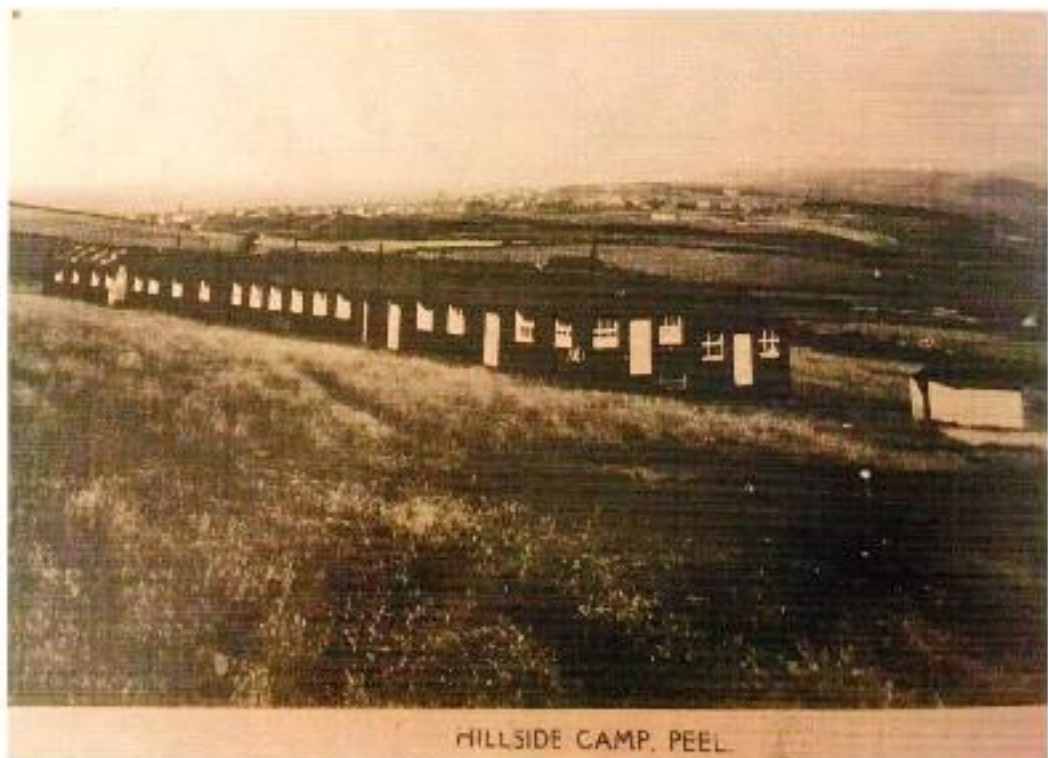
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| Back row | Collin Wattleworth (Edith Wattleworth nee Quirk's son)
Tom Quirk (Quirk sisters' brother from Canada)
Thomas Faragher (Mary Faragher nee Quirk's husband - also pictured in Florry's wedding) |
| Middle row | Mary Faragher nee Quirk
Edith Wattleworth nee Quirk
Margaret Quirk (Tom's Canadian wife)
Alice Lucas nee Quirk
Betty Hanson nee Lucas (Alice's daughter) |
| Front row | Mark Hanson (Betty's son)
Leslie Hanson (Mc!) |

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BETSY LUCAS

Taken in the yard of Wavertree House, Crown Street, Peel. Edward Lucas' mother, my great grandmother. She was a Shimmin from Bridge House, Ballasalla.



HILLSIDE CAMP, PEEL.

The hospital block of Knockaloe was run by my grandfather, Harold Hanson as hillside holiday camp for some years between the wars.

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Taken at Hillside Holiday Camp, Knockaloe (approx. 1932)

Back

Eric Hanson (my father)

Right Front

Leslie Hanson (my father's brother)
Don't know who the other children are, do you?