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Gow-jee my leshtal dy vel eh erriu geashtagh rhym reeshtagh, agh t'eh feer doillee dy jarroo geddyn sleih ta arryltagh shassoo seose as gra red ennagh dy fosley.

Nurree, loayr mee mychione yn ommidjys as yn litcherys jeh'n vyn-reiltys ayns Mannin, va lhiggey da Sostyn cur olk as aggle urree. Er dyn y tra shen, ta shin er chlashtyn olteynyn jeh'n vyn-reiltys shen loayrt mychione seyrnsys Vannin. Shoh yn sleih cheddin va shliee clash toanney ny ben rein Sostyn as craidey mysh seyrnsys as sauchys cour ny Manninee. T'ad kiart gollrish paitchyn millit.

Foddee dy vel red ennagh mee-chooie bentyn rish y cliennoo "Brown" ayns cooishyn politickagh. Cha nod Tony ny Gordon edyr reaghey giense meshtoil ayns thie-imbyl. Shiuish nagh vaik yn feeshag Youtube "Manx Downfall", atreih! T'eh ersooyl nish. Yn ynrican red foddee ny blebbyn mee-hreishteilagh as mee-aghtyl jannoo dy kiart, - shen soie er peiagh erbee ta loayrt nyn oi ny craidey moo ayns Mannin hene.

As ta shen leeideil shin rish ard-aggle ny myn-reiltys ayns Mannin ec y tra t'ayn.

Jarrod-jee red erbee mychione reiltys vee-vunraghtoil. Jarrod-jee ny surranseyen haink magh ass yn treiltys VAT. S'cummey lesh y vyn-reiltys ayns Mannin, yn gortey mooar argidoil eddyr-ashoonagh. Ta peiagh ennagh er screeu red ennagh er y vayr!

Ta shenn vuggane doo da'n vyn-reiltys er aa-hroggal e chione, olk as aggle dy chur urree, er y phabyr naight as er ny meoiryn shee neesht. As c're ta ny sleih gerrymyn ta goll er screeu? "Mannin Aboo" as "Mannin Seyr". Cre'n fa ta greie yn stait goaill aggle roish ny fockleyn shoh? Lhissagh da'n vyn-reiltys geeck da sleih shen y screeu dy oikoil! T'eh foddey ny share na'n voghtynid neu-Vanninagh "Freedom to Flourish". As cha beagh cho costal, my ta.

Agh dy firrinagh, cha n'eeu ny screeunyn shoh mannagh jig red ennagh feeu as farraghtyn ass jiu.

Va Fo Halloo sorch dy heshaght follit as v'ee cur magh barelyn as y lhied da'n theay. Choud's gobbraghey lhiattaghey rish ny ashooneyryn bunraghtoil, gollrish Mec Vannin, va deanyn er nyn gosney. Eer shen, v'eh ro ghoillee dy chummal heose as hug Fo Halloo kione er y troddan dy oikoil 'sy vlein 1975.

Tra v'an troor lane fo raad lesh troddan FSFO, as va ram Manninee cadjin slane er y cheu oc, va kuse dy leih jannoo reddyng fo ennym FSFO agh cha row ad co-obbraghey. Er lhiam, cha row eer fys eddyr oc ny v'ad jannoo. Myr shen, cha vishee yn troddan shen rish musthaa y theay, as cha chosn troddan FSFO monney er lhimmey jeh soilshaghey magh yn ard vee-vaynrys v'ec ny Manninee. Tra va'n troor hene er nyn ngoaill magh, va shen jerrey rish yn troddan.

Ta Mec Vannin er v'eh gobbraghey bunnys rish lhieh cheead bleeaney nish as ta fys mie aym pene dy vel shin er chosney ram reddyng agh ta mee dy bollagh toiggal peiagh erbee ta geearee jannoo ymmyd jeh caggeeaght jeeragh. Tra ta shin fakin yn agh ta Tynvaal gobbraghey myr ard-vuggane dy chur tostid er oltey erbee nagh vel goaill arrane lesh yn un chora, cha nod shin gra dy vel deynlaght ayns Mannin. Shen yn oyr ta kuse jin ayns Mec Vannin mee-arryltagh nyn draa y chur seose dy hassoo rish as cur credjailty rish reiltys nagh vel agh myn-reiltys vee-gheynlagh.

Myr shen, ta mee cheet er-ash da ny peccaghyn ta daaney dy liooar sleih gerrymyn er y bayryn y screeu. Nagh vel ny fockleyn, as yn agh ta sleih smooinghtyn my-nyn-gione, soilshaghey magh dy vel paart dy niart foast tannaghtyn 'sy chengey ain? Beagh yn chaghteraght cho stroshey dy ragh ad er screeu 'sy Vaarle? Tal kuse dy vinniagyn cur cheb da scarrey yn Ghaelg veih ashoonaghys Vannin. Fegooish ashooneyryn Manninagh as ashoonaghys Vannin, cha beagh yn Ghaelg foast ayn. Cur jee cooinaghtyn er shen.

Tra vees sleih gerrymyn ashoonagh ry-akin ayns Poyll Roish as 'sy Vretnee, 'sy Ghaelg ny 'sy Vaarle, eisht, oddysmayd gra dy shicky dy vel musthaa yn theay ayn. Dy row eh.

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Mec Vannin Policy Summary

After all these years, it's easy to forget that many people don't actually know Mec Vannin's policies. Here's a much abridged version

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To achieve national independence for Mann as a sovereign state, based on a republican form of government.

To further and safeguard the interests of Mann.

To protect the individual and collective rights of its people.

CONSTITUTION

A written Constitution is a necessity.

Tynwald would be retained, but headed by a President elected by direct universal suffrage. Whilst Tynwald may still comprise two houses, there would be no non elected members to these houses. Election to the Legislative Council would be by popular vote. As all "Crown" appointments are abolished, Tynwald and the President would take sole responsibility for National Government.

All Tynwald members would be required to publicly declare their financial interests and external affiliations.

The Manx Government would take direct responsibility for its international affairs and negotiate its own relationship with the E.U.

Local Authorities would be retained with full power to manage their own affairs.

MANX NATIONALITY

Manx nationality must be defined by legislation and a Manx passport introduced. Whilst all residents would be eligible for Manx citizenship upon the introduction of legislation, subsequent new residents could only become citizens after due process of naturalisation. Only Manx Citizens would be eligible to vote or to stand for representative public office.

POPULATION

Policies to control the size of the population are essential for the achievement of economic, ecological and cultural sustainability. The rapid and unnatural population increase, due to an open door policy on immigration, has increased the burden on the island's infrastructure and environment whilst eroding the fabric of community life. As a result.

A careful balance between population, infrastructure and environment must be maintained to ensure the long term viability of the Island's economy, ecology and quality of life.

FISCAL

The independent government would establish a National Manx Bank.

Taxation. Mec Vannin is not committed to a single taxation rate, but believes that there should be a sliding scale and a tax on speculative gains.

The independent Manx Government would exercise the right to determine indirect taxation, including V.A.T. This necessitates the cessation of the Customs and Excise Agreement with the UK

Rates. The system of Local Authority rating should be maintained with the opportunity for Grant Support from Central Government.

ENVIRONMENT

Protection of the environment should become a primary concern of the Manx Government, and all decisions should be made in the light of this concern. We must acknowledge that there is a finite limit to the economic, social and ecological demands that our environment can support. Mec Vannin proposes that our economic redevelopment should be based upon the principle of sustainable economic growth commensurate with our small size and natural population level.

Green-field development must be an absolute last recourse.

Natural resources should only be exploited with greatest consideration to environmental impact, long term viability and primary benefit to the Manx people.

Specific measures include: Development of renewable energy sources to reduce dependence on fossil fuels. An end to the discharge of raw sewage into the Irish Sea. The entire emphasis of waste management to be switched to recycling and the reduction of waste at source. The introduction of clean air legislation to substantially reduce atmospheric discharges from all sources. Energy conservation to be given high priority and be built into planning legislation.

FINANCE SECTOR

Mec Vannin remains fundamentally opposed to the presence of the international finance industry in Mann. We believe it to be morally dubious for both ourselves and for its effects upon the Third World.

From an economic standpoint, we do not

believe that reliance upon this transient industry will secure our long-term future.

EMPLOYMENT

The independent government would pursue a National Policy as opposed to a regional policy on employment. Employment opportunities and post educational training should opportunities for our native talent, within a diverse economy.

In support of this, Mec Vannin supports a stricter Work Permit legislation and enforcement.

Mec Vannin believes that there is an on-going need to democratise industry and conditions of employment. A tripartite system between Government, Employers, and Trade Unions should be established for the formulation, application and enforcement of employment legislation.

Employment legislation in this case is to include:

Contracts of Employment

Unfair dismissal and redundancy measures,

Health and Safety at Work Legislation

Mec Vannin supports legislation to ensure equal pay and opportunity, rights of free association and a statutory minimum wage.

INDUSTRY

Mec Vannin would encourage industries that:

- * Supply the home market, thus stimulating the domestic economy.

- * Make most efficient use of local resources.

- * Do not require large volume transport to and from the Island, thus cultivating "high-tech" industries.

- * That provide employment opportunities for predominantly Manx workers. Assistance should be readily available for those who need to train off the Island.

Mec Vannin supports the aims of the Industrial Common Ownership Movement and would encourage the setting up of co-operatively run businesses in Mann through grant aid and advice services.

Monopolies should be discouraged by legislation and, where they are unavoidable, subject to independent regulatory bodies.

Mec Vannin Policy Summary Continued

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING

We must increase our self sufficiency with improved land utilisation and co-ordination between the Government and the industry. Particular consideration should be given to increasing the effectiveness of the marketing societies in respect of promotion and long term planning for the industry. There should be greater opportunities for youth to enter the industry and stricter controls on the conversion of agricultural land to "palatial gardens" and "Gentleman's estates".

As such, the Party opposes the "Care in the Countryside" policy

Forestry. A long-term policy of reforestation, using native broadleaf species, for certain uplands should be adopted, improving the environment

Fishing is still a viable part of the economy, provided that our fishing grounds are adequately protected. This will entail securing full control over our territorial waters to the median line.

Strictly enforced conservation measures combined with measures to ensure that all fish caught in Manx waters are landed at Manx ports would encourage investment in fish processing businesses within the Island..

TOURISM

Mec Vannin believes that this industry can be revitalised, though it is necessary to acknowledge the economic and social reasons for its decline. The relative costs of travel to and from Mann and new trends in the tourist industry suggest a move towards "specialist holidays". By presenting and promoting the unique characteristics of Mann - our history language culture, archaeology, ecology and scenery - and developing facilities for "theme holidays", tourism can be re-established as a consistent element of the Manx economy.

EDUCATION

The historically proven concept of

comprehensive, small scale and community based education is considered by Mec Vannin to be the most effective form of education for the Island. Mec Vannin is also committed to the principal of free education for all age groups.

Policies include : The provision of government funded pre-school nurseries. Small sized classes in schools which allow for greater individual attention. The provision of an extensive careers advisory service throughout education. The establishment of a Manx University catering for both Manx students and fee paying students from elsewhere. Village schools should be preserved and their role as centres of community life developed.

In keeping with our policies on language and culture, Mec Vannin considers it vital to facilitate the provision of a comprehensive Manx Studies course in primary, secondary and further education.

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

The Manx language and culture must be actively supported and developed both in education and every-day life by the government.

Mec Vannin is not aligned with any language society or grouping.

HEALTH

There should be a single, free health service for all citizens, provided according to need. Community nursing and health care facilities should be maintained and developed as a necessary element of the Manx National Health Service. Mec Vannin is further committed to the provision of our own nurse training centre. We propose rationalisation of the health service by reducing the burden of bureaucracy upon the medical staff and reducing material costs by encouraging the use of generic rather than "brand name" drugs and consumables.

SOCIAL SERVICES

It is the responsibility of Government to provide a wide range of benefits in order to relieve the pressures on those who, through no fault of their own, cannot achieve an agreed minimum income.

SOCIAL ISSUES

Civil Liberties. Mec Vannin supports the individual's right of to petition the European Court regarding human rights, and further to this, a Manx Bill of

Rights should be introduced. The Prevention of Terrorism Act and Criminal Justice Acts have gone too far in eroding civil rights and liberties

We propose the introduction of a Freedom of Information Act, and that the activities of the police should be monitored by an independent body. Members of sectarian organisations should be excluded from the police force and judiciary. Judicial procedures should be speeded up to minimise delays for remand prisoners and we support the Rehabilitation of Offenders legislation.

The housing market should be regulated to protect the right of Manx people to acquire housing in their own country, to stabilise the housing market and protect homeowners from negative equity.

Mec Vannin supports the concept of voluntary euthanasia under a strictly controlled legal structure.

We support the concept of civil partnerships.

TRANSPORT

There should be an increased investment in public transport with the introduction of a cheap fares policy and more frequent services, coupled with the positive discouragement of the superfluous use of private motor vehicles in order to save energy, reduce pollution and traffic congestion. We further propose the establishment of a National Policy to protect the Manx Rail System (steam, electric and horse tram) as a vital element of our transport and tourist industries. It must also become a matter of government policy to regain a controlling share in the I.O.M.S.P.Co. and to either gain a controlling interest in an existing air-passenger service operator or establish a state-backed operation.

MEDIA

Our society's perception of itself and its current affairs are in the hands of the media. Consequently a healthy independent media will ensure a healthy perception of the society. An independent commission should be established to issue and enforce a code of practice.

With specific reference to radio, it must be seen that this has come to provide an indispensable service to the community, and should be licensed with certain terms and conditions that must be met by the licensee, such as news coverage, and cultural support.

END

Yn Arrane Ashoonagh The National Anthem

O Halloo nyn dooie
 O Chliejeen ny s' bwaai
 Ry gheddyn er ooir aalin Yee
 Ta dt' Ardstoyl Reill-Thie
 Myr Baarool er ny hoie
 Dy reayll shin ayns seyrnsys as shee.

O land of our birth
 O gem of God's earth
 O Island so strong and so fair
 Built firm as Barrool
 Thy throne of Home Rule
 Makes us free as thy sweet mountain air.

Lhig dooin boggoil bee
 Lesh annym as cree
 As croghey er gialdyn y Chiarn
 Dy vodmayd dagh oor
 Treishteil er e phooar
 Dagh olk ass nyn anmeenyn 'hayrn.

Then let us rejoice
 With heart, soul and voice
 And in the Lord's promise confide
 That each single hour
 We trust in His power
 No evil our souls can betide.

Glossary and Précis of Manx Oration

myn-reiltys	petty government
clash toanney	posterior cleft
thie imbyl	brewery
gortey	famine
sleih gerrym	slogan
troddan	campaign
troor	threesome
deynlaght	democracy
minniag	diminutive person / thing

The politicians who now talk about independence are the same people who have previously fully embraced English rule.

Unconstitutional government, the debacle of the VAT agreement and international economic crisis are now of secondary consideration to the government in the Isle of Man: Someone has been writing on the roads.

Fo Halloo was an underground grouping of the 1970s that published "The Manx Free Press". This paper exposed the corruption and self-serving nature of many public figures of the time.

Given the sentiments expressed in the slogans, "Mannin forever" and "Independent Mannin", the government ought to pay someone to do this officially, that being far better and less costly than the "Freedom to Flourish" nonsense.

FSFO were the ambiguous title letters used primarily by "Yn Troor" during the late 1980s campaign of slogan daubing and occasional arson attack

Previous covert campaigns by nationalist groupings have ultimately stumbled but people cannot be blamed for taking direct action when the government in the Isle of Man is so openly undemocratic and intolerant of opposition. When we see nationalist slogans in Pulrose and the Bretney, we can say that the Manx community is rallying.

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