

I am a recent convert to the Liberal Democrats as a life long Conservative I had believed this best represented my moderate middle ground beliefs.

This , in my opinion, has changed and in spring 2019 I joined the Liberal Democrats the natural home for the moderate voter.

I'm passionate about politics and I believe that my background, not only in politics, but my extensive experience in business and running companies gives me a unique insight into the minds of those that lean towards the centre of British and Scottish politics whether that be from the right of the Labour Party or as in my case the left of the Conservative Party.

I strongly believe our future as a party lies in the middle ground and with the Labour Party moving to the left and the Tories moving to the right our electoral opportunities have rarely been better. After all the middle ground represents the majority of voters.

To summarise my initial thoughts I would state the following:-

1. We must focus on the voters not just our members.
 2. We must change the perception that we are a protest party and could indeed be a main stream party.
 3. We must stop apologising and constantly justifying past positions, be more aggressive and forthright- no more the "cuddly party"
 4. We must have realistic and workable positions on all the key policy issues such as the N.H.S. along with both social care and mental health issues. Education and Law and Order.
 5. On green issues I would combine the need for environmental protection with living standards as we mustn't just sound good we must take the voters with us.
 6. On the overriding constitutional issue we must actively resist IndyRef 2.
- In conclusion I would say I am single minded and will direct all my efforts into "WINNING" I am not backward in coming forward and will always be forthright in my opinions and ideas. In saying that, however, I am a team player and believe that being united, just like Britain, is the only way forward to being able to achieve our goals, aims and aspirations.

I look forward to serving on the Policy Committee.

Charles M Hogarth

George R. Wilkes



Scottish Policy Committee

I am standing for the policy committee because I am keen that we have an ambitious manifesto for 2021. I want to work on ensuring we build a still stronger policy process which matches up to the challenges we face, and which is vibrantly inclusive.

I was a student member of the SDP, and have been a party member since 1990. At Cambridge and now at Edinburgh university, I have taught and published on politics and international relations, on British attitudes to the European institutions, on ethics in conflict, and on uses and abuses of religion in conflict and peacebuilding.

I have worked with human rights, humanitarian and peacebuilding initiatives, and led on policy for an NGO working on refugee education (Relief and Reconciliation for Syria).

I helped to create and run the multi-partner Edinburgh Peace Initiative, and I am on the board of an after-school club.

My wife and I have lived in Edinburgh since 2005, and we are parents of two daughters at primary school.

Fellow members will find I am a keen and approachable team player. Please feel free to email me at grw1000@gmail.com.

Policy Committee

VOTE FOR JANE PICKARD



- Mental Health Counsellor, Adults and Young people, private practise & voluntary sector
- Law and politics LLB, lifelong interest in social policy and impact.
- Financially literate: Career as Investment manager skills in macro and micro economic knowledge
- Life experience living in Japan and Switzerland informing a fresh eye on assumptions around tax, national identity, environmental policies and immigration.
- Parent, with all that particular experience entails including hearing the multiple voices of another generation!
- Liberal. values informed from multiple personal life experiences and current work.
- Available with time , energy and motivation to fight for the liberal voice to be heard
- Ambitious to facilitate all to reach their human potential.

My name is John Baxter from Stevenston, North Ayrshire and I'm 72 years old, divorced and have 3 grown up children, 2 daughters and 1 son and have run my own business for the last 51 years, the last 42 years as a Jeweller initially with a high street store in Saltcoats and since

2002 trading only online. I've walked the West Highland Way, climbed the Three Peaks and over the last 17 years I've travelled extensively mostly in Europe but have also visited the USA, Australia and New Zealand and these trips have been a great source of inspiration and education

to me.

Until I joined the Liberal Democrats in 2017 and Brexit I was a floating voter but shared the Lib Dems stance on the Iraq war and thought our party didn't get the credit we deserved when in coalition for helping stabilize the economy and for preventing

Conservatives from implementing far right policies causing unnecessary suffering.

We all have a part to play and if we have the correct policies on climate change, health, education etc that we can grow our party and provide the electorate with a QUALITY choice up to and at the next election. If you give me your support and nominate me I'll work with the other

members of the Scottish Policy Committee to give us the Policies that will help us gain success at the ballot box.

Elect John Ferry to the Scottish Policy Committee



At a glance...

Established and led the Liberal Democrats Scottish Borders Policy Forum

Well read avid follower of government policy in Scotland, the UK and abroad

Record of moving policy motions and speaking at conference

Former party convenor for Midlothian South, Tweeddale & Lauderdale, and parliamentary candidate for Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale & Tweeddale

Dear Colleagues,

I believe I can bring fresh thinking and a professional approach to to being a member of the Scottish Policy Committee. With my background as a financial journalist and now in public relations, I am adept at getting to grips with complex subject matter quickly, and then formulating ways to respond and communicate on the back of it.

My areas of expertise are economics and finance – areas that are rising in importance in Scotland with the new fiscal powers now sitting at Holyrood.

I established and led the Scottish Borders Policy Forum, which, for example, took the lead on creating our policy on establishing a Scottish Office of Budget Responsibility.

I can't wait to get stuck in. Please give me your backing.

John



A bit on my background:

I run my own media and communications advisory business, specialising in the financial sector.

I was a financial journalist for 10 years

I graduated from St Andrews University in 1998 with a degree in economics

My areas of expertise are economics and finance

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Julia Brown for the Scottish Policy Committee



Hello Colleagues

This is the first time I have applied to join one of our committees and I would really appreciate your support.

I am passionate about helping people access opportunity and have the ambition to make what we do in our country the envy of the world.

- Scientist with successful track record in designing and managing research programmes for industry and public sector
- Strategist who has developed action plans for growth in partnership with business and government
- Champion for young and vulnerable people

In my professional career I have managed research and development programmes in the healthcare industry and established a start-up company. I have developed strategies in partnership with business leaders, academic institutes and politicians to support the growth of Scotland's high value manufacturing industries.

I am an active Board member of two charities who work with refugees and the young homeless.

I am a former school governor, a parent of three students and live in a rural community with two dogs.

I would love to apply my creativity, energy and common sense to help develop policies that the public can really engage with.

Please support my application to join the policy committee.

Thank you so much!

Julia

Matthew J Pumphrey
Lib/Dem Manifesto

1. I have lived near Dalbeattie, Dumfries and Galloway, since 1981. My wife, whom I married in 1976 comes from Dumfries and has lived here most of her life albeit that we met in Edinburgh.
2. I was born in 1946 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and studied law at Edinburgh University between 1965 and 1968. I became a solicitor in 1970 and practised first in Edinburgh and thereafter in Dumfries.
3. We bought a farm in 1989 and I have spent most of my spare hours tinkering about on it. We have Longhorns. I finally retired from being a solicitor in 2018. I had many part time appointments including being a Tribunal Judge, sitting on the Pharmaceutical Practices Committee, being a member of Dumfries and Galloway Health Board, and being clerk to two Fishing Boards – one of which I am still Clerk to.
4. Currently I am involved in various non-paid activities such as being Treasurer of the Dalbeattie Lawn Tennis Club, a member of the Colvend Community Council, a member of the Christ Church Dalbeattie vestry, a member of the Loreburn Bridge Club, Dumfries and helping to set up a charity in Balmaghie (near Castle Douglas)
5. I have not always voted Liberal or Lib/Dem but have done so in the last 10 years or so. I only became a member of the party in 2016 after what I considered to be the complete fiasco of the European Referendum. I was very disappointed that, despite having an excellent candidate for the 2019 General Election, the party did poorly here in Galloway and were squeezed between those who wanted to vote Conservative to keep the SNP out and those who voted SNP to air their views about Brexit. Voting LD was simply regarded as a wasted vote. I joined a group by the name of EMiS which was quite active but nevertheless preferred to encourage people to vote SNP albeit they were opposed to Independence. Fortunately they eventually agreed that their written material should allow people to vote anything other than Conservative if they were not enamoured of the idea of voting SNP.
6. I think it is very important for the Party to have policies which are easy to understand, make economic sense and are distinct from other parties' policies where that is appropriate.
7. I would hope that my background and experience may prove useful for the Party to consider me as eligible for the Policy Committee.



Thomas Prag

Policy Committee

A bit of background:

- Voted liberal or Lib Dem for more than 50 years - liberal values instilled by my tolerant german parents.
- Professional life mostly in the radio business - including setting up and running Moray Firth Radio for 20 years.
- Scottish member of the Radio Authority, chair of Scottish Ofcom advisory committee and countless local organisations ...
- Joint owner of a consultancy and NGO working in Africa , Afghanistan and elsewhere for 15 years or so
- Highland Councillor for 10 years - including stint as chair of planning and development
- Recently led the merger of 3 highland parties to create Highland Liberal Democrats -where I am currently convener

Why Policy?

- Without imaginative, yet sensible policies we are nothing.
- I call myself a **'radical pragmatist'** - not a bad description for what I believe many of us are at heart. We challenge society with new solutions to old problems - but not just for the sake of it - it has to be do-able.
- We sometimes get our underwear in a twist (is that allowed?) over nuances and issues which voters don't care about.



- Simple issues, simply expressed.
- I will do my best to influence policy making and policy campaigning to be user friendly (no point in a policy you cant 'sell' on the doorstep)

VOTE Xabier Cid

for member of the Policy Committee

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I am your candidate if

- ✳️ You want to have a say in the making of the party policies, in particular those policies that are closer to your heart
- ✳️ You think that our strength is our diversity
- ✳️ You want policies that promote public participation and engagement
- ✳️ Your main worries are personal freedom and climate emergency.



Very few people knows me in the party. I am not running to become popular, but to make your ideas count in our policies. We have a geographically structured party (which is fine), but I feel we are not reaching our potential.

We lack the structure to empower members to share their best ideas in the areas they know better. Our colours may be yellow & black, and yet **we are missing the knowledge of the hive**. My mission in this Committee will be precisely to open our policy-making process to all of you: you have wisdom, interest and passion about particular topics and policies. We need to create the channels, we have to reach out, and we have to be **transparent**.

We may also need eye-catching policies to win elections. But more important still is to create a more open society and to put our **Liberal values** at the centre of public debate, from local councils to Holyrood. We will do this with ideas **based on evidence** and with your **creativity**.

I ask you to vote for me to make the process of policy-making **more participative**.



Who I am

I have a long experience helping companies in the private sector get their narrative right. That requires active listening, but also shaping and structuring other people's ideas • European 🇪🇺 • Living in Scotland for 14 years • Worked in different areas, from journalism to tourism, from sport to project and company advisory • Passionate about active travel and climate emergency • Committed to diversity (🏳️🌈+) • Feminist