

## **BROWN, James Anthony**

### **Personal**

**Born:** 5th January 1950

**Parents:** Len and Margaret Brown

**Education:** Victoria Road Primary, Castle Rushen High School

**Family:** Married to Rachel (née Smith) 1979, 1 daughter and 1 son

**Career:** Electrician, Isle of Man Electricity Board 1965-80; Electrical contractor 1980-8; Proprietor Tony Brown Electrics, Castletown 1981-2010



**Public Service:** Castletown Commissioners 1976-81 (*Vice-Chairman*, 1977-79 and *Chairman* 1980-81), Castletown May Day Committee 1979-83, Castletown and Malew Elderly Persons Committee 1978-86, IOM Municipal Association Executive Committee 1979-81, Southern Health Care Committee 1981-date, Southern Swimming Pool Authority 1982-86, Castletown Chamber of Trade and Commerce 1982-date, Manx Foundation for the Physically Disabled 1982-87, Castletown Youth Club Management Committee 1980-84, Rushen Round Table 1980-84, Castletown Heritage 1998-date, Castletown Commissioners "2000" Executive Committee 1998-2000, Castletown Town Commissioners "2000" Memorial Committee 1998-2000; *Associate Member:* Royal British Legion Castletown Branch 1994-date; *ex officio Member:* Castletown Heritage Committee 1987-date; *President:* Castletown Chamber of Trade and Commerce 1987-date, Castletown and District Over 60's Club 1984-date; *Vice-President:* Castletown Rifle Club; *Chairman:* Castletown and District Over 60's Club 1990-date, Queen Street Mission Trustees 1994-date, Castletown Commissioners "2000" Community Events Committee 1998-2000; *Patron and Chairman:* Castletown Festival Committee 1981-93 and 1997-date; *Patron and Member:* Castletown Festival Committee 1993-97

**Interests:** Motor cycle racing, heritage, history, photography

### **Parliamentary Profile**

Member of the House of Keys for Castletown 1981-2011

### **Parliamentary Career**

*Minister:* Health & Social Security 1986-89, Local Government and Environment 1989-94, Tourism and Leisure 1994-96, Transport 1996-2001, Chief Minister 2006-11

*Chairman:* Government Property Trustees 1983-86, TT Co-ordinating Committee

1995-96, Island Games 2001 Bid Committee 1995-96, Manx Heritage Foundation 2001-06, Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons' Committee 2002-06, Council of Ministers Manx National Economic Development Committee 2006-10

*Member:* Assessment Board 1981-83, Highway and Transport Board 1981-83, Local Government Board 1981-86, Tourist Board 1981-86, Year of Sport Executive Committee 1984-85, Whitley Council 1992-96, Manx Museum and National Trust 2001-06, Vice-Chairman 2002-06, Police Advisory Group 2002-06

*Parliamentary Posts:* Deputy Speaker of the House of Keys April 2000-01, Speaker of the House of Keys November 2001-06, re-elected 2006 and then resigned 2006 for nomination for Chief Minister, Deputy President of Tynwald January 2002-06, Tynwald representative to the British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body 2005-06, Member of the British Irish Council 2006-11

*Committees of Tynwald:* Boards' Responsibilities 1983-86, Tynwald Ceremony Arrangements 1983-86 and 2001-06, Population Growth 1985-86, Petition for Redress 1985-86, Fire Precautions 1988-90, Declaration of Members' Interests 1990-91, Joint Committee on the Remuneration of Crown Officers 1987-96, Petition for Redress Paul J Hilary Fletcher 1997, Manx Patriots Committee 1997-2001, IOM Steam Packet Committee 1998-99, Ecclesiastical Committee 2000-01, Members' Pension Management 2001-06, Tynwald Honours 2002-06, Constitutional Matters 2002-06, Economic Initiatives 2003-06, Standing Orders of Tynwald 2001-06, GP Out of Hours Services 2003-04, Tynwald Standards and Members' Interests 2003-06, Tynwald Setting Enhancement 2001-06, Tynwald Management 2001-06, Tynwald Management 'Wedding Cake' Sub-committee 2001-06, Joint Committee on Emoluments of Certain Public Servants 2001-06, Reduction of Standing Committees 2002, Membership of the Expenditure and Public Accounts Committee 2002, Membership of the Committee on Scrutiny of the Expenditure and Public Accounts Committee Functions 2003-06, Tynwald Ceremony Sub-committee on Procedural Matters 2004-06, Manx Electricity Authority Committee 2005-06, Member of the Tynwald Joint Committee on Emoluments of Certain Public Servants 2006 (*eo*), Members' Pension Management 2006-11 (*eo*), Tynwald Ceremony Arrangements 2006-11 (*eo*)

*House of Keys' Committees:* Consultative 1987-97 and 2002, Standing Orders 1991-96 and 2001-06, Control of Employment (Amendment) Bill Committee 1982-83, Shop Hours (Repeal) Bill Committee 1982-85, Public Passenger Vehicles Bill Committee 1984-85, Caravans Bill Committee 1985, Landlord of Tenants Bill Committee 1988-89, Management and Members' Standards 2003-06, Constitution (Legislative Council)

Bill Committee 2003-04, Select Committee on the Cheshire Constabulary 2005-06

*Council of Ministers' Committees:* Population Committee 1988-89, Social Issues 1987-89, Brewery Industry Committee 1989-90, Countryside Committee 1988-90, Population Committee 1989-96, Legislative Scrutiny Committee 1994-01, Mann 2000 Committee 1994-96, Manx National Economic Development Committee 1994-96, Alleviation of Unemployment Committee 1991-96, Economic Development Committee 1994-96, Social Issues Committee 1997-01, Island Wide Economic Development Committee 1997-98, Ministerial Appointments Committee 1997-02, Arts Council Membership Selection Committee 1995-96, Mann 2000 Events Committee 1998-00, Review of the Powers of the Chief Constable Committee 1998, Review of Gaming Law Committee 1999, Review of Future of Legislative Council Committee 2000, Tax and Benefits Committee 1999-00, Planning Process Review Committee 1999, Silverdale Car Park Committee 1999, Manx National Economic Development (*eo*) 2010-11, Energy, Climate Change and Marine Spatial Planning (*eo*) 2006-11

*Chairman:* Employment Committee 1987-89, Population Committee 1988-89, Administration Committee 1992-96, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary United Nations Committee 1994, Committee to Commemorate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of the Second World War 1995, TT Safety Committee 1997-98, Manx Heritage Foundation Selection Committee 1995-96, Noble's Hospital Administration Committee 1986-87, Ballamona Hospital Administration Committee 1986-87, Economic Development Committee 2006-10, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 2006-10, Executive Coordination Steering Group 2006-10, Business Change Steering Group 2006-11, Constitutional and External Relations 2006-11, Governance 2006-11, Promoting the Island's Future (PIF) 2006-11, Regeneration Steering 2006-11, Social Policy 2006-11

### **Electoral History**

First stood and elected as Member of the House of Keys for Castletown in 1981. Re-elected in 1986, 1991 unopposed, 1996, 2001 unopposed and 2006, did not seek re-election in 2011

### **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association**

*Joint President:* 2001-06

*Member:* Isle of Man Branch Executive Committee 2006-11 (*eo*)

Visits to Westminster 1982 and 1992, Faroe Islands 1997, Brussels 1999, Wilton Park 2002; Regional Conference: Cyprus 1985 and Gibraltar 1986; Plenary Conference Barbados 1989, Cyprus 1993, Jersey/United Kingdom 2000

**Political Interests:** General