

HANSON, Betty Quirk (1918 - 2008)
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Personal details

B 23 November 1918 Peel; *dau* of Edward Lionel Lucas; *m* (1948) Eric R Hanson (d 1982); 2 *s*; *d* 2008.



Education and qualifications

Peel Clothworkers' School, Douglas High School for Girls, Avery Hill College (London), Liverpool College of Art.

Career

Schoolteacher; non-Tynwald member Board of Education 1971-74.

Local Authorities, Public Bodies, charities etc

Founder Chairman, Multiple Sclerosis Society (IOM Branch); *Vice-President* Legion Players; *Committee Member* IOM Drama Federation; formerly Mothers Union Representative in Diocese for Social Responsibility; *President* Manx Council of Women 1985-95, *President* five years, *Executive Member*, one of two *Vice-Presidents* to date World Manx Association; *Member* of several women's organisations.

Parliamentary Career

MHK (*West Douglas*) 1974-82 (*Ind*); MLC 1982-88, (first elected woman member).

Government Posts: *Chairman*, Board of Education 1976-81, Board of Consumer Affairs 1981-88, Arts Council 1982-88, Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Committee 1983-88; *Member* Health Services Board 1974-81, *Vice-Chairman* 1984-86; Manx Museum and National Trust 1976-81, Local Government Board 1981-86.

Committees of Tynwald: Millennium 1977-79 (*Chairman*), Ecclesiastical 1976-88, Population Growth and Immigration 1979-81, Selection 1976-81, Chronically Sick and Disabled 1978, Petition for Redress 1980, Declaration of Members' Interests 1981-83, Remuneration of Crown Officers 1987-88.

Council Committees: Standing Orders 1982-88; *Vice-Chairman* Noble's Hospital Administration Committee; *Member* Whitley Council 1974-81, Planning Appeals Tribunal 1974-76, Income Tax Commission 1974-76.

Keys' Committees: elected member Court of University of Liverpool 1976-82.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Attended Plenary Conference Kenya 1983, Regional Conference Westminster 1977, Guernsey 1978, Visit to Westminster 1982.

Interests

Historical research, theatre, music, painting, travel.