## Vik Senterparti

## - for the people - for more people

### If not Vik Senterparti - Who?

If not now – When?

Senterpartiet believes that Vik municipality must continue to stand on its own two feet, and will conduct a genuine policy and take measures to ensure that the goals of our independent municipality is safeguarded.

Population development is the biggest challenge for Vik municipality. Vik Senterparti is convinced that fundamental changes must take place in order to create realistic hopes for Vik municipality as part of the future.

We believe in a coordinated and targeted policy where the municipal council's decisions underpin each other and lead us in the right direction. It is the sum of many political changes that can create a positive development in Vik municipality.

In this election program, we will tell you more about our thoughts and measures in the coming years. All measures and tasks must aim to create optimism, confidence in our in the future and enthusiasm in the entire municipality.

Senterpartiet will NOT put the closure of the municipality on the agenda. Should it still be discussed, the party's position is completely clear. Municipal mergers must be voluntary, based on thorough analysis and be decided by referendum.

#### Measures

Give high priority to the new community-part of the municipal plan. Include good measures for positive development in the plan, e.g., moments from our program under the headings:

- The municipality exists for us.
- A childhood friendly culture!
- Transportation.
- Tourism and destination development.
- Health and care.
- Democracy and organizational development.

## The municipality exists for you

Senterpartiet wants the residents of Vik to always experience the municipality as an open and accessible team player and the residents their most important partnership. Senterpartiet's effort must aim to make Vik municipality the most attractive place to live.

#### Measures

- Re-introduce the service center and have an open switchboard during normal working hours.
- Revise the fee rates for case management and other fees.
- Investing in a rural development agreement with the State, an arrangement where district municipalities receive funds for targeted development.
- Consider applying for status as a free municipality. Such a status gives the opportunity to try out arrangements that currently lack a legal basis.
- Introduce a locally anchored municipal procurement and tendering strategy. introduced.
- Cooperation with the Association Fortidsminneforeninga on a joint position within cultural management.
- Focus on decentralized integration, a la the Gloppen model, where immigrants have been abundant.
- Secure arrangements to look after and develop cultural buildings and churches in the municipality.
- Argue that the municipality takes over all organizational responsibility for the coordination of culture and leisure facilities in the municipality.
- Establish a guarantee fund for carrying out major cultural events under voluntary guidance.
- Promote Vik municipality as an arena for festivals.
- Vik municipality must take the lead and be a role model by using Nynorsk in all communication with users and the wider world! This is particularly important at schools and in meetings with residents.

## A childhood friendly culture!

Senterpartiet will take political responsibility for kindergartens and schools and make it visible.

The institutions must look after children and young people and ensure that local knowledge shows itself in safe, knowledgeable and proud new generations with local roots and broad vision.

Senterpartiet will facilitate and take responsibility for developing both public and voluntary work for children and young people.

Senterpartiet will pursue a policy that population development and thus provides the basis for a permanent decentralized school structure, where at least the current school offer is maintained.

## 16 years in Vik shall whet one's appetite for more!

- Further develop and expand the good cultural school offer.
- Make the schoolbus routes available to new users and improve the transport offer for families with children.
- Future permanent use of the school building and the surrounding area at Vangsnes must be clarified. Development of the kindergarten as a nature kindergarten will be explored.
- New target language- use plan for Vik municipality, including specification of requirements for Nynorsk teaching materials in the school.
- Have an external user survey carried out linked to the nurseries and schools. The digital school must be evaluated.
- Restoring planning time for employees in the kindergartens.
- Introduce targeted municipal schemes for educational grants
- Finance the development of local teaching aids. Cultural history, "non-visible" cultural heritage, geology, local geography, nature use, local music
- Actively support teamwork and voluntary organisations.
- Strengthen local musical life.
- Support for the good, already available, sports options, so that investment in biathlon, athletics and football can continue, and otherwise contribute to strengthening grassroots sports.
- Facilitate a modern facility for shooting sports in the municipality.
- Arrange for a motorsport facility.
- Facilitate the development and renewal of the facility in Kålhagen.
- Facilitate e-sports.
- The municipality must work actively and interdisciplinary to prevent and have early intervention in the field of substance abuse and mental health. New adherence to the SLT scheme (Coordination of Local Drug and Crime Prevention Measures).
- Licensed and operated the free area in Indrefjorden as a public bathing area.

Arrangements for family kindergarten in Arnafjorden.

# **Transportation**

The aim of Senterpartiet's transport policy is to develop the municipality's business attractiveness to businesses and as a business and work area. Senterpartiet will work actively in all arenas to get cooperation and great political weight behind this development work.

Senterpartiet will cooperate with Nye Veger AS, neighboring municipalities and relevant organizations on the development of the road network between Sogndal and Vinje and the ferry connection Vangsnes - Hella - Dragsvik.

Active efforts must be made to speed up the necessary processes and permits to develop RV13, Vikafjellet with tunnel into a reliable connection.

Senterpartiet will continue the work to get a tunnel planned and financed to make Fv. 5600 to Arnafjorden, for a safe and reliable road solution between the main parish and the villages in Arnafjorden.

Work to develop Fv. 5602, Vangsnes – Fresvik to a safe and reliable road connection.

Work for the upgrading and modernization of the former Fv. 181, Osen – Grindedal.

Work to improve Fv. 5603 Storevegen in Fresvik, from the intersection with Øvstevegen to the intersection with Åsavegen.

### **Transport measures**

- Advance planning of tunnel cutting Rv 13 Kvassdalen.
- Protect vulnerable road users by, for example:

Pedestrian and cycle path from Vikja to Flatbygdi school with bridge.

Planned cycle path between Vik and Vangsnes. Focus on the sections Krossen-Vangsnes ferry quay and Gotevik – Djuvik.

Completion of walkway with streetlights between Hønsivegen and Voll. to be completed.

Secure traffic safety on municipal road Badnadalen-Stadheim.

Street lighting system from Voll past Hove to be completed.

12-year plan for prioritized upgrading of all municipal roads, incl. resurfacing program and traffic safety.

Implementation of the approved zoning plan Rinde.

## **Business and social development**

Senterpartiet will be active in the green transition by developing the businesses where local energy sources, natural resources, specialist expertise and market conditions safeguard the future.

We will work to maintain the broad, existing business at the same time as we will develop new activity and businesses. Active focus on recruitment.

We wish to develop Vik into a commuter-friendly municipality.

### **Measures**

- Existing and newly established businesses must be guaranteed competitive energy access. Develop new industries and activities linked to our renewable energy resources.
- Regulation and land acquisition for the expansion of Vik Prison and make arrangements for colocation with the police and a possible new fire station.
- Work for the safeguarding of the dairy in Vik, for continuation and further development of the production of the Norwegian cultural heritage Gamalost and local processing of berries.
- Contribute to promoting business linked to the municipality's cultural heritage.
- Work to maintain the developed industrial environment and the other existing industries both on land and at sea.
- Facilitate for aquaculture.
- Establish guarantee schemes to ensure investments and residential establishment in Arnafjorden.
- Property taxation must be made more targeted. Consider using bottom deductions.
- Eliminate property tax on houses and cottages.
- Take active ownership of business development, in collaboration with Sogn Næring.

## Agricultural development

Senterpartiet will pursue an active and targeted local agricultural policy.

Agriculture is, and must be, a basic activity where local economic activity, housing and creating an arena for good lives must be in focus.

The main goal is active self-owned production units people living in all houses.

Use of the area, and not least settlement in the hamlets, is decisive for having continuing settlements. Senterpartiet will, in line with the government's signal, challenge current policies with a focus on property turnover, housing sales and operations.

- Strengthen the agricultural office.
- A separate thematic plan must be drawn up for agriculture, including a separate soil conservation strategy, forestry, field farming and grazing.
- The municipality's efforts to maintain milk production in Vik must be continued.
- Municipal and county roads must be upgraded to be used by timber trucks.
- Vik municipality must establish a professional and professional service offer to ensure active ownership of agricultural properties that come up for sale.
- Contribute to long-term frameworks in land lease contracts.
- Vik municipality must facilitate the organization and registration of unregistered land.
- Work for better welfare schemes within agriculture.
- Promote versatile production where you can utilize all the resources on the farm.
- Introduce a municipal establishment grant during the living obligation period.
- Introduce a subsidy scheme for the re-establishment and maintenance of "utgardar".

## Tourism and destination development

Senterpartiet wishes to steer Vik municipality into a well-thought-out and planned future as a tourism municipality.

An overall municipal plan for tourism development must be adopted by the municipal council.

Industry-oriented long-term destination development based on local identity, cultural history and UNESCO status.

The organization around port operations must be professionalized and given both administrative and financial responsibility. The organization must also contribute to the coordination of the joint functions of the local tourism industry.

- In the work on developing an overall destination plan, consideration should be given to establishing a service and display facility at Fridjovsparken.
- The Silver ring pathway must be carried by arm from Hove church towards Granden, along Vikja.
- Work with planning, financing and establishment of a larger tourism center in the triangle: the churches in Vik and Moahaugane must be handled.
- Arrival at Kyrelvstupet/Skorge. Construction of "sherpasti" must be designed.
- The bathing area at Kristianhus shall be supplemented with sanitary facilities, changing rooms and sauna.
- Use the scheme with government co-financing of public open spaces.

### Health and care

Senterpartiet wants to have a health offer that provides good services to its residents in all life stages.

Everyone should experience a good and dignified old age. We will arrange for an active, social life both at the institution and in one's own home.

A great health and care center is under construction. We will fill the center room with well-being for employees and users.

Senterpartiet will build a strong professional environment within the health sector. This is to make the sector an attractive place to work, which offers residents good service.

- Senterpartiet has a focus on public health and will facilitate and support voluntary and municipally activating work for all age groups.
- We will have a focus on mental health throughout the entire life course.
- We will work for a warm and inclusive rural community, and provide access to the right professional resources where needed.
- We want to ensure that we continue to have our good school health service.
- We want to ensure the residents safe ambulance and hospital services.
- Certify VHO as "Livsgledeheim", a scheme that promotes joy in life for those who live in the institution.
- Actively work to recruit and retain healthcare workers and nurses, by developing complete recruitment packages.
- A strong professional commitment, continue with fixed professional days in rotation.
- Facilitating more apprenticeships.
- Get a cancer coordinator in place.
- Work to get a county dentist in place.
- Work for a professional strengthening of the psychiatric service and facilitate the further education of employees in the service.
- Good emergency offer for residents. A well-functioning Municipal Emergency Department 24-hour care, and a strong emergency room with the necessary equipment.
- Strengthen occupational therapy and physiotherapy, also for elderly living in their own home..
- Focus on the developing of cooperation between the various professional groups.

# **Democracy and organizational development**

Senterpartiet will focus on political and democratic management of the municipality.

We wish to present ourselves as an open and inclusive "yes municipality".

We will restore a political committee structure with a large degree of advisory and decision-making authority at committee level.

Under the leadership of Senterpartiet, Vik municipality must appear as a responsible and clear employer for its employees. The role of employer for Vik municipality's largest workplace must be clear and positive.

Senterpartiet will invest in continuing and further education for employees in the municipality.