

## Peter Stirling - Pen Picture Chair of Arbroath Town Board

Peter Stirling is 59 years old and was born in Arbroath in 1965. He was raised on a local farm and his father, Ian Stirling, was also captain and chairman of Arbroath F.C.

Peter's first job was managing an Arbroath night club for three years from 1985. He then went onto become farmer at Seahills Farm, Arbroath in 1986.

Peter's farming business, Peter J Stirling Ltd, built Seahills packhouse at Kirkton Industrial Estate in 1999, employing many local people. The company supplies M&S with 100% of their UK trimmed brussels sprouts as well as supplying strawberries to M&S, Waitrose, Tesco and Harrods of London.

The company has 25 acres of climate-controlled, biomass fuelled greenhouses, which grow strawberries without using any pesticides. Peter now owns six farms around the town of Arbroath.

Peter established a property development company in 1997, before establishing Stirling Developments Ltd, in 2004. The company has all the in-house skills to take land through the planning, consultation process. It also has the inhouse skills to masterplan, design and deliver a successful new village, Calderwood, near Edinburgh, which has a current population of around 5,000 residents. Calderwood has an award winning primary and nursery school, with capacity for around 700 pupils. The company also has other similar projects.

Peter has donated to local charities and is honoured to be chair of the Arbroath town board and will do his best to serve the town as best as he can.