

I have another commitment on the 12 October so I will not be able to attend and will be an apology at the Goodwood Community Services Incorporated's AGM.

Please find my Responses to your questionnaire below.

Are you in favour of increasing that proportion to target building a better community?

I don't believe that by increasing the proportion of the spend on community centres equals a better community. It's about how the community centre is operated and what services it is providing for the community. It's about the demand which would then drive requirements and then investment. The operating of Community Centres is not the only spending that Council undertakes that build a better community (parks, libraries, community bus etc.)

Will you support equitable funding of all community centres?

Funding for each of the community centres needs to be based on what they offer and how they service the community. Each community centre is operated using very different management models. Therefore, equitable funding is not the solution. I believe for a council of our size we in fact are considered to have too many community centres.

Would you support a policy that all Council buildings, particularly those used by community-based not-for-profit organisations will have solar installations installed at Council expense as a matter of ecological priority?

I am very supportive of installation of solar panels on Council owned buildings which is occurring. There is a budget process in place in managing these costs and Council does recognise this as a priority as per the Climate and Energy Plan.

Will you support the inclusion of the provision of community notices and programmes at no cost to the provider?

Community information is promoted through Unley Life. The way that the Community Centres are managed and operated depends on what support the Council should or can give the community centres.

Are you in favour of co-naming Council facilities with Kaurna Naming as a priority?

I have and already supporting this through the Council's Cultural Plan 2021- 2026 to undertake cultural mapping project of our City (refer to page 21). There is a process that needs to occur for naming places which needs to be undertaken in collaboration with local elders and as part of establishing a Reconciliation Plan.

Do you support GCS Inc being given a long-term lease from the Council so that it can continue to operate as an independent community centre?

I have supported the process that has been undertaken to date regarding the lease and the possible management options for this community centre. I am not convinced at this stage the current approach is working with the heavy reliance on volunteers.

Regards

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