**THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015**

**Disposal of Common Good Property**

**Earlsferry Town Hall, 19-21 Main Street, Earlsferry KY9 1AF**

**Decision Notice**

The Council received a Community Asset Transfer request from Earlsferry Town Hall Limited (a company limited by guarantee for the benefit of the community) to purchase the Asset for £31,500. This would allow them to apply for funding to refurbish and upgrade the asset, provide disabled access and deliver a fit for purpose space for the provision of activities and learning opportunities for the community’s ageing population, sporting events, after school clubs and larger sociable community events.

The following representations have been received in response to the consultations carried out under section 104 of the 2015 Act.

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| Representation Received: | Chair of Elie & Earlsferry Community Council  6th August 2020 |

Disposal of Earlsferry Town Hall (the Hall)

On behalf of the Community Council I am writing to advise that throughout the initiative to purchase the Hall from the Common Good Fund the Community Council has been very supportive of the initiative.

We have encouraged people in the community to comment by publicising the transfer on noticeboards and the Community Council Facebook page. Additionally during the Charette process we were able to gauge a high level of support for the establishment of a flexible community space.

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| Representation Received: | LH (Received 6th August 2020) |

Please record my whole-hearted support for the CAT at earlsferry town hall. I have no doubt that the group has capacity and a feasible plan for its sustainable future.

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| Representation Received: | DM (Received 18th August 2020) |

I support the proposed transfer of the Earlsferry Townhall to the community. The transfer of ownership would increase the likelihood of this important building being modernised. This, in turn, would mean that the hall becomes a safe and suitable venue for the many community activities which took place in the hall pre-Covid as well as providing the opportunity for new activities.

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| Representation Received: | East Neuk of Fife Preservation Society (Received 18th August 2020) |

I am writing in my position as Chair of the East Neuk of Fife Preservation Society.

 I write to say that the Society fully supports the proposed Community Asset Transfer of Earlsferry Town Hall, High Street, Earlsferry KY9 1HA to Earlsferry Town Hall Limited under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

We feel that the revamped Town Hall will be a great asset to the community and indeed we would hope to be able to make use of it for some of our meetings and lectures. We have in the past used it for holding our Annual General Meeting.

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| Representation Received: | JH (Received 18th August 2020) |

I write as a long term habitue of Earlsferry (about to go on the electoral register as we make our permanent home in the village ) in support of the Community Asset Transfer.

I have been aware of the large amount of work done over the last few years in support of this project. Not only have I been aware of the work but I have attended a number of events namely film nights, an excellent concert by a young group from St Andrews, and a Wine Club evening. These events have been well attended and safely run.

The Town Hall is a fine building and there is considerable pride in those that live in Elie and the surrounding area that the ownership of the Hall might return to those that live in or near the village.

A key factor in these situations is that the new company has good professional managers and I have been impressed with the quality of those that are assuming a role in the management of the new company.

I also think that the timing of the disposal is favourable as there is a steady flow of newcomers to the village who will support a vibrant local community.

I have pleasure in adding my own representation in support of the transfer.

**Representations Received: 5**

**Fife Council decision: to proceed with the disposal**

**25 August 2020**