

Appendix 4 – Comments from Survey Respondents

Disagree
The idea itll be turned into a community area is laughable. There are community areas already. It belongs to the city and for the Tilly folk to buy it and stick what would basically be a greenhouse on the side of it would be monstrous. Someone should be living in it again.
This should be kept as an amenity for all residents of Aberdeen
The building is a neglected part of the heritage of the city of my birth. It should be retained by the city council as intended under the Common Good arrangement, and restored to its original condition as a tourist attraction, and without modern additions or extension s.
Common land should not be sold to a private charity/company. However they should be given cheap rent of the tower.
Common Good Land should not be sold!!
I feel the council should still own it while the TCDT put proposals forward on what they have planned the use of the building for. Become its caretaker sort of thing after the building is sorted out re deterioration and vandalism.
The tower should remain a public owned building or at least there be a clause stating it will revert to public ownership if the trust folds.
It should be preserved by ACC, lease it out and look after the building. It is not your property to sell, shame on ACC once again!
It's not right it's common good land not to be sold
It's a historic building that belongs to all the people of aberdeen so selling it to a single community group would seem inappropriate. Would they consider a long lease or agree to have regular free open days for residents of other areas to visit the building?
It okay in short term but I foresee it being sold of to private developers in future and lost forever for the people of Aberdeen. My father worked on the transfer of the Tower from St Nicholas Street to Seaton Park and I feel strongly that it should remain in Council ownership
The building should be restored not altered
Should be rented not sold
Common good land is not for sale, surely the clue is in the title. Can this not be leased?
Not sold but gifted to local community with it not to be resold unless back to council

Strongly Disagree

Why can't it just be rented out but ownership still stays within the Common Good ownership. This building isn't of significant value but is of large historical interest so should still remain in ownership of the Common Good Fund but allow usage by the Development Trust

It is part of Aberdeen's history. Shouldn't be getting sold off.

I'm at Seaton park every day and love this old building , would hate to see anything bad happen to it. Would love to see it restored for the community to use x

It's a historical monument should not be for sale in 1st place

Not for sale. It belongs to the people of aberdeen. Not for adding to councilers pensions.

This is COMMON GOOD not for the council to rape to waste the money on mismanagement.

This is a lovely building and a part of history i guess.

It should stay common

It should not be sold as it belongs to the citizens of the city however why can it not be handed over on a long term lease. This would TCDT to utilise it as required but it would remain the property of the City.

Public property should not be for sale!

Common good land should not be sold to anyone.

The tower is part of the common good fund/land and removing this is poor management and would be difficult to be replaced. The tower is historically important to Aberdeen and the council should bring it back to use but have it remain as part of the common good fund/land. The tower could be rented out and managed separately but still owned by the council.

The council should preserve our history in old aberdeen and not sell it off..

It needs to remain owned by the city.

It is part of my childhood growing up in that area ,and it's such a recognisable building that's is known ,and should be kept .

Yet again Aberdeen council if it's not knocking down our old buildings it's selling our heritage

Part of Aberdeens heritage

Not there's to sell

It's not for the Aberdeen city council to sell off the land. It belongs to the people of the city, not the crooks in marischal so they can line they're own pockets

No Common Good land should be sold - It belongs to the people of Aberdeen - I have no problem with it being leased to the Tillydrone Community Development Trust

Depends on what they do with it after they restore it. I do not want to see this monument sold to someone that could possibly renovate the Wallace tower then sell on again to some random that'll try move it else where. If the council were to set a cause in a deal/contract stating that if for any reason they cannot keep up with the up keep of the property then it would be sold back to the council and no one else. This is an important part of our Scottish history and a part of many communities adjoined to seaton park, also people regard this place with memories and special times, growing up in seaton myself this place is a childhood memory and many a happy time. And still to this day go by weekly. I also think it should only be repaired as to how it looks now and it should not be changed in any way

It should be retained by the Council in my view. Who is behind the Tillydrone Community Trust? How much is it being sold for ... market rate? What sort of an extension- it's a lovely building and it should be retained in its original condition and renovated!

What purpose has been given for selling? Why? Where is that in these questions?

This is a public building and belongs to all the citizens of Aberdeen. I would have serious doubts that the group wanting to purchase could sustain the long term future of the building. Surely a nominal rent and keeping it in the ownership of the council is the sensible way to allow them the group to utilise the building with an element of repairing lease.

Common good land should not be allowed to be sold

Tillydroners can't be trusted with an asset like this.

Not yours to sell....it belongs to all of Aberdeen

I think it is an area that could bring tourists to the area if you were able to go inside the tower and discover the history of it

It will be wrecked

It belongs to the people of Aberdeen

Lack of guarantee that this community asset will be maintained and preserved for the good of the citizens of Aberdeen.

This is land for everybody to use. Not to be sold off for a selected few.

Publicly owned and enjoyed property will become available only to those with the money to buy homes there. Another asset for everyone falling into the hands of a few.

Agree

If there is an opportunity to restore the building and use it in a beneficial way then it should be taken, although ideally the Marks & Spencer food hall should be demolished and the building restored to its original site to undo the historical crime committed by ACC when they allowed it be demolished.

I believe that ACC have an appalling track record of maintaining historic assets (e.g. Westbourne house, Bon Accord Baths etc) I believe that if the correct measures are implemented to ensure the long-term maintenance and upkeep of the Wallace Tower. Then I believe that the community trust will be the better custodians of the building.

Action on this is well past due. While it saddens me to think that the Lodging might never return to the Netherkirkgate, I'll still be very excited to see the community bring those auld steens back to life.

A community led initiative would see the tower in greater use and the development trust will be able to access sources of funding that may not otherwise be available to ACC

The sale will bring the building in to use now and for future generations improving the local area and Aberdeen for locals and visitors.

The sale should be entirely dependant on maintaining the building and developing it for public use. Measures should be taken to prevent damage and major changes to the building; additionally the building should not be allowed to become into a damaged state. The sale should only go ahead if the building will be maintained and it will serve the public.

It is so neglected in the ownership of the council. It was a ba decision to move in the first place.

Hopefully it will be in the hands of a group of people who actually care about that area.

Nothing being done with the tower at the moment - being wasted!

If it is to be restored can't be sold for building development any monies go back into common hood fund

We be good for the community

I want to see the Wallace Tower restored and treated with respect

If council not prepared for whatever reason to fund restoration and ongoing costs better for any interested parties to be given a chance providing they have a viable and profitable plan for its use.

Good to develop places for the community

It currently is being under used. It will be going to a group who will hopefully take it forward. If this also frees up funds for the council to out to good use then it will be a win win scenario

To bring land and buildings back into use snd up to standards that ACC have failed to do with our common good fund

They have the desire and money too improve the Wallace tower site and it is for the benefit of the community

It's sitting empty and will only deteriorate further . Tillydrone appear to have plans

Hopefully they can utilise the building for various events etc and make it an attraction for people to visit

Will be an asset to Tillydrone, Seaton Park and ultimately all of Aberdeen, being great for locals and tourists

It's good that there is a body of people, willing to restore the building, but only if the land is sold at the current market rate, the people of Aberdeen should not have their land undersold

Currently derelict and this proposal would make it more attractive and useful.

Hopefully the Wallace Tower will be developed and opened up to the public.

It is falling into disrepair at present

It has been idle and rundown for years at least this way it will be restored and used by citizens of Aberdeen and tourists

at the moment the building is disused a mess and falling into disrepair

The building needs to be used and not left to fall into disrepair (like Westburn House)

This lovely building deserves to be restored and looked after so it doesn't disappear.

Prime location that has been sitting unused for too long.

The only realistic option for the property but sale must include a buy back option if plans fail

It is just sitting doing nothing - at least they will give it new life as a community centre/cafe

I agree for the sale so that some good can be made of the building by restoring it. For the local area and wider city, it would be beneficial to restore this building.

The plan for the site is a bit vague, but sounds better than the current situation.

Fabulous to think after all these years someone wants to redevelop the tower

The building is wasted in its current state not being used

It needs to be used and of benefit to area

Strongly Agree

A historic building which should be preserved

If community groups can bring elements of the city's history alive I'm all for that!

The building has sat empty for as long as I can remember. It would be fantastic to see the building restored and utilised instead of being left to rot away.

It belongs to Tillydrone

It gets it back in use for the community

They will get it done faster and cheaper than acc, and in line with the wishes of the community

A great opportunity to showcase the area around the heart of the community

I have read their proposal and it sounds great better than the tower sitting empty

The building has been neglected by Aberdeen City Council for many years. TCDT will have access to funding not available to Aberdeen City Council. TCDT has a lock which means the asset can only be used for the residents of the area, if it were to be sold in the future the funds raised would require to be used for the benefit of the residents of Tillydrone and no other.

Its an abandoned building being put to no use so much better being used to benefit the local community

The Wallace Tower has fallen into a state of disrepair and the council have no plans to maintain it

Because the council are just leaving it to rot away.

It needs a community use and income to fund maintenance

Selling gives this money grabbing more money for their free meals.

Because I believe the TCDT will retain and maintain the property unlike ACC

Protect it for the city

The proposal would bring life back into the tower and provide Serin park with a much needed cafe.

The building appears to have been abandoned by the council. It should have been developed into something useful years ago.

The building is lying empty and must be deteriorating. Let's see it brought back to life and part of the community and history of the city.

Better than letting another building going into disrepair.

Anything that preserves and proposes to utilise an historic gem deserves to be encouraged.

The building has fallen into disrepair and would be put to good use by the TCDT for the benefit of the local population

It will be good to have the building brought back into community use.

Derelict building being brought back into use with a good purpose to improve the area. Please ensure terms of sale exclude resale away from the stated proposal.

simply because they will put it to good use for the common good

It's an icon which should be available to everyone.

The tower has been left to stagnate for a decade, the Community Development Trust have already delivered on projects, let them have a go.

It's such a shame that this building has sat empty for so long / it would be great to see it used by the community

They have a plan for the Tower.

The Wallace Tower needs to be saved from ruin like many other buildings in Aberdeen.

The community council will improve it which saves it for the future.

The building is not being maintained by the council and could fall into a ruin , it is part of Aberdeen heritage and need to be saved , the local community seem to have the money and the knowledge to save the building and use it for public use again.

They are interested in its preservation and will actively work to keep it safe

At present the Wallace Tower is falling into disrepair due to neglect. It is a missed opportunity for it to become a tourist attraction and somewhere the residents of Aberdeen can enjoy. I have always felt that such an iconic building should have been looked after. The Tillydrone Community Trust have plans to bring the building back to life and I fully agree with this.

All efforts to restore and maintain old and important historic buildings should be made. They are part of the country's past and we need to recognise the importance and teach our children of the events in the countries past.

Funds and willingness to improve area

Pointless piece of history, badly lit and place unsafe at night

Great to see the community want to develop an unused site

It can only be a good thing to bring this historic building back into use and utilise it's beautiful setting

It's wasted at present so would be good to see it put to good use

Will conserve and bring the building back into the community's use

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Anything that is out of the councils hands has got to be good for the community

The trust has already provided good work in the area proving they are capable of this project.

It makes sense, let people who care and want to develop the tower have it as it will just fall apart otherwise.

A chance to save the monument and expand locally available facilities within the community

Preservation and good for the community

Great to restore something with historical value in the local community.

Building sitting rotting unloved and uncared for and in used

Will be put back into the community

Tcdt sale will ensure the asset is cared for and utilised in the community for the community

The building would be brought back into use which will benefit all

Tillydrone Community are doing finevwork for their community and I fully support anything that allows them a chance for more facilities for their community. I also like the idea of ghd Walkace

It would make it more available to the area

It's sitting lying empty and deteriorating so if people want to spend time and money on it I think it's only a good thing. City council are just letting the building go to waste.

I would like to see the tower restored and used for the good of the community.

The Tower needs to be restored after such a long time of neglect. It will be redeveloped for the good of the community and provide Seaton Park with a much needed cafe. If it is not sold to the TCDT then it risks being lost forever which would be an avoidable loss.

It's an iconic structure that should be put back into use for the visitors and the community

This needs transferred ownership so the building can be brought back to life again, not left to rot under acc stewardship

Their plans are good

The Wallace Tower has been left to decay for 20 years and as a 45 year resident of Tillydrone it would be good to see the Tower handed over to the trust so that work can begin on updating the building and getting life back into her.

For a community to have ownership of a treasured piece of history engenders pride.

It is unlikely to be saved from current deterioration otherwise

It is for community good. Your asset transfer process is ridiculously long!

They will do more to improve than ACC ever will.

Sounds like a sensible way of saving and restoring a historic building and bringing it into a state of good repair, with many advantages for the local area and park visitors.

The plans previously put forward for the future development of the tower by TCDT would provide a sustainable community resource

Would be great to see the building being used and benefit the community

The proposed renovation of the tower would benefit the surrounding area and improve Seaton Park.

It would be good to see the building restored

It has been left to decay for many years, TLC required and as it is one of Aberdeen's few remaining medieval buildings, every level of support should be provided for it to be an important part of the local community - sharing it's history and being given a new lease of life

Bringing an empty unused space I to community owner ship is a great thing

If the council do not have funds to invest in its restoration then let the CDT do the fundraising