Calder Valley Community Land Trust April 2018 newsletter

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2 important dates in this month's newsletter...

### Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 11am

Pre-planning consultation on our Hebden Bridge (High Street) development. Methodist Church Hall, Bridge Lanes. HB.

# Saturday April 28th, 11am

Our Annual General Meeting – all members and friends welcome Waterfront Hall, Hebden Bridge Town Hall

(both venues are wheelchair accessible; hearing induction loop in Waterfront Hall)

### We're about to put in for planning permission...

After more than two years of planning, surveys, architects drawings and financial planning we expect to be able to apply for planning permission for our new development of homes at affordable rents in what was (until the 1960s demolitions) High Street, Hebden Bridge.

Our fourth public consultation, following the two last year and the one in 2016, will be held on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Our architects will be present, and we will be showing the plans as they currently are, prior to the planning application being made. We have tried to take on board the feedback we've received. For example, we have removed the end house nearest to Heptonstall Road which some people felt might be too prominent. We have also increased the parking provision.

Do come along to see what we are planning for an area of Hebden Bridge which once upon a time was an important centre of housing. This will be our last major consultation before we apply for planning permission.

Our homes will be a mixture of 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom flats. The focus will be on providing homes in particular for local young people and families who are being priced out of the housing market locally.

# Our AGM is on April 28th

The formal notice for what will be our fourth AGM will be going out very shortly, but please do make a note of the date and time now.

The trustees you elected at previous AGMs will be reporting on what has been a quite exceptionally busy twelve months. There will be more on the Hebden Bridge development, more on the Walsden development, and a chance for a real discussion about where the CLT should go next! We also hope to be able to give you a sneak preview of our new website.

We also hope to have some very positive and exciting news to report about the community share issue, which as you know is due for launch once we have planning permission.

#### Thinking about standing as a trustee?

Being a trustee of the CLT offers a real opportunity to get more involved in community-led housing in the upper Valley.

The current trustees recently did a skills audit of our current skills on the board of trustees. We feel we have a well-balanced board (and we do work hard!), but there are some gaps. We will particularly welcome as new trustees people with a background in, for example, structural engineering, in negotiating building contracts for developments, and in social media strategy. We also welcome more younger people as trustees. Don't be bashful, drop an email in the first instance to our Secretary Andrew Bibby at info@caldervalleyclt.org.uk.

### Our plans in Hebden Bridge library

If you can't make the consultation on Sat 21<sup>st</sup>, or even if you can, you may be interested to know that the plans will also be on display in HB library on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April – and CLT trustees will also be there all day, to answer any queries or receive any further feedback about the proposals.