

Calder Valley Community Land Trust

April newsletter

Some big news this month, but first perhaps we can remind you that we're holding our AGM shortly, and we'd love to see you there.

The **AGM is on Friday May 19th, at 6.30pm** in the function room of the Stubbing Wharf, Hebden Bridge. If you weren't able to get to our recent consultation on our proposed High Street project, we'll be showing some of the architects' plans and drawings again. And the Stubbing Wharf bar will, of course, be open, in case you want to stay on and socialise.

The agenda will follow shortly.

But now our main news...

Calder Valley Community Land Trust has been awarded a major grant by Big Potential, a Big Lottery Fund grant fund which supports community organisations and social enterprises to improve sustainability, capacity and scale. The grant will provide resources to the value of £88,000 to enable us to develop capacity and to attract investment for our proposed affordable homes developments in Hebden Bridge and Walsden.

Competition for support from the Big Potential scheme is intense and the decision to support the CLT is a highly significant independent endorsement of the way that the Trust has developed in the three years since it was first established.

Big Potential grants enable the recipients to access expert support from approved providers and Calder Valley CLT has chosen to work with the national charity Locality. Locality will work with the CLT to undertake detailed business planning work and to find the capital funding it will need. The CLT will also receive around £34,000 directly which we will use primarily to access administrative and management support. Our all-volunteer board of trustees has been working pretty hard, but we are desperately in need of a little assistance!

Our 2016 accounts are now out

You'll find our 2016 annual accounts are up on our website now

(www.caldervalleyct.org.uk). The accounts include a valuation for the freehold of land at Walsden and the Fielden Centre. We'll be giving details at our AGM in May.