

Election Statements

Karin Lawson

I am now retired. I worked for 20 years in the NHS in the fields of research, information, business planning and finance. I was the Director of Finance for an NHS Trust in West Yorkshire for 7 years with responsibility for finance, information, business planning and contracting. I also worked for 11 years as a research health economist at University of York with responsibility for public sector projects. I have a first degree in economics, a post graduate degree in health economics and have an accountancy qualification. I have been a Trustee of CVCLT since September 2017 and the Treasurer since January 2018. I also volunteer with the Survey Group at Hardcastle Crag (but not as frequently as I would like).

I have lived in Cragg Vale for 38 years and have a son, two grandchildren, a horse and two rescue cats. I walk, ride my horse and cycle. I enjoy cricket (when it is not raining) and American Football. I enjoy music (from opera to Bruce Springsteen) and attend as many concerts and performances as I can.

Dai Larner

I have been a Trustee of the Calder Valley Community Land Trust for four years. My career was in local government, and I worked for the Greater London Council, Greater Manchester, City of Bradford and the Audit Commission. My last job before retiring in 2019 was Executive Director at High Peak Borough Council and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.

My professional background is in regeneration and planning. I led the £70m transformation of Buxton Crescent, a grade 1 listed Georgian building, and successfully delivered the Local Plans for High Peak and Staffordshire Moorlands. I have been responsible for the management of 4,000 Council homes and led the transformation of a number of town centres.

I have greatly enjoyed my time on the Board of the Community Land Trust. I co-ordinate the Project Sub Committee and drafted the Project Management Framework. I am currently working on reviewing the Sustainability Strategy. I am involved in the Crown Street, Ferney Lee and Fielden Hall projects. I also write the quarterly housing bulletin. Working with my colleagues on the Board and with the members and the community is stimulating and productive. We are making significant progress in delivering our objective and I would like to continue to support the Board by continuing in my role as a Trustee.

Melvin Coleman

I joined the Board in 2018 and currently chair the Audit & Risk committee. I've enjoyed my time on the Board and would welcome a further term.

I have a lifetime of experience in charities and not for profits, sometimes as employed staff but always as a volunteer, usually in a governance role as Treasurer and/or company secretary. My most recent global role was a chair of Amnesty International's charity.

I live in Todmorden and am active in the Incredible Edible movement and Todmorden Book Festival.

David Derren Naylor

I have been passionate about social housing provision ever since I started working for Hyde Housing Association in South East London in August 1999. I believe very firmly in the provision of a decent home for everyone.

I have largely worked in Training and Development as a Business Systems Trainer. During my work although strictly remote from customer facing, I was always keen to get involved and really witness the work of Neighbourhood Offices, Lettings Officers and Repairs Contractors to really understand the role and consequently deliver training within the organisation that was interesting and effective to the people who did actually do the job. I am therefore aware of these roles and many others within the industry of housing.

In 2016 I changed roles and now work with a large Civil Engineering company BAM Nuttall still in a Training and Development capacity but now concentrating on producing e-Learning materials for them. This I enjoy and I work with a great team of people and the hours are very flexible which suits me well. However, I still have a hankering to return to Housing in some capacity and would relish the opportunity to assist Calder Valley CLT.

In the past I have been passionate about Older Persons Housing and providing Community based or Sheltered Housing which I believe there is a great need for within the Calder Valley. Other projects I have been involved with is short term Lets providing housing for young homeless people or housing for families in need. Which could be offered on short term leases.

Another area I have worked with, within Hyde Housing is Shared Ownership and commercial leases. This can provide significant capital gain for the organisation and indeed has been very successful for Hyde who are now actually building their own houses for rent and private sale in the South East of England.

Hannah Nadim

After a series of shared rented houses, my first home was a boat. I moved it to the Upper Calder Valley in 1998 and have lived here ever since, moving into a house in Hebden Bridge 2002. I have seen getting somewhere secure and affordable to live becoming harder and harder over the years. We can't wait any longer: we have got to do something ourselves to change things for our communities, which is what community land trusts are doing.

Following a career in quality in further and higher education and then as a bid writer, I currently direct my energies, as a social enterprise and co-operative development worker, into supporting community-owned businesses to start up, grow and thrive.

I have over ten years' experience as Secretary and then Chair of the The Fox and Goose (Hebden Bridge) Limited, a community-owned co-operative pub in Hebden Bridge. I started

by registering the pub as an asset of community value, led the transition from buying the pub to operating it under a managed business model and led the Board and management team to the point where it is a successful business involving over 350 members. The Board's sustained focus over the past three years on membership involvement, followed by an open share offer, culminated in six members putting themselves for nomination to the Board at our May 2024 AGM. Members involvement is critical to the sustainability and success of any membership organisation.

I am a Fully Licenced Assessor for the Community Shares Standard Mark and an alumna of the Barefoot co-operative and community business adviser programme. I work with groups directly and via Plunkett UK, Co-operatives UK, Community Shares Scotland and Power to Change.

I have been a member of the Calder Valley Community Land Trust Limited for a number of years and would now like to bring my experience and knowledge to the Board. I am therefore submitting my nomination to members for election to the Board.