

WITH THE COLLABORATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF OLIVA

Date: 23rd May, 2024

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Venue: Tasca Olivense Oliva

Chairperson: Angela Town

Minute Taker: Belinda Allan

Committee Members Present - 8

Angela Town, Steve Hems, Belinda Allan, Graham Martin, Denise Hart, Julie Hayward, Kelvin Jarman, Barry Purvis.

Members Present - 43

Steven Adams, Robert Allan, Anne Bateman, Mary Buckley, Terry Calpin, Viv Carlson, Julie Cobey, Anne Marie Del Valle, Pauline Ellery, Marion Frei, Bob Halsley, Michael Holman, Joe Jackson, Valerie Laws, Richard McCarthy, Julie McLaren-Kennedy, Mavoureen Minkley, Alan Nicol, Jacky Payne, Glynis Perks, Trevor Perks, Joanne Perez, Elizabeth Peters, Mike Ponting, Kathy Price, Jan Robey, Marie Ryan, Helen Scolari, James Scolari, Robert Sedgley, Jean Sedgley, Gary Slater, Malcolm Slater, Gail Spooore, Eric Sprigg, Anita Stewart, John Tyler, Linda Tyler, Iris Vaughan, Jan Vaughan, Bob Vickery. Pat Wall, David Woodhall.

1.	<p>President's welcome:</p> <p>The President, Angela Town, welcomed 51 members to the Annual General meeting. She apologised for the late change of venue due to building works at the hogar de jubilats. 102 members completed approval forms, online, by email or at the meeting today. The president gave her thanks to members who voted.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Stuart Anderson, Norah Bamber, Lisa Barrett, Steve Barrett, Tina Bellenie, Gertie Brummans, Sandy Butt, Andrea Collier, Lorraine Crea, Aileen Crockard, Linda Day, Harry Van Diessen, Roderick Donahue, Sandra Dunderdale, William Alan Dunderdale, Sarah Dunkley, Mike Dunkley, Stephen Fields, Jacquie Flannigan, John Flannigan, Pauline Hammond, Elaine Hems, Anne Mari Henriksen, Fiona Hickman, David Hickman, Anja Homburg, Barry Hughes, Eileen Hughes, Diana Jameson, Jerry Kean, John Steinar Langbakk, Virginija Langbakk, Christine Larby, Kevin Lowe, Valerie Mash, Angela McBride, Scott McConnachie, Ann McCusker, Ann McCusker, Peter McLaren Kennedy, Chris Medhurst-Jackson, Maureen Minkley, Carol-Ann Nonino, Paolo Nonino, Tai Neumann, Geraint Parry, Karen Pearce, Edi Price, Richard Pullin, Dilys Rees, Marie Ryan, Susanne de Rochechouart de Mortemart, Jessica Sawade, Mark Saxby, Ian Scott, Bob Smith, Helen Smith, Owen Somers, Cheryl Speer, Sue Spencer, Jill Brigitte Spike, Alan Spooore, David Stewart, Wilma Taggart, Wayne Thomas, Mike Tree, Sarah Tree, Jill Turner, Audrey Woodall.</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of the meetings held in 2023:</p> <p>Minutes of AGM on 25th May, 2023 and the minutes of EGM on 9th November 2023 were circulated prior to the meeting. They were approved by 99 members.</p>
4.	<p>Year-end Summary:</p> <p>The president gave a summary of the 2023-2024 year:</p> <p>The president reported that we now have 428 members and 30 very active groups. She explained the changes that had occurred within the committee and the need for the extraordinary general meeting last November. The president reported that despite many challenges the U3A had had a</p>

	<p>successful year. She mentioned the new groups that commenced during the year, summarised speaker mornings, and trips and events that had occurred, and informed of ones to come.</p> <p>The president spoke about introducing a new system for managing membership subscriptions, that will hopefully eliminate some member registration issues previously encountered.</p> <p>The president emphasised the meeting with the mayor and the support we receive from a particular staff member at the Ajuntamiento, who secures room bookings for meetings and groups.</p> <p>The President acknowledged that the U3A Oliva is in a good situation, with a growing membership base of enthusiastic people, a new committee and said there are exciting times ahead. She thanked committee members old and new and everyone who has helped and supported the U3A in the 2022-2023 year.</p>
5.	<p>Annual Statement of Accounts:</p> <p>The accounts statement was approved by 99 members. The treasurer, Graham Martin, explained the audited accounts for the year ending 31st August 2023.</p>
6.	<p>Annual Membership Fee Proposal for 2024 – 2025</p> <p>The 10-euro annual fee was approved by 100 members.</p>
7.	<p>Donation to El Bastidor School:</p> <p>The president explained that a unanimous decision was made by the committee to ask approval from members for this donation for a several reasons. Normally, we have lots of events to raise money for charity; our members are very generous and enjoy giving back to the community. This year, due to unforeseen circumstances, we only raised 35 euros through book sales. El Bastidor school is a local non state funded school. Our U3A is based in the community where the school is and some U3A members volunteer at the school. The school views us as sponsor, through our other initiatives with them, and a we did not fund a Christmas party this year.</p> <p>The president referenced the constitution and said that we see the activities with the school as a connection between shared learning activities, cultural enhancement and the recreational interests of our members. Therefore, we put it to the membership to decide if they approved of a donation. The donation was approved by 98 members.</p>
8.	<p>Election of Committee Members:</p> <p>The election of 7 committee members (4 officers and 3 ordinary members with stated job roles).</p> <p>Angela Town – President</p> <p>Julie Hayward – Vice President.</p> <p>Belinda Allan – Secretary</p> <p>Graham Martin – Treasurer</p> <p>Terry Calpin – Committee Member/travel and events</p> <p>Gail Spore – Committee Member/press & publicity</p> <p>Sandra Dunderdale – Committee Member/Almoner</p> <p>As there was only one nomination for each post above there was no election needed. The nominees, however, were approved by 89 members online, 6 members at the meeting and an email vote approved 4 of the above.</p> <p>Carol-Anne Nonino – Committee Member/group coordinator</p> <p>There were 3 members nominated for this post. Members were asked to choose their preferred candidate. The chosen candidate secured 77 votes out of 102 votes submitted.</p>

9.	<p>Review of comments and questions raised by members:</p> <p>The president, Angela Town, read out some positive comments received from members.</p> <p>Comments:</p> <p>a) A huge vote of thanks, particularly to Julie and Angela for their immense work on our behalf. Apologies I don't know the other members but sincere thanks to all.</p> <p>b) I would like to express my gratitude for the hard work and commitment of the people behind the scenes that have made our U3A such a hive of activity this year. I am looking forward to more of the same next year.</p> <p>c) I just wanted to thank you for your work for the U3A, particularly in these times of endless rearrangements, etc., very tiresome and a constant worry for you.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <p>15 questions were received submitted prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The president gave appropriate and detailed answers. A list of the questions submitted and the answers are available from the secretary.</p>
10.	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>The president made a presentation to the outgoing vice president and thanked him for his support over the last 3 years.</p>

The meeting ended at 12:32 p.m.