

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 – eight (8)

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

Members Present – forty-three (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 fifty-One (51) members to the Annual General meeting. She apologised for the late change of venue due to building works at the hogar de jubilats. One hundred and two (102) members completed approval forms, online, by email or at the meeting today. The president gave her thanks to these members.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Stuart Anderson, Norah Bamber, Lisa Barrett, Steve Barrett, Tina Bellenie, Gertie Brummans, Patrick Buckley, Sandy Butt, Andrea Collier, Marc Coomber, 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, James McCusker, Peter McLaren-Kennedy, Chris Medhurst-Jackson, Barbara Nicol, 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 ninety-nine (99) members.</p>
4.	<p>Year-end Summary:</p> <p>Summarising the 2023-2024 year the president reported that we have four hundred and twenty-eight (428) members and more than thirty (30) active groups, and went on to explain the changes that had occurred that required an extraordinary general meeting last November. The president also reported that despite many challenges the U3A year has been successful and outlined the new</p>

	<p>groups, summarised speaker mornings, and trips and events that had occurred. For the future, the president spoke about trialling a new membership management system which hopefully will eliminate issues encountered this year, and also, she highlighted the meeting with the mayor about storage issues; mentioning in particular the support received from a staff member at the Ayuntamiento. The President concluded with the news that the U3A Oliva has a growing membership of enthusiastic people and thanked committee members old and new and everyone who has helped and supported the U3A during the year.</p>
5.	<p>Annual Statement of Accounts: The accounts statement was approved by ninety-nine (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 The 10-euro annual fee was approved by one hundred (100) members.</p>
7.	<p>Donation to El Bastidor School: 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 enjoy giving back to the community. This year, due to unforeseen circumstances, we only raised 35 euros through book sales. The school is a local non state funded school and some U3A members volunteer there. The school views us as sponsor, and we did not support their Christmas party last year. The president referenced the statutes 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 asked the membership to decide if they approved of a donation. The donation was approved by 98 members.</p>
8.	<p>Election of Committee Members: The new committee (4 officers and 4 ordinary members with stated job roles) will be: Angela Town – Presidente Julie Hayward – Vice President. Belinda Allan – Secretary Graham Martin – Treasurer Terry Calpin – Committee Member/travel and events Gail Spore – Committee Member/press & publicity Sandra Dunderdale – Committee Member/Almoner Carol-Anne Nonino – Committee Member/group coordinator</p> <p>Three (3) members were nominated for the group coordinator post, so members were asked to vote. The chosen candidate secured seventy-seven (77) votes from one hundred and two (102) votes submitted. No election was needed for other posts as there was only one nomination for each. The nominees, however, were approved by ninety-five (95) and email vote approved four (4) of the above. The new committee will meet in June.</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 submitted prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The president gave appropriate and detailed answers. A list of the questions and 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.