u3a Oliva

Minutes of meeting held on 25th February, 2026, at Tasca Olivense

Chairperson: Angela Town **Minute Taker:** Belinda Allan

Item			Action
1.	**Present:** Angela Town (AT) Julie Hayward (JH) Belinda Allan (BA) Diana Jameson (DJ) Sandra Dunderdale (SD) Angela McBride (AM) Lynn Capon (LC) Carol-Ann Nonino (CAN)	 President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Social Support Groups Coordinator Travel and Events Officer Groups Coordinator (outgoing)	
2.	**Apologies received:** All present		
3.	**Minutes of previous meeting/s:** Minutes of the meeting held on 21st January. **JH** corrected the wording in section 9b, **BA** will amend otherwise the minutes agreed.		
4.	**Matters arising:** **SD** reported that she has not been able to speak with Axel from Protección Civil regarding First Aid training. Committee agreed to leave this until the new u3a year.		
5.	**President Update:**		
a)	**Group member grievance update: AT** has met with the GL and the member to discuss the grievance. The member just wants to meet more people, **AT** has suggested other groups. It appears that the member needs some support **SD** has spoken to her and signposted to Age in Spain.		
b)	**New committee members: LC** and **AM** were welcomed. **AM** explained that she was only acting as group coordinator until the AGM. **CAN** has emailed **AM** to offer support and advice as required.		
c)	**Committee posts for next u3a year:** Committee roles for the 2026-2027 year were discussed. 4 officer positions and 2 ordinary members are required, at a minimum. It was suggested that the GC will need extra support from a team of dedicated named members, not necessarily committee members. There is also a need for admin support to help with events due to the increase in membership (now 650+) and activities. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was ultimately agreed that the new committee will need to decide their own roles but the current committee members would support the transition: It is paramount that we have members who are willing to be committee members.		
d)	**Excess funds in account – b/fwd from last meeting:** The Committee discussed ways to spend accrued funds (see Treasurer's report). It was discussed that event subsidies are not inclusive of the wider membership; therefore, the Committee agreed to reduce the membership fee for the 26-27 year to 5€ for all renewals up until 31/10/2026. New members will pay 10€. The Committee also agreed to subsidise the buses for some forthcoming events. An ongoing 5k contingency fund will remain in the bank account.		
e)	**Press and publicity – b/fwd from last meeting: AT** explained that **WB** has stood down from the Media Officer position due to other commitments: It was understood that **WB** was going to discuss the Media post going forward. The Committee agrees that the Webmaster, Richard, supports our publicity extremely well, via the website and Facebook page, and that at the moment we do not need to fill the Media Officer role.		

6.	**Vice president update:**	
a)	**Coffee mornings/speakers:** Dr. Mohamed Gohar (Dr. Mo) is talking tomorrow. March will be Dr. Andrés Casanova, a local dermatologist. **AM** will liaise with the Tourist Office to ask if the Oliva Tour Guide will do a talk. There is also a member who is willing to talk at a coffee morning.	AM
b)	**Quiz going forward: JH** has compiled a 'how to' quiz guide to enable future organisation. Several committee members reported that some members have asked for fewer questions, particularly in the general knowledge round. Due to the sound and noise issues, **JH** suggested that the quiz be conducted in one room only; this was thought to be a good idea. It was agreed to cap general questions at 30 and reduce the number of rounds. Quiz prizes were agreed at 3 bottles of wine per table. Quizmasters are in place for March and going forward.	JH
7.	**Secretary update:**	
a)	**AGM planning: BA** discussed the planning timeline for the AGM on 30th April. She will email this to committee members.	
b)	**Policies/procedures:** Committee discussed draft documents that **BA** had sent by email. A code of conduct for groups has been drafted; this was discussed. It was agreed that policies need to be simple. Committee members are to send comments to **BA** via email.	BA
8.	**Treasurer's report:**	
a)	**Monthly accounts: DJ** reported that there is now 9.5k in the bank account (see president update 5d). There were a few additional member payments in January. The quiz accounts were also explained and discussed. **DJ** has spoken some quiz participants and asked them to join the u3a due to regular attendance or to pay the extra 2 euros. **AT** will follow up if necessary.	
9.	**Groups update:**	
a)	**GL meal: AT** has arranged the group leaders' meal for March 4th. **CAN** raised concerns that some members who have been GLs during the year were excluded. **SD** added that some groups had run for a short time span and that it was important for their GL's too. **JH** felt that the emphasis was on meeting the new GC and not on thanking the GLs for their work, and the meal should also include event organisers due to their workload. Discussion ensued. A date for the committee meal was also agreed for the March 5th. **AT** will book a restaurant.	AT AM
b)	**General update**: **AT** informed Committee that the Zumba GL wanted to organise an extra group, at members' request. **BA** reported that the Committee had previously agreed that no more new groups would start at the moment. Discussion ensued; **AT** will speak the Zumba GL. If she already has plans in place these may need to be honoured. Otherwise no more new groups will be encouraged at the moment.	AT
10.	**Travel and events:**	
a)	**Upcoming activities: LC** has been very busy organising events that will continue to be shared between GOSC and the u3a. March 23rd – Ladro factory tour and Bonaire shopping. April will hopefully be a Bodega trip. May 18th – 20th – A 3 day trip to Peniscola with a 4 star hotel stay. May 21st – Hog Roast in Adsubia. June 19th – Moli Canyar dinner/dance event.	LC
11.	**AOB:** Non raised.	
	Date and time of next meeting/s and closure: 25th March, 2026 at 4.30pm at Tasca Olivense.	All

Minutes agreed at the Committee Meeting on 25th March, 2026
Angela Town – President.