

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 28 May 2026

Time: 13.30

Venue: Tasca Olivense

President and Chairperson: Angela Town (AT)

Secretary and Minute Taker: Marie Lettherd (ML)

| Number | Item | Action |
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| 1. | Present: Angela Town, AT Marie Lettherd, ML Diana Jameson (DJ), Michael Owen (MO), Elaine Hyderman (EH), Jill Buckenham (JB), Helen Medhurst Jackson (HMJ), Lynn Capon (LC) | ML |
| 2. | Apologies: None | ML |
| 3. | Minutes of previous meeting/s: a) Minutes of previous meeting – discussed and sign off | ML |
| 4. | Matters arising: none | ML |
| 5. | President update: a. Committee Welcome and address / website access and training - just ask for the training b. JB is here to help with translation c. Mark Wilcock (MW) is helping with the admin and jot forms (only one person can do this) d. database - civi is the membership database where the webmaster generally sets the criteria with little input from the committee. Mailpoet (outline) mailing package, which as potential for further development, that the committee can do this ourselves - Something to think about as the systems are used. e. Social Support Officer – MO has offered to undertake this role, and hopes to obtain details of others that can assist with this. There are pages on the website with some help information, but need developing. AT Mentioned Elena , who wishes to support MO and AT will send details f. Gosc Liaison update (guest prices) historically both organisations were struggling to fill venues/buses. Gosc agreed same price for u3a members over the last year. Proposal moving forward Gosc will do all events and u3a do all the trips. From September 2026 the price for Gosc events will be guest price. For the first year only, it has been agreed that Gosc will have from September 2026 to June 2027 same as U3A member price and thereafter it will be guest price (this is because we have had a year's worth of Gosc reduced price). 7 agreed, 1 abstain. g. ayuntamiento / rooms / event JB – Teresa Tur (TT) JB and AT , Mila deals with the room bookings. When the emails come through to ML they need to confirm by pressing the blue button (to be done within 5 days). - TT said she would send us information of what is going on in future - need to find out where we can send information of what is going on to newspapers etc (if anyone finds out newspaper details then send to AT) - need someone from the town hall to talk about voting, digital sign on etc, need to think about this. | AT |

- Joint event with town hall /U3A, and age in Spain – suggested 15 Nov but we can't do this date and **JB** to go back to them and say January. There are other groups that we could maybe get involved together with our own groups.

- want to start the groups at the beginning of September in the pensionista centre - **JB** to speak again with Teresa Tur

- (**ML**) need to send the document to the town hall as soon as we hear from Valencia that they have processed the u3a documents.

h. diary planning 3 months explained **LC / MO / HMJ** and need coffee mornings/speakers – Committee meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month at 10.30 (except for August and December).

- Coffee mornings 2nd Thursday of the month and for September and October both 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month (generally because of renewals).

- End of October 22nd Thursday we could also have a speaker.

- 10 September is the first coffee morning and encourage some GLs (**HMJ**) to attend to promote their groups, eg Spanish group or any other groups that need more members.

- We need to have speakers etc, planned in advance rather than the week before.

- Early Christmas fair 12 November. **AT and Wendy to organise**

- 10 December – Christmas sing along with Anthony Saxon. **AT to organise, Plus xmas raffle**

- Could have a speaker events in the evening and maybe have a cheese and wine and we would charge which would also pay towards a speaker. **MO to organise**

- June 11 next coffee morning

i. member survey – who can do this? Maybe **Stephen Hobbs** and **MW** (**AT** to ask). Committee members to think about what questions would we like to put on the member survey? Feedback by September 14th

j. Quiz Liaison? **EH** happy to do this with input from **MW**. **AT** buys the prizes on the day, spreadsheet to be completed etc. **EH** happy to take this on. 15 June next Quiz and then 13 July.

k. Bingo – Julie did this for U3A, but has decided to take it to GOSC instead. Therefore it is now a GOSC event, Therefore U3a attendees will need to be a Gosc member or pay 2 euros. A discussion started as to whether we continue to

A) offer to our members by advertising it even though we do not present it

B) set up our own group, whether in the evening or afternoon

The discussion continued about Bingo not being illegal in Spain as it comes under gambling. There are a few loopholes, but the best option is to give prizes or vouchers not cash; to be safe. To be considered and will add at a future meeting **ML**

m. Fundraising? To think about whether we are interested in doing sale of books (books from charity shop) or a raffle or similar. If the money is to be part of our annual charity donation or given to another charity. **ML**

n. **Media/ Webmaster/ AT** (photos/ feedback / positive vibes) need photos from the groups/events/trips for newsletter (need to ask members if okay for publicity purposes)

o. Joining period / renewal period – New members joining from 1st July will have their membership carried over until Aug 31st 2027^t (membership runs out). Discussed sending out renewal reminder early August (**AT**) and will speak with **MW** whether he can process submissions while in England. No renewals will be encouraged before then. Decision next month **ML**

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| | - AT needs updates from us all on 14th of each month for the newsletter (watermark draft minutes and accounts to be sent with link to webmaster) | |
| 6. | Vice President update: a. speakers – has a list of ideas, death/workshops to support this/Gardening (Anthony Saxon)/history talk (cost)/west end shows/eclipse (August)/ avocados/ dermatologist/ moors and christians (LC to ask for 9 July Templar talk, in time for Moors and Christians- now confirmed)/town hall/meet and greet new members to Oliva/First aid courses b. inventory is with Julie and MO to send email and update the list c. spotlight committee members or just members in general (to be considered) d. to encourage group leaders to come to coffee morning HJM e. online groups – leave for now | MO |
| 7. | Secretary update: a. Committee name badges, pin on or lanyards, with or without photo – lanyard with photos, 6 agreed, 2 not agreed | ML |
| 8. | Treasurer's report: a. Monthly accounts – circulated by email prior to meeting and discussed. 460 euros for jot forms – DJ has a link but needs help from MW to get into it to get a discount. b. Wise machine 50 euro plus stripe fee – unanimously voted no to purchase now – members to only pay cash or bank transfer this year c. funds – EH and DJ to consider what we have left in the budget to subsidise an event d. end of year party LC - Friday 26 June 1 pm to 7pm afternoon event at the Tennis club 20 euros (inc food and drink) – do we subsidise this? Anthony Saxon to do music. Prize bingo (MO to host and buy bingo books tbc) and raffle. Holds 180 people. 6 line prizes and 6 game prizes (AT to do this) - unanimous agreed no subsidy | DJ |
| 8. | Groups update: a. output from the Group Co-ordinator Support team meeting. Basic first aid course. Phishing and scams. Voting in Spain. Spanish Cookery. Axel civil protection. Talk on Franco. Agreed to contact all group leaders. b. good to understand a bit more about the mechanics of the Ayuntamiento in relation to U3a and thoughts on the newly renovated buildings and how the processes might work there. Has it been stated what the usage is to be? | |
| 9. | Travel and events: Feedback on mini break – everyone loved it, proposed trip and event for June (23 people so far) neither subsidised. | LC |
| 10 | AOB: none | All |
| | Date and time of next meeting: AGM 10.30am 18th June Our room in the Pensionista building. Just so we can all see it and whether suitable? Might be hot or Tasca? | All |