

# Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

## Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 29th March 2017

### Committee Present:

President: Eric Atkins  
Vice President: Guy Marriott  
Secretary: Roy Brown  
Deputy Treasurer: Sally Rush  
Groups Coordinator: Karen White  
Membership Secretary: Sheila Giacomelli  
Communications officer: Ian Rogerson

### Apologies

Treasurer: Mick Cox

### Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting commenced at 10:30 am

## Welcome

### First Calling

At 10:30 Eric called the assembly to order and explained that as this was the statutory AGM and one third of the members were not present, the statutes required that the meeting be reconvened after a 30 minute delay. The first calling was then disbanded.

### Second Calling

At 11:00, Eric welcomed everyone to the meeting again, especially new members. Eric asked if anyone had read the minutes of the February meeting and received general assent. A motion to approve the minutes was proposed by Olga Atkinson and seconded by Roger Gentry. The motion was passed unopposed and the minutes were duly signed by the proposer and seconder.

## Treasurers Report

Eric explained that the treasurer was unable to be with us today, hence the report would be given by the deputy treasurer, Sally Rush.

### 2016 Accounts

Sally read out a summary of the 2016 accounts that had previously been published in greater detail on the U3A website following the auditor's approval in early February.

A motion to approve the 2016 accounts was proposed by Jacqui Rogerson and seconded by Val Dromgoole. The motion was passed unopposed.

### 2017 Budget

Sally then presented a summary of the 2017 budget, viz:-

Current balance €37,661

Committed expenses €27,536

Budgeted spend for 2017 €19,500, of which €4,500 already spent, so €15,000 remaining

This would leave a year-end balance of €5253, however, as we still have a projected subscription income of €1400 over the remainder of the year this gives a projected end-of-year balance of around €6,500

A motion to approve the budget was proposed by Angela Chantry and seconded by Diane Ord. The motion was passed unopposed.

The traditional treasurer's joke was then substituted by a Sally Rush financial one-liner (concerning money in the kitty), followed by an amusing news article spotted by Eric whilst sitting on a roof (he was not specific about whose roof, or why he was sitting on it). In summary, street prostitutes in Barcelona had successfully lobbied the council to withdraw the operating licence from the premises of a hugely successful brothel on the grounds that they were facing unfair competition.

## Committee End-of-Year Reports

### Vice President, Guy Marriott

Guy explained that Eric had asked him to take on the post of VP last October as he (Eric) had somehow lost the previous two incumbents. Having been promised that the post involved little or no work, Guy accepted, and was then told there were actually some tasks which a VP was expected to carry out, viz.,

1. Organise the speakers for monthly meetings.  
Before the summer recess we have Peter Atkinson in April (Anglo French relations over the last millennium), Ray Edmonds in May (tales of the snooker circuit), John Deacon in June (Spanish Classical singers – with recorded clips). Guy appealed to the membership to let him know if they, or anyone they knew, had suggestions for future speakers.
2. Manage the discount list.  
The discount list can be found on the [u3ajavea.org](http://u3ajavea.org) website. It had been culled from the largely obsolete list that it was at this time last year and all businesses now listed are current. If anyone has had good service from a local business or service, please let Guy know and he will contact the entity to see if they would be prepared to offer a discount to U3A members.

### Membership Secretary, Sheila Giacomelli

Sheila reported that today we had 14 new members and 29 renewals. There were still some 200 members who had not renewed this year to date, though most were expected to do so. The total membership at present stands at 1268.

### Groups Coordinator, Karen White

Karen stated that she has enjoyed the challenges of this role over the last year, even more so as (so far) none of the group leaders had shouted at her. She hopes that this will carry on for next year and that some new people will step forward to start new groups.

### Communications and Publicity Officer, Ian Rogerson

Ian confessed that he is the responsible party for bombarding the membership with the various U3A emails. He also submits articles to the local (English Language) press for publication. He appealed to the members to reciprocate by bombarding him ([communications@u3ajavea.org](mailto:communications@u3ajavea.org)) with photographs, reports etc. that he can use for publicity.

He thanked Margaret March for her assistance in helping to set up the U3A Facebook page, and encouraged all who were not already members of the U3A closed Facebook group to follow the joining instructions on the U3A website home page. He also thanked his wife, Jacqui, for taking and managing the publicity photographs.

Ian emphasised that it was impossible for him to cover everything that is going on within the organisation via email, and encouraged everyone to visit the really comprehensive website [www.u3ajavea.org](http://www.u3ajavea.org) which is constantly being kept up to date by the webmaster, Clive White.

Ian finished with an appeal for anyone who may be interested to volunteer their services as his deputy. He is the only person on the committee without one and is planning to be away for some time in the autumn. He pointed out that a journalistic background is not a prerequisite for this post.

### Secretary, Roy Brown

Roy likened his induction last year to that related earlier by Guy, having been told that "it doesn't need much effort" when being cajoled into accepting the nomination. This turned out to be largely

true when it came to preparing agendas and taking minutes, however one aspect had been conveniently glossed over, that being the fact that the secretary has the legal responsibility for the compliance of the association with the requirements of the Generalitat de Alicante, and the Ayuntamiento de Jávea. This had proved a bit of a nightmare over much of the year, but we finally received documentation (in February) identifying the association as a legally registered entity in both locations.

### **President, Eric Atkins**

Eric thanked the committee for their support throughout the year. He was especially grateful that he now felt more secure in the knowledge that the risk of being placed in handcuffs for running an illegal institution has receded. He summarised some highlights of the activities over the year as:-

- Reinstatement of the Care and Share initiative
- Hugely successful May Ball
- Most enjoyable summer barbecue at Quo Vadis
- Excellent barn dance at Venta la Posa
- Introduction and nurturing of the U3A Facebook closed group
- A wealth of Activity Groups, currently numbering 67, but room for more
- Well supported book swap at every general assembly meeting
- Excellent travel group trips

Eric then presented a bottle of his favourite wine to Joni, who is retiring in June, with a comment to the effect that he always gives his favourite, as, being his favourite, he can then live in hope that one of the recipients may invite him round to help drink it (A ploy which has so far failed abysmally).

## **Election of Executive Committee**

Roger Barkley, the election auditor, summarised the results of the combined paper, show of hands and on-line votes and declared that all members of the existing committee had been re-elected. The signed results are appended to these minutes.

The auditors were then redeployed to prepare sherry and biscuits for those gathered before being released from their duties.

## **President's closing remarks**

Firstly he would like to thank the old committee – saying that he has been very impressed with their work and hopes that the new committee will do an equally good job

### **Upcoming key interest talks**

Travellers' tales – Asturias & Avila – Mike Frost next Tuesday.

History group 100<sup>th</sup> talk - Moros y Cristianos – Peter Atkinson on 14<sup>th</sup> April

### **Upcoming trips**

6 day trip to Asturias leaving on May 11th

Trip to Avila 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> June

Trip to Cuenca in September

Sunset Cruise from Jávea port in June

Dire Straits tribute band show in September

River cruise on the Guadalquivir in the Autumn - TBA

### **Upcoming events**

May ball – fantastic value at €30 – 25<sup>th</sup> May

Hog roast at Quo Vadis on July 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Charity support**

Eric commended the “Make a Smile” charity, a really worthwhile cause, saying that we raised €1300+ for the Red Cross ambulance last year, and hope to do as well or better for “Make a Smile” this year.

In conclusion Eric thanked everyone for their continued support with Caritas donations.

The meeting closed at 11:36 am

## Results of the Committee Elections

This page contains the results of the voting from the current Committee Elections.

The table below shows the number of votes cast for each of the nominated Candidates. Candidates that are no longer members are excluded. Votes from people that are no longer members are also excluded. Validation of the Candidates and the members' votes is performed using the online copy of the Jávea U3A Membership Database. The online copy is brought up to date just after the beginning of each month.

Committee Role	Candidate	Votes
President	Eric Atkins	139
Vice President	Guy Marriott	136
Secretary	Roy Brown	135
Treasurer	Michael Cox	137
Groups Coordinator	Karen White	139
Membership Secretary	Sheila Giacomelli	137
Communications	Ian Rogerson	136

Total number of votes received	146
Number of voters no longer FULL Members	0
Total number of Candidates nominated	7
Number of Candidates no longer Valid	0
Total number of Paper Votes received	1
Number of Paper Votes from FULL Members	1
Paper Votes from Members with Email Addresses	1

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Election Auditor: Roger Bankley. Logged in username: eAuditor

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Total online and paper votes received before AGM	146
Members votes for committee at AGM	20
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Total votes cast	166

Confirmed by Election Auditors,

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29/03/2017.



Roger Bankley

29/03/2017.

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## Addendum to the minutes of the 2017 AGM

This is a summary of the changes to the personnel that comprise the executive committee of the association compared to that pertaining after the 2016 AGM.

<b>Previous officer</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Current officer</b>
Eric Atkins	President	Eric Atkins
Geoff Woodward	Vice President	Guy Marriott*
Roy Brown	Secretary	Roy Brown
Mick Cox	Treasurer	Mick Cox
Sheila Giacomelli	Membership Secretary	Sheila Giacomelli
Ian Rogerson	Communications Officer	Ian Rogerson
Karen White	Groups Coordinator	Karen White
Clive White	Webmaster	No longer an Executive Committee position

\* Geoff Woodward resigned for health reasons during 2016, and Guy Marriott was co-opted into the post last October. He was subsequently elected to the post in this AGM.

Proposed by (print name) ..... Signed .....

Seconded by (print name) ..... Signed .....

President..... Secretary .....