

# Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

## Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### Committee Present:

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

### Apologies

Treasurer: Mick Cox

### Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting commenced at 11.00am

## Welcome

Eric welcomed everyone to the meeting, and apologised for the absence of Mick Cox and for the impending rain.

Eric then gave a one-time only address regarding fire regulations, the main theme of which was, to paraphrase corporal Jones of Dad's army, – Don't Panic! He summarised that if there were to be a fire situation he would stand up and tell everyone to calm down. We have enrolled 5 volunteer fire wardens to guide people to the exit points and provide mobility assistance where required. There are two fire extinguishers in the room and a fire alarm button behind a glass panel situated on the wall by the entry stairs. Eric suggested that for future meetings everyone should perhaps equip themselves with a small hammer with which to break the glass.

Eric emphasised the key issues are don't panic, don't spend time collecting goods and chattels and DO NOT exit via the route by which you entered. There are four exit doors to the meeting room and you should use the nearest of these to access the lawn outside the building, where everybody can chat amongst themselves whilst waiting for the Parador staff to give permission to re-enter the building.

Eric asked if anyone had read the minutes of the previous meeting, and, of course everybody had. There being no objections he then asked willing volunteers in members Vivian Sullivan and Betty McKimm to propose and second the approval of the minutes which were duly signed off.

## President's Report

### Facebook Page

Now grown to well over 200 members, and most posts receive more than 100 visits. There is a link to this page on the website, and it's basic purpose is to allow members and group leaders to communicate proactively. Recent posts include valuable information on various U3A events, a warning about bogus gas men, and many photographs of recent U3A activities. Eric thanked Margaret March, Ian and Jacqui Rogerson for their efforts in getting this page up and running.

### Cuenca trip

This also includes Ciudad Encantada, Zaragoza and Belchite. There is a serious shortage of travelling couples on this trip – there are no single rooms remaining but double rooms aplenty. At the moment there are insufficient numbers to make the trip viable, but there is another meeting in May and deposit payments may of course be made by bank transfer.

### May Ball

Now over 200 and bookings are closed, though last minute bookings can still be accepted – see Val. There is room on the bus as a second bus has been added.

### Membership

17 new members plus 12 renewals today so total membership now stands at well over 1300

### Hog roast

60 tickets sold today, so only 40 remaining. Bookings are now open on line. Should there be any spaces left by then, they will be available in the May meeting.

### Volunteers

A thankyou gathering will be held after this meeting in the room behind the bar (upstairs)

## Deputy Treasurer's Report

Sally repeated the explanation given in the AGM for the revised method of reporting our accounts for the benefit of those who missed the AGM. This revised reporting gives a more accurate indication of the financial situation and allows us to reasonably predict the balance at the end of the year in a rolling monthly fashion.

Currently, the figures are:-

• Current bank & cash balance	€49,272
• Money held for travel, events etc.	€29,781
• Available balance	€19,491
• Balance of budgeted annual expenditure	€13,891
• Budgeted predicted membership income	€1,100
• Projected end-of-year balance	€6,700

Sally signed off with the mandatory treasurer's joke, the subject being theft of money!

Eric then introduced our:-

### Guest Speaker, Peter Atkinson

Peter's presentation was entitled "entente not so cordiale", 1000 years of Anglo – French relations from The Battle of Hastings to Brexit. Peter treated us to a wonderfully entertaining bout of superbly researched French bashing, supported by many quotations and photographs from throughout the ages. He finished by pointing out that the French motto on a UK passport means "Shame on you who think evil of it", the "it" in question referring to Edward III's claim to the French Crown. He suggested that you point this out to the next stropky French passport official who tries to give you hassle.

## Thanks

Eric thanked Peter for his talk, commenting that the Jávea U3a probably has a longer life span expectancy just now than the French nation, and presented him with a carefully selected gift of French rosé wine (Eric's favourite). Eric thanked the assembly for coming and looked forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting in May.

The meeting closed at 12:05pm

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

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

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