



U3A Vall del Pop



Minutes of U3A Vall del Pop General Assembly

Held on Thursday 5th March 2020

Venue: The Center Polivalent, Murla

In the Chair: Bob Welham (President)

Minute Taker: Jennifer Beattie (Secretary)

Members Present: 100

1. Welcome and Introduction

1.1 The President, Bob Welham welcomed everyone in particular all the new members and invited the membership to stay for the AGM. **Bob** advised the members that we have provided hand cleansers in respect of the recent Coronavirus emergency.

1.2 Call for the AGM: The President gave the call for the AGM as per the By Laws adopted in the U3A Vall del Pop Constitution.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting dated 6th February 2020

The minutes were recorded as true and accurate and were proposed by **Dave Wicks** and seconded by **Eve Fisk**.

3. Matters Arising from 6th February meeting

Name of Seconder to be changed to Gerry Bacon and the date of the next General Assembly.

4. Correspondence

None

5. Committee Members Reports

Treasurer's Report

Bob Hill's report was as follows: -

"Since the last General Assembly the following expenses have been dealt with:

€50	Caretaker at Murla – February G.A.
€23	Refreshments – February G.A.
€61	Klickhere – Additional website work adding two new groups
€50	Committee – Legal advice relating to revised trip booking conditions
€55	Committee travel costs
€363	Payment to Gilabert & Jaime external auditors (2019 accounts)

Details of bank balances and assets are included in my AGM report."

Membership Secretary

Barbara Bentley– welcomed all the new members and thanked all the helpers both here and at the satellite meetings. The previous one in Orba was very successful with 52 renewals. Today there have been 17 new members and 54 renewals which gives 584 members in total.

Groups Co-ordinator

Marie Fitzgerald - informed the members that the Alcalali Multiusos was not going to be made available from June. Members of Groups who use the hall will be advised of alternative arrangements. Yarn and Thread group need new members. Tai Chi group has been temporarily suspended, due to ill health of the Group Leader and we wish Mike a speedy recovery.

Beetle drive have got to go to another venue. Next month there will be an Easter Bonnet Parade. There will be flower arrangements for a raffle.

A representative of each of the nominated Charities will come along to the General Assemblies each month and at the GM today there are 3 ladies from Cancer Care.

Web Master

Penny Bolger there is nothing to report, everything is going well.

Travel, Culture and Entertainment Team (TCET)

Sandra Welham informed the members present that prior to booking trips these have to be agreed by the membership and the General Assemblies. **Sandra** advised the membership that the U3a proposed 3 trips new trips to go on offer. These were voted on by the members present and all agreed to the trips being offered. **Sandra** also informed the membership that the Terms and Conditions of booking trips are now on show on each desk and on the website and in addition each member needs to sign to agree to these conditions.

Sandra explained to the members that the Travel Agent Dreamworld had gone into Administration and that the members who had booked the Venice trip had at this stage lost their deposits. Sandra has registered a claim with the Administrators and OMIC (Consumer Rights in Alicante). We wait the outcome. Tickets are going well for trips and events on sale.

Sandra thanked the Team for their support throughout the year.

6. AOB

- April Speaker – David Rohl – Life in the Music Industry.
- May Speaker – Rosa Mansell, Fundraiser and Artist for a school project in Africa. Sandra will be in the Chair.
- June Speaker – Pete Carrigan, Concord Pilot.
- Joyce Glenn, Cancer Care - explained to the membership about the Javea based Charity which was started 20 years ago. 1 million euros has been donated to worthwhile causes since its inception.
- Presentation to Caritas – Sandra thanked the members of all their donations and we can also take more donations next month. Representative from Caritas was present to accept the donations and thanked the membership.
- Murla Venue – Bob explained that we do not pay for this venue normally would cost 150 Euros per session. The U3a are going to give something back and we are doing a Mural and it's going on the

back wall. Thanks to Annasley Sinclair for the design and also for acting as an Interpreter at the meetings.

- Coronavirus – information on the U3A website
- Brexit – update at the next meeting 2nd April 2020

Bob gave the Second Call for AGM 11.30am

Date of Next General Assembly Thursday 2nd April 2020 at Center Polivalent, Murla. Doors open at 10.00 a.m.

Any member wishing to comment on the contents of these minutes please e-mail The Secretary at:-

u3avalldelpop@gmail.com

Many thanks

Jennifer Beattie
Secretary

Signed..... **President**

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Minutes of U3A Vall del Pop Annual General Meeting

Held on Thursday 5th March 2020

Venue: The Center Polivalent, Murla

Minute Taker: Jennifer Beattie

Members Present: 84

Meeting Commenced at 11.35am

1. Introduction

The outgoing President, **Bob Welham**, announced that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the U3A Vall del Pop would now take place.

2. Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting dated 7th March 2019

The minutes were recorded as true and accurate and proposed and seconded at the General Assembly on 4th April 2019.

3. Matters Arising

Bob Welham confirmed that there were no matters arising.

4. Presidents Report 2019 – 2020 Bob Welham

“Dear Members

Well we have come to the end of another excellent year. As an association we have achieved so much and it is down to having an excellent hardworking Committee, Associate Committee Members, TCET, hospitality, MAGs and not forgetting the Group Leaders and your commitment to support all the groups and activities that are on offer.

I cannot thank these members enough especially your Committee, but I am delighted to say that we have attracted a number of new members who are willing to put their names forward at the next election. It is very encouraging but also a sad time when we have Committee members who are retiring. Our thanks must go to Jennifer Beattie (Secretary), Duncan Thompson (Vice President), Bob Hills (Treasurer), and Ann Martin (Assistant Membership Secretary) although Ann is stepping down from the Committee, she will continue in the role alongside Barbara Bentley. All four members have done a sterling job, and I know that I will miss their ideas and suggestions.

During the year we have made full use of our new website and it is pleasing to be able to report that the number of “hits” has been extremely high...basically you are using it ! So well worth the outlay. We managed to get the final acceptance of the Constitution, not an easy task, but we got there in the end.

At the beginning of the year, we started our Goodwill Team and what a success! They managed to raise over 1600Euros and this was celebrated at the Christmas Assembly, when a number of charities received sums of money to help with their worthwhile causes. Also you will have noted this year, that the Sharing and Caring team have been very active supporting individuals and providing information.

During the year we have been working closely with Murla Alcaldi, Juan Fernando Giner Riera, who would very much like our association to be more involved within the Community. With this in mind we have recently commissioned a copy of the Murla Crest, which will be displayed in the Polivalent. Thank you, a very big thank you to Annesley Sinclair, who made this possible.

Finally, I would like to say how very proud I am of the continued success of our U3A and look forward to another year.

Best Wishes
Bob Welham.”

5. Treasurers Report - Bob Hills

“We commenced 2019 with a bank balance of € 6812.71 and closed at 31st December with a balance of € 4981.61. During the year 2019 our income and expenditure against budget figures was as follows:

INCOME: Budget € 4500 – Actual membership fees received € 5310 - a surplus of €810.

EXPENDITURE:

<u>Expenditure Categories</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Costs Incurred</u>
Group Funding	1050	776.50
Professional Fees	1730	3899.87
Committee – Office Costs	915	578.42
Committee Travel	500	259.00
Speakers Fees/Gifts	200	48.08
Hospitality	550	509.54
Polivalent Rent & Caretaker	650	520.00
Care & Share Team	300	264.59
Other Miscellaneous Costs	000	297.53
Totals	5895	7153.53

Overall actual deficit of expenditure against income - €1258.53

YEAR 2020

Anticipated Income € 5600 - Estimated membership of 800 at €7 per capita

<u>Expenditure Categories</u>	<u>Anticipated Budget Expenditure</u>
Group Costs	250
Professional Fees	2730
Committee Costs	1250
Speakers Costs	200
Hospitality	1350
Polivalent	650
Care & Share Team	300
Total	6730

Anticipated deficit of expenses against income €1130

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

In March 2017 I took over as Treasurer from John Nicholson whose stewardship of the accounts was first class. John had a philosophy that we must always maintain a reasonable reserve fund to meet any future unforeseen expenditure which may arise, - a maxim we have continued to maintain to this day. At the end of each calendar year there have always been accrued funds in the central bank account available to meet any such contingencies, including cover for any deficits of expenditure against income. At the 31st December 2019 our accrued funds bank balance was €4,981.61.

During the past couple of years your committee have agreed where necessary and appropriate to 'ring fence' funds from the bank account accrued funds to meet specific large items of expenditure. Whilst any payment of such large expenditure items must be shown in the accounts they have not generally been included in the normal budget figures. In this regard 50% of the costs for building and development of the new website and member's data base was paid in 2018, and the balance was paid during 2019. Likewise your committee have made a 'ring fence' provision of €1,000 for replacement of the sound system we use here at Murla should this prove necessary during 2020.

During 2019 nearly all expenditure items have fallen within budget. The only major variance relates to professional fees where we have spent €3899 against a budget of €1730. This is mostly accounted for by payment of remaining balance of website and members database set up costs, and also payment of the first quarter 2020 web maintenance fees in December 2019. Such quarterly fees are required to be paid prior to the quarterly commencement date.

Whilst we could have presented a budget for 2020 showing a surplus of income against expenditure this could only have been achieved by asking for more money from members. As our only source of income is members annual fees we decided to limit the increase for this year to only €7 per capita and project a modest deficit. This in itself helps us to focus on continuing astute control of our funds. I would however assure members that we still have an adequate level of solvency for this financial year.

All our accounting records have been reviewed by external Assessors - Gilabert & Jaime Assessors of Denia who have given a favourable report thereon. This review not only includes our central accounts but also accounting records for TCET, Cinema Group, and the Goodwill / Charity team. All three of these entities are self-funding and do not receive any funds from central account membership monies.

During 2019 strong representations were made by some members who wanted U3A reserve funds to be used for charity donations, but the aims set out in our constitution do not make provision for charity fundraising. As we have always worked on the basis that member's funds cannot be used for charitable purposes the alternative route was to facilitate voluntary giving by those members who wished to do so. Consequently a Goodwill / Charity sub-committee was set up and a separate bank account established to ensure isolation of charity funds from all other U3A monies.

As an organisation we are not subject to taxation on monies raised in accordance with the terms of our constitution. However, any other monies raised could be regarded as income and might attract corporation tax – currently 10%. To date no specific tax return on charity income has been requested, or made. Should this arise we need to be aware that preparation of corporate tax returns by external assessors could prove far more costly than the annual audit fees we are now paying. Your committee are aware of this situation and contingency plans are being made. They will continue to keep this matter under review.

For members information our current assets stand at:

€ 7577.36	Central Account – plus cash in hand
€ 5720.60	TCET Account
€ 9.43	Cinema Account
€ 835.96	Goodwill / Charity Account

Our full financial figures are available should any member wish to consult with our Treasury Team. A copy of this report and the external Assessors report will be uploaded to the website.

As I am standing down as Treasurer this will be my last annual report, but I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the committee and members for their support during the past three years. I feel sure you will wish to extend the same support to my successor.

In closing I now propose formal adoption of these accounts.”

6. Election of New Committee Members for 2020-2021

The Secretary started the proceedings with the election of the President, and then the elected President took over the election of the remaining Committee Members. The results of the election of the New Committee Members were as follows: -

Position	Nominee	Votes For	Votes Against/Abstentions
President	Bob Welham	84	0
Vice President	Vacant		
Secretary	Sandra Welham	84	0
Assistant Secretary	Sally Ellis	84	0
Treasurer	Roger Bentley	84	0
Assistant Treasurer	Mary Bacon	84	0
Web Administrator	Penny Bolger	84	0
Membership Secretary	Barbara Bentley	84	0
Groups Co-Ordinator	Marie Fitzgerald	84	0
Groups Co-Ordinator	Teresa Tillbrook	84	0
TCET Co-Ordinator	Sonia Higginson	84	0
Associates to the Committee			
Speakers Co-Ordinator	Linda O'Driscoll		
Newsletter Editor	Lorraine Bellami		
Publicity Officer	Peter Sockett		
Assistant Membership Secretary	Ann Martin		

Meeting closed at 12.10pm

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Many thanks

Jennifer Beattie

Secretary U3A Vall del Pop

Signed..... **President**

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