

## **Minutes of the U3A Vall del Pop General Assembly held on Thursday January 11th 2024   Venue: Polivalent, Murla.**

### **1. Introduction**

Paula welcomed members to the first GA of 2024, wished them a happy and healthy new year and thanked them for attending. She thanked all the volunteers for helping to set up the venue and help with running the meeting.

### **2. Minutes of the General Meeting held on December 7th 2023**

It appears these were not seen by members so they could not be agreed.

### **3. Matters Arising.**

None.

### **4. Correspondence.**

None.

### **5. Committee reports**

*Treasurer's report.*

Roger submitted his report to the members in writing which was read by Paula. Please find a copy attached.

*Membership Secretary.*

At the last GA in December, there were 461 members. Prior to and at today's meeting we welcomed 12 new members which we are delighted about. To date 83 members have renewed their membership.

A reminder was given to members paying from a Sterling account in that the U3A's bank will charge a fee of €15, which would have to be charged back to the member. Of course, membership can also be paid at the General Assemblies in February and March. In addition, we will also be running Satellite Renewals, provisional dates and locations of which are : 22 January – Casa Claudia, Jalon, 14 February – Citrus Bar, Orba, 19 March – JVH Animo, Alcalali. Please keep an eye on the website for further details.

Finally, we would like to remind all members that, although their membership ends on 31 December 2023, we are allowing the normal 3 months grace to renew, ie to maintain membership members must renew by 31 March 2024.

*Groups Coordinator.*

Teresa reported that groups are progressing well. She reminded all group leaders to please contact their members to renew membership by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. The allotment group is in need of a garden spade if anyone has a spare one they could donate please. We have interest shown in a book club and Teresa will put out a message to gauge interest.

Christine Brazier gave an update on the cinema club which is proving very popular and asked for any suggestions re future films.

#### *TCET.*

Sonia read out a report which is attached. Still places available for the day trip to Valencia in April. Contact [U3Avalldelpoptravel@gmail.com](mailto:U3Avalldelpoptravel@gmail.com). There will be another shopping trip, this time to include Ikea and the Biopark. TCET will be having a meeting asap to plan future activities.

#### *Goodwill.*

Paula informed the members that the OK band event on 20<sup>th</sup> January is a sell out and should be a great fund raiser for Goodwill. Unfortunately we have had to postpone the cheese and wine/Call my Bluff evening in February and she will issue refunds to anyone who has paid.

Paula has contacted all 6 charities who are to receive donations from us from our 2023 funds and they are delighted and very grateful. As soon as the Treasurer returns from holiday we will arrange for funds to be distributed. We will be holding a meeting soon to plan future fundraising events. Paula asked members if they prefer daytime activities in the winter which they agreed was preferable, in summer daytime or evening was fine.

#### *Sharing and Caring.*

Brigid explained the role of Caring and Sharing and it was suggested an information sheet of useful contacts and numbers for members would be helpful. If anyone is interested in joining the Sharing and Caring team Brigid would be delighted to hear from them.

#### **6. AOB.**

Paula explained that at the AGM in March the committee will be elected for 2024 and that we will need to fill the positions of President and Secretary as Bob and Sandra are stepping down after many years of dedicated service. She encouraged anyone who is interested in joining the committee to approach any of the existing

committee members to find out more and explained that applications/nominations will be made 3 weeks prior to the AGM.

Paula reminded members of the current rise in cases of flu and covid and the need to take extra care when mixing. She reminded members of the need to wear a mask in any medical facility and pharmacies.

A question was asked if we would be having a Pre loved table in future. We would very much like to but need donations from members to keep it varied and worthwhile so members were encouraged to have a sort out and bring along unwanted Christmas gifts.

Margaret Wickes was celebrating her birthday today so everyone sang happy birthday.

Christine Brazier presented a fun quiz on names of flowers and prizes were kindly given to 3 winners.

Paul Leniston gave an interesting talk on the U3A walking group, the Monday ramblers.

The Let's Sing Together group closed the meeting with a few cheerful songs accompanied by members.

## **7. Date of next Meeting**

The next General Assembly Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Doors open 10am, meeting starts 11am. A special treat: sausages in baps being sold for Goodwill, there will be a speaker on financial services and Pauline McGough will be entertaining us.