# MINUTES OF THE U3A CALPE AGM HELD ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2019 AT THE IFACH HOTEL.

The doors opened at 10.00am for admin and renewals and joining new members.

The Meeting started at 11.00am with a talk by the British Vice Consul from Alicante whose talk was very interesting and informative and she urged all present to make sure that their residential status and Spanish driving licences are up to date with the possibility of Brexit happening in January.

## Apologies: None

The Minutes of the previous AGM were taken as read as they had been on the website for a year and copies were available on the table. These were proposed by Denise Kelly and Seconded by Sheila Rutley.

### Presidents Report - also on the website.

The President gave thanks to all the members of the u3a Calpe. Membership is much improved with new members joining every month. The Group Leaders have done very well one group has in excess of 100 members. We have had numerous day trips organised by our Travel Team and also short holidays to Sevilla etc. She gave thanks also to our Secretary and Treasurer and all our helpers who are so necessary to the smooth running of our u3a. She thanked Peter Purvey our Vice President who took over while she was away last year. The Christmas Fair was a success and it was a lot of hard work for those involved. Renewals that have lapsed will now be charged an extra 5€ to their subscription to re-join. Membership will remain at 10€ per annum. The President will do another year, Secretary also willing to do another year. Sandra Llewellyn will continue as Care & Share but Michelle McNickle has indicated she is unable to do another year.

Committee Members reports:

## Secretary: None

Treasurer: Our accounting year has been changed to end on 31st October in order to allow enough time before the AGM for the accounts to be audited. Our balance is up by 225€ from the last AGM in October 2018. The status today is 3362.71€ in the bank with Petty Cash of 246.91€ making a total of 3609.62€. The above does not include the Membership float of 100€, travel account funds and any new/renewal subscriptions collected today, nor the cost of our post AGM wine and tapas. Recent significant expenditure 120€ for hire of this meeting room today. In the next month there will be a bill from Total Postal box rental fee estimated at 115€.

Membership: We have 793 members with 525 being fully paid up, today we had 18 new members and 18 renewed.

Travel: Kerry reported that we had a lovely 4 day trip to Sevilla recently and there will be a shopping trip to La Zenia on 15th January. As there is no meeting in December Kerry will be at the Arte Cafe to collect shopping trip money one week before. See website. Our Christmas Dinner Dance is on 12th December at Restaurant Puerto Blanco. Still

a few places available.

Groups Co-ordinator: Pam welcomed all members to the final meeting of 2019 and cracked a few jokes one of which was about her previous life as an optician and 20-20 vision. She emphasised that groups are the heart of the u3a and that all members are welcome to join in with anything, and we applauded all group leaders. Roger Milsom is unfortunately leaving us as he and his wife are moving to Moraira so we now need another leader. Petanc will now be starting at 2pm instead of 3pm on a Sunday.

Publicity: This week we have had photos of the Sevilla trip in the local papers and our local radio station Pure Gold has given us quite a few publicity mentions on air. The Charity Shop in Calpe is having a Christmas Fair on 7th December and any donations can be taken into the shop.

Care and Share: A new law came into being yesterday regarding prescriptions which will now be electronic, just need to show your SIP card. Carole Saunders has brought in a sheet of information for help with caring for the elderly unable to care for themselves.

### NEW MEMBERS VOTED ON:

Wendy Down	Vice President
Jan Luxton	Membership
Guy de Meester	Webmaster
Glyn Bailey	Vocal

The show of hands was unanimous to vote all these members on to the Committee

Verity Waddell P	resident
John Stafford	reasurer
Marion Fisher S	ecretary
Dairong Hu	Assistant Membership
Peter Purvey	Vice President now standing down but will be Vocal 1

These were all voted unanimously.

The New Committee now is:

Verity Waddell	President
Wendy Down	Vice President
Marion Fisher	Secretary
John Stafford	Treasurer
Jan Luxton	Membership
Freda Croasdell	Travel Treasurer
Kerry Edwards	Travel
Michelle McNickle	Vocal
Sandra Llewellyn	Care & Share
Pam Phakey	Groups Co-ordinator
David Stockton	Publicist

Glyn Bailey Vocal Guy de Meester Webmaster Michelle McNickle has stood down but will remain as Vocal 2

THE NEXT AGM WILL BE ON 19th NOVEMBER 2020

A gift was presented to Peter Purvey in thanks for his excellent service to the u3a Calpe. A gift was presented to Christa for all her help including supporting travel and huge help with the Christmas Fair last year. A gift was presented to Dairong Hu for all her hard work on Membership and keeping our Database up to date. A gift was presented to Michelle for all her work.

Mary Anderton, Choir Mistress of our u3a, announced that there will be a Concert on 9th December at the Casa de Cultura in Calpe. Mayor of Altea has invited our choir to participate with a top Cellist, Marie Pineda on the flute, and it will be open to all. See website. Our choir consists of quite a few different nationalities and new members are always welcome.

Rod Anderton is organising a Bodega Trip in March next year going to Requena, visiting the Bodega and wine tasting, lunch in a restaurant at a price of 35€ pp for 30+.

Carole Saunders informs us that Students from Valencia University will be needing board and lodging soon. The Christmas Fair this year will be on 6th, 7th and 8th December. Lots of stalls including 15-20 Artisanas and Lace making.

The Meeting closed at 12.15pm

Wine and tapas were then available.