

Minutes of U3A Dénia Committee Meeting Thursday 8th March 2018

10.00 am at the Casa de Cultura

Those present:

Ken Yendell – President

Christine Whitelock – Vice President

Mike Blower – Secretary

Phil Johnson – Ex Officio

Margaret Jennick – Ex Officio

Apologies: Roger Fell – Treasurer

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting

1/ Ken's report on his trip to the Javea U3A AGM. Despite glowing reports on the Javea U3A there was not a lot new to take away. Ken appreciated that their meeting room had windows.

2/ Secretary's report on registering new committee. The documents have all been duly signed and stamped and sent to Alicante by Dénia Ayuntamiento.

3/ Secretary's report on getting the Electronic identity tag. Once we have confirmed that the above documents have been processed in Alicante the secretary will start the process of getting the tag.

4/ Organise bank visit for signing. When Roger is back from the UK he will organise with Banco de Sabadell for us all to sign, not forgetting that Carolyn Kerr, the new Membership Secretary, will need to be included.

5/ Protocol on emails to and from committee members. The president pointed out that the recent mass email from the secretary breached the U3A's convention and the secretary apologised.

6/ How to improve attendance to monthly meetings. This was discussed and Ken will ask members at the next meeting what they would like to happen at meetings. The group leaders will be circulated about coming along and giving a ten minute talk on their groups.

7/ Possible subject for one of the monthly meetings: How to use the U3A Denia website. This was agreed and will probably be an add on after the speaker next month. Secretary to sort.

8/ The U3A Dénia Travel team lack of trips. It was agreed that the travel team is a problem and something needs to be done to sort them out. Ken agreed to talk to Pam, the Travel team leader. It was suggested that the minutes of their meetings be circulated to the committee and this was agreed.

9/ Total lack of response re a new almoner. It was felt in some quarters that the email about this looked as if it was a full time job. It was suggested that an Almoners group be set up, meeting now and then, of people that could help now and then, give lifts to the hospital, see if any help is required in the case of a partner dying. The secretary to set up a group and mention it in a mass email.

10/ Organising the Group leader's lunch. Later in April was suggested as a date and Margaret and the Secretary will look into a suitable venue.

11/ New Groups - Is it time to revive the Computer Group? Secretary will look into a suitable venue.

12/ Any other business.

A/ The secretary said that there may well be a problem with the U3A Laptop. This is now resolved.

B/ It was suggested that as there a lot of people in the U3A who would appreciate it we would look into a drop-in coffee mornings and/or afternoons. Say at 11am and 3pm and probably in two different places, on in town and one out so people can park easily. Cafe Amazing and Cafe Soles were suggested. The secretary to publicise the idea and Phil to look for a venue or venues.

C/ It was suggested that members should log in before being able to read the minutes, AGM info and the financial figures. This was undecided and anyway we would need to wait till Heather the website designer came back from America to do that.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting .