



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 30 January 2026

**1. The first call was made at 10.30am** but as there was not a quorum the meeting started at 11am.

**2. Welcome** - The President welcomed 55 members to the meeting in the Casa de Cultura, Javea.

### **3. Apologies for absence and Opening Remarks by the President**

Apologies had been received from 76 members of whom 31 had cast their votes online. Jim Short, our Membership secretary could not attend today and sent his apologies.

The Association sadly lost some wonderful members in 2025 many of whom had contributed greatly to U3A Jávea over the years. The thoughts of members are with their family and friends.

Thanks were given to all the people who help keep the organisation going. The Executive Committee and members thank Peter Bayliss the webmaster, Tom Stevenson, Alex Stewart who audited the accounts, the Group Leaders and all those who help in some way to maintain our association active.

**4. Minutes of the last AGM on 31 January 2025** were published on the website on 14 January, and no comments were received at the time. When republished with the agenda for this meeting no amendments were received.

**Agreed Unanimously**

### **5. President's Report**

The Association had various events to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary including an event in April attended by many past presidents, committee members and group leaders. It is wonderful to recognise that the association has lasted 20 years already and was founded by our past president and current Groups coordinator, Mike Frost.

All new members are invited to get involved and show "old timers" how to modernise the association.

There were no questions regarding the president's report.

### **6. Reports by the Committee**

- Vice President**

Throughout the year the Executive Committee held a series of social events to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Association as mentioned by the president, and they were subsidised

from our funds which allowed many members to come together and enjoy being entertained, fed and watered! These events are becoming increasingly popular with a record attendance at our final one of the year for our pre-Christmas Bash (again at Salones Carrasco) where we nearly filled the room with 140 members!

On the IT front Vice President is still involved in working with Peter Bayliss the Webmaster and Tom Stevenson who updates the website with travel trips and other articles. She thanked them both for keeping the website working well and up to date. Peter spends many hours sorting out issues to make sure the site is always available for members to access.

The Association is still experiencing problems at times with emails which are partly due to more stringent checks on the pathways used to route an email to its destination particularly with Yahoo addresses, but we continue to resolve each case we are made aware of as best we can. We are investigating whether there is a better system we can use that would eliminate these problems.

This year we have changed our system for creating forms which we use to gather information from members when they want to book an event or trip. Peter is our 'master form builder' making sure each one is customised to serve the purpose of different organisers to receive the information they need. The details from the forms feed directly into a spreadsheet which takes out a lot of tedious work for organisers and reduces the chance of errors relating to who has booked for what!

There were no questions for the Vice President

- **Treasurer**

The Association had a deficit of €7,044 in 2025 compared to a surplus of €1,539 in 2024.

Our equity on December 31, 2025 amounts to €8,447.

Our expenses in 2024 were 2,984€ higher than in 2024 as U3A Javea subsidised events related to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations to the amount of €3343, but we saved €434 on other social expenses.

The travel contingency fund at the end of December 2025 was €1,487.

The expenditure for 2025 was €12,960.

The budget for 2026 is € 10,087.

Charity donations by members in 2025 totalled €4122.

Clarification was provided by the Treasurer regarding the travel contingency fund and its use.

- **Groups Coordinator**

At last year's AGM the Groups coordinator reported that we had 47 groups, and he now reported that we have 46. We have lost the Jewellery group and the photography groups due mainly to lack of support. The Singalong group closed due to the group leader's health issues.

An acrylic painting group has started with over 20 members and the Dine and Dance group has restarted with Angela Chantry who currently has over 70 people on her mailing list. A

weight loss support group led by Suzanne has also started and the 13 members have already lost a combined total of 51 kilos! Congratulations!

On the Travel front the Association has made some changes as a result of a member having a heart attack while on a trip recently. It showed up the lack of information we have on members on a trip and the great stress experienced by the travel leaders on such occasions. Members can appreciate that when trying to get a person admitted to hospital it is essential to have the right information quickly.

Details of the changes will be sent out to all members in February. The Association will be modifying how members book on trips and asking for the SIP number, TIE/passport, and proof of travel insurance.

We are also recognising how difficult a travel leader's job can be, so we are changing the rules about their payment for the trips. If they choose to do so they can now go totally free.

Two travel leaders have recently withdrawn but we have gained 2 new ones – Sine Macfarlane and Jim Crines.

Finally, we will again hold a Groups Fair at Salones Carrasco on 27 February which will give members the opportunity to see what is on offer and speak to Group Leaders personally. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible.

Clarification was given as to the voluntary nature of payment for trips by travel leaders.

- **Membership Secretary**

This report was read by the secretary as the membership secretary was attending his daughter's wedding in Ireland.

Total Membership	1184
Renewals to date	963
New Members in 2025	221

### **Renewal for 2026**

The Executive Committee will issue an email to existing members in February with a link to pay their fees if they wish to renew.

The response to our request not to renew until the new fee was approved was highly successful.

### **2026 spreadsheet**

The 2026 membership spreadsheet has already been generated. Membership cards will be issued from March onwards for those who renew. This is a manual process so we would appreciate your patience.

Finally, we ask all members who wish to retire from U3A Javea to notify us. This will facilitate the renewal process.

There were no questions regarding the membership secretary's report.

### **Secretary**

The new secretary started her role came at the start of such a significant year of events and meetings to celebrate our U3A Javea 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The main part of her work, however, has been learning the routine secretarial duties of the Association secretary. She thanked Claude and the whole Executive Committee, for their patience, good humour and cooperation. Margaret, as past secretary, massively assisted her learning process and in addition she has continued to lead on the IT side and Communications side dealing with the website, calendar and Newsletters ably aided by Peter Bayliss and Tom Stevenson.

Since it was the 20<sup>th</sup> year, as others have mentioned, the Executive Committee organised two special events which enabled her to meet members and former committee presidents, group leaders and members.

Other areas of work include with our President, Claude, on issues related to the Town Hall working party on helping senior citizens receive appropriate support, and with Groups coordinator Mike on the review of travel planning and trip procedures as described in last year's AGM. The revised guidance is being published for members and is being applied by the Travel Team and the SC&C Group Leader.

There were no questions regarding the secretary's report.

### **7. Annual Report of Activities 2025**

The report had been published on the website on 16 January 2026 and notified to members the same day. There were no questions raised. **Approved: Unanimously**

### **8. Audited Accounts for 2025**

The Accounts had been audited and published on the website on 14 January 2026 and notified to members the same day. There were no questions raised. **Approved: Unanimously**

- The motion to set the 2026 membership fee at 8€ was approved unanimously.
- The motion to approve the Executive Committee proposal that any current member who has been a member of U3A Javea for 20 years or more and also been a member of the committee in any capacity or been a group leader, be made a Lifelong member of U3A Javea, free of charge, was also approved unanimously.

### **9. Election of Executive committee –**

The election for the Committee was taken 'en bloc' as there were no contested posts. There were unanimous votes in the room and online.

<b>President:</b>	<b>Claude Grealy</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Margaret March</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Gillian Flaxman</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Henrik Rasmussen</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Groups Coordinator:</b>	<b>Mike Frost</b>	<b>Elected</b>
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	<b>Jim Short</b>	<b>Elected</b>

## **10. President's concluding remarks**

Claude thanked members for attending and showing their support on a day that had threatened rain in our area. He looked forward to seeing them again at future events.

There was no other business from those present or submitted in writing.

**The meeting closed at 11.40 h**

**Signed**



**Claude Grealy**  
President

**Signed**



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**Gillian Flaxman**  
Secretary