

## Minutes meeting 18 Feb 2025

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Tenerife held on Tuesday 18th February 2025 in the Hotel Masaru at 12.45 p.m.

Present. Jean Pennington Jameson (President), Gabriel Dobson (Treasurer), Anne P. James, John Ayling, Stephanie Farr. (Committee members)

The President welcomed all members to the meeting. There were apologies from absent members:

Vena Russell, Babs Ayling, Jean Baker, Luisa Irureta, Ann Gibbons, Jane Stewart, Eve Stanley, Dinah Kite, Cheryl Douglas.

Approval of minutes of last AGM held on 21st February 2023. Proposed: Katherine Leach,

Seconded Chris Brook-Watson                      All members were in approval.

President's Report for year 2024.

The past year has once again shown the difference that the 90-day rule has made to our charity since Brexit.

During the summer months the number of members attending our events has decreased significantly. Also in July and August there were no car boots.

Over the past twelve months there have been changes on the committee. Sandy Bate who was our vice-president and also looked after our Facebook page has resigned through ill health. Unfortunately someone who was previously an administrator of the FOT Facebook page a few years ago intentionally made it difficult for us to continue posting information. It is a work in progress at the moment, so hopefully we will soon be back on Facebook.

John and Babs Ayling have also retired from the Car Boot due to ill health. John will be talking to you about the situation.

The charities which your money goes to still need help and they are so grateful for your support. Fortunately there are still some people giving us regular donations, and this committee will continue working hard on your behalf to raise as much money as possible for the charity, and also to find new members.

The Treasurer's Report.

Gabriel reported that it is his job as treasurer to keep a record of all the movements of money during the year, and to prepare the accounts at the end of the year.

The accounts were sent to all members by email, and a copy was posted at the door for anyone who did not receive it. Although not required by Spanish law, for the sake of transparency we decided long ago to have our accounts audited every year.

This year the accounts have been thoroughly vetted by our independent auditor who is a qualified accountant and who has found them to be in order and in compliance with accounting requirements and ready for presentation at the meeting.

To end, I would like to make one comparison with the result of the year 2023. About the drop of around 1,000 euro in the donations we made on your behalf to our charities during 2024. This is mainly due to the fact that the donations you make to us fell considerably during the year. Perhaps one solution would be to recruit new members. Other than that, the other figures show little change from the year before 2023. Thank you.

JOHN AYLING reported that the money from the Car Boot has dwindled due to the ill health of Babs and himself but he has managed with help to continue to maintain our stall. He has not managed so far to find anyone to take over the running of the car boot stall, and apologises for not being able to continue. He still holds many items at his home.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President stated that as most people know, she is retiring as president for health reasons and, as yet, there has been no candidates for this position. She asked if anyone was interested in taking over this position. It will be necessary to hold an EGM to rectify this problem.

Vice President: When Sandy retired in December, Stephanie agreed to take over this position, and also as events organiser.

Secretary: Frank would like to continue in this position.

Treasurer: Gabriel is happy to continue.

Committee Members:

John Ayling, staying on the committee

Cheryl Douglas, we are all pleased to welcome her on to the committee.

Anne James, staying as minutes secretary.

Jean Pennington, has agreed to remain on the committee for another year.

and Gillian Whipp, thanked by the President for helping with the charities.

These persons were voted onto the committee as follows:

Jean Pennington as committee member proposed by Chris Brook-Watson and seconded by Anne James  
Stephanie: proposed by Joan Rawdon, seconded by Gillian Whipp. All members in agreement.

Frank to continue as secretary, proposed by Katherine Leach, seconded by Lorretta Gee.  
Gabriel Dobson as treasurer, proposed by Sheila Bister, seconded by Chris Brook-Watson

John Ayling as committee member proposed by Brian Scott and seconded by Loretta Gee.

Anne James as committee member proposed by Katherine Leach and seconded by Chris Brook-Watson  
Cheryl Douglas as committee member, proposed by Pam Doughty and seconded by Sheila Bister

All present members were in agreement .

The President wished to thank Gabriel for all his hard work while Frank has been away for organising all the emails and the paperwork for this meeting.

She also thanked Cheryl Douglas for being our auditor for the past few years, and Cheryl Phipps and Katherine Leach for helping with the car boot, and Katherine for the raffle.

Also thanks go to Karl Sperling for looking after our web page, and Don Alberto, the director of the Masaru for allowing us to hold our AGM here.

She also thanked the members for their support and generosity, without which we would not be able to help so many people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

The president said that she had been on this committee for over 20 years and that it had been a privilege, a tremendously rewarding experience and she had loved every minute. She wished to thank the committee for being such a great team to work with, especially the ones she has known for longer, like Frank, Gabriel and John, all lovely guys who help each other, and the charity so much. I must also mention Anne James, a dear friend who I have known for over 25 years and we are still speaking. And to the new generation Stephanie, Gillian and Cheryl who I know will bring fresh ideas and new energy to the committee. These youngsters will help the charity move forward and be well cared for.

Thank you so much to all of you for everything you do for FOT. I am so proud of you.

Thank you for putting up with me for 20 years, I will certainly miss looking after you and the events.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Thus said, the President asked if there was any other business. There being none, the meeting was closed.