



Meeting
Essex Land Rover Club Ltd Committee Meeting
February 2026

Date: Wednesday 26th February 2025 Time: 7.30pm

Location: Skype

1.Attendees: Keith Pocock (KP), John Musham (JM), Ralph Coulson (RC), Nigel Wood (NW), Sue Coulson (SC),

2.Apologies of absence

- Steve Wood (SW), Tim Wyman (TW), Rob Watson (RW), Alistair King (AK),

3.Minutes of previous meeting:

- a) Trophy distribution (including Homestead) circulation? SC
- SC to get engraved and distribute.

4. Items for Committee

- a) Membership numbers update? Note
- Flurry of new members recently, few have not renewed, generally stable membership
- b) Finances update- last year's accounts. RC - JM
- KP, RC, JM met to review last year's accounts two weeks ago, all OK, noted two ALRC payments made in one year and issue over hall deposit.
 - Similar figure to previous year.
 - Accounts approved and signed off.
 - Trials lost £200 last year, however there was a £200 surplus from the driving days.
 - 4x4 response added to the club funds.
 - JM to upload to Companies House nearer the appointed time.
- c) MSUK Region membership RC
- MSUK new imposed rules, (join or MSUK say no licences).
 - Joined a region, but not the correct region.
 - RC spoke to MSUK, ALRC and an eastern region.
 - Multiple Land Rover clubs also joined, including ALRC!
 - Requirement £30/year, four meetings a year to attend, complete joining form and wait for approval, interim licence in the meantime.
 - RC main contact with KP & JM secondary
 - APPROVED
- d) 4x4 response request & donations NW
RC/JM
- £50 donation given by grateful stuck driver, rescued by 4x4 response.
 - PPE (vests etc) request. APPROVED NW to liaise with RC/JM for payments.
 - Network Radio Base Unit and SIM card (regular monthly subscription) request. APPROVED. NW to liaise with RC/JM for payments.

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| e) Resignations / Committee changes | Note |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KP moving and will be selling his car, contemplating resigning at the AGM. He acknowledged RC/JM in effect run the club and may continue if no-one comes forward. Thanks, given to KP. • NW has given notice to resign at the AGM. Thanks, given to NW. • SW and George have offered to take on the role as a job share. | |
| f) Shows update - none | RW |
| g) Laning update & cancellation of last Sunday's outing. | Note |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AK had to go on emergency business out of country – no one to take over. | |
| h) ALRC update from EGM Committee meeting. | RC, JM |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RC to attend. • Same day as out trials. • Already have interest for TYRO - taking part, marshal, scrutineer etc. JM to confirm nearer the time to attend. | |
| i) Radio licence proposal | NW |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELRC buys licence each year and SW pays club as use it most (no one uses licence in club now). APPROVED to continue paying and no reimbursement. | |

5. Any Other Business

- AGM – 5th July. Hall available. SC to complete forms, deposit to pay.
- Old Fire Extinguisher request by SW. KP has one (will check location). RC has one. JM has one, JM thought there may be one in trailer. SW to sort out collection for meeting in March.
- ALRC Handbooks – two boxes. RC to keep one for TYRO, JM take one for RTV / CCV.
- SC entering Homestead trophy table in EXPLOITS in each magazine.

Date of Next Meeting: 23rd April 2025

Set Meetings for the coming year.

- February 26th **COMMITTEE MEETING**
- March 15th **ALRC AGM** @ Daventry
- March 15th @ Sudbury **TRIAL**
- March 16th - Colchester Half Marathon **EVENT**
- March 23rd **LANING**
- March 30th MOTHERING SUNDAY
- April 20th **EASTER**
- April 20th **LANING** (to consider changing?)
- April 23rd **COMMITTEE MEETING**
- April 26th 27th Great British LR **SHOW**
- May 4th - Harlow Race For Life **EVENT**
- May 17th - Brentwood Race For Life **EVENT**
- May 24th – 26th Nationals **TRIALS**
- June 14th - Basildon Race For Life **EVENT**
- June 14th 15th Motorfest **SHOW**
- June 15th FATHERS DAY
- June 22nd **LANING**
- June 29th 30th Billing LR **SHOW**
- July 5th **AGM**
- July 13th - Chelmsford Race For Life **EVENT**
- July 27th **LANING**
- August 17th **LANING**
- August 24th 25th Countess of Warwick **SHOW**
- August 31st - Action Medical Ride Essex **EVENT**
- September 21st **LANING**
- October 5th Stonham Barns **SHOW**
- October 26th **LANING**
- November 23rd **LANING**
- November 24th Great British LR **SHOW**
- December 14th **LANING**
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REPORTS

a) Chairman's Report [Keith]

- Nothing to report.

b) Secretary's Report [John]

- We have continued to have various emails, general enquiries through the club email address. I think word has got around that I am helpful, as I get messages about fixing cars etc. It has proved positive for the club with new members joining us. Scam emails have reduced during the period.
- The next ALRC meeting is in a few weeks – the AGM, please let me know if anyone might be interested joining their committee; I sent off our comments about staying / leaving MSUK, which will be discussed at the next meeting. I heard some positive comments concerning the Nationals booking in process, duly created by Ralph, do spread the word for those who may be interested and book in.

c) Treasurer [JM / RC]

- See attachments for current P&L and Balance Sheet
- Keith, Ralph, and I met two weeks ago and reviewed last year's accounts, if anyone wants to review them, please let us know.
- Attached are the current Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss Accounts. In summary we have £13,394.15 in the Barclays Savings Account, £695.73 in the Barclays Current Account and £598.97 in the PayPal Account. (Total of £14,688.85)
- The Accounts will be available at the meeting should anyone require more detail.
- ZOHO Accounting package, is being managed by Ralph and John and each check each other's uploads; all running smoothly, and we use the inbuilt reconciliation of accounts that confirms the sums are correct.

d) Membership Secretary [Ralph]

- Membership figures as at 24-2-2025 are as follows:-

<i>Member Type</i>	<i>As of Nov 18th, 2024,</i>	<i>Current</i>
INDIVIDUAL	81	82
FAMILY	178	188
Lead	63	66
Partner/Spouse	59	62

Additional	10	12
Junior	46	48
FOC	7	7
4x4 RESPONSE	20	22
	286	299
GRACE	3	7
QUERY	0	0

- There were a few Members, both of ELRC and 4x4 Response, who chose not to renew during this period. The good news is that we are continuing to attract new members each month. Overall numbers have increased by 13 in total.

e) **Webmaster [Ralph]**

- The website continues to work hard for the Club. The Newsletters are well received, both ELRC Members and 4x4 Response/Rover Rescue newsletters. After mentioning that the newsletters were not always going out as expected, I have investigated `and fixed the issue. All newsletters are now going out as expected. (Although they are few and far between - remember, all committee members can post news on the website if they wish. (Please ask for help if you do not know how).

f) **Exploits Editor [Sue]**

g) **Comp Sec report [Tim]**

- We had a successful Little Baddow trial with 21 drivers, including Tyro, RTV and CCV. However, January's trial was poorly attended, with the RTV having to be cancelled due to a lack of drivers; most disappointing. We are starting to attract a young group of drivers, based around the Bushell's, so hopefully they will attend regularly, if not skiing or mountain biking.
- I have planned trials events throughout the year and are hoping for continued support from members. The use of taster trials, whereby members can invite friends and family to drive, without being a member of the club has had a zero impact on entries.....not sure why, but I'm trying!

h) **4x4 Response & Charity Support [Nigel]**

- The team has been on standby a couple of times over the last few months mainly following weather warnings. We had a record response of 40 members available.
- We had a call from Meadowcroft garden centre to help with vehicles stuck in the car park, we attended for 3 weekends when the German Christmas Markets was running.

- An evening Facebook message from a van driver stuck on a park in Colchester prompted some investigation before we responded, it turned out he was monitoring gas levels on the site which was an old rubbish tip. We recovered him safely to the road.
- Matt Wright stopped to help a car who had lost his exhaust on the A120, the gent was so please he got in touch and sent us a £50 donation.
- A recent training evening covered radio equipment and procedures and was attended by over 30 members.
- Our first event Colchester Marathon is coming up on 16th March.
- I have 2 requests for funds, firstly we need some more Hi Viz vests so I have a quote from our usual supplier for £210 for 28 vests of various sizes. The second request is for the purchase of a network radio vehicle set. We use Zello quite a lot now when wider coverage is required. The set would be available to be used in whatever vehicle is running control. The cost is around £200. There would also be a cost for sim card to operate the set, we would use whatever is the cheapest as they don't use much data so something like 1p mobile works well.
- On a personal note, I have decided to step down from running the team at this year's AGM, I have done the job for a number of years now and feel it is time form some new blood to lead the team forward. Steve has offered to take on the role and George has also stepped up share the role with him. I think this could work well as they are both experienced in how the team runs and with both of them working, they should be able to cover meetings etc between them. All subject to AGM approval of course. I will continue to be a member of the team and will assist Steve and George as required.

i) Social Media [Steve / Sue / Ralph]

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j) Shows & Displays [Rob]

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k) Safeguarding Officer [Steve]

- Nothing to report from Steve.

l) Laning & Rights of Way [Alistair]

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