



Meeting
Essex Land Rover Club Ltd Committee Meeting
October 2025

Date: Wednesday 22nd October 2025 Time: 8.00pm

Location: Teams

1. Attendees: Karl Reilly (KR); John Musham (JM), Ralph Coulson (RC), Sue Coulson (SC), Ethan Musham (EM), Ian Barton (IB); Steve Wood (SW)

2. Apologies of absence, George Petty (GP), Alistair King (AK),

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

a) None Note

4. Items for Committee

a) Committee changes all

- Chairman
 - Karl was voted in, proposed by RC, seconded by SC. Thanks on behalf of the Committee offered to Karl for returning as Chairman.
 - JM to update Companies House as Karl agreed to be Director.
 - ALRC to be notified of the change.

b) Trailers JM/EM

- Proposal to sell one of them, (Breckland LR club and Roland have expressed interest in having one of them). Agreed to keep hold of them and review again in a couple of years.
- JM noted they do need a clean and wiring checking / bulbs replacing – JM & EM (with any other volunteers) to do this over the next few months.
- JM also noted a couple of boxes of ‘paperwork’ in one of the trailers, JM to bring home, review and possible dispose of.
- EM had a proposal to dispose of two (of the three) tables, KR noted this were obtained many years ago and used at the big Easter Events; discussed putting them into the trials trailer.
- We also need to get a set of keys cut, Roland has the spare set, however we only have a set for one not both trailers.

c) Membership numbers update. RC

- Numbers remain fairly stable, with leavers, new members or 4X4 members upgrading to full membership. (293 @ AGM, 291 now).

d) Finances update? RC - JM

- minor changes since the AGM.
- JM has had problems with two payments notified in ZOHO; he now knows how to correct and will reconcile accounts.

e) ALRC / MSUK – update. RC

- ALRC Now online (except AGM), JM cannot make Tuesdays. JM invited IB to attend (trials related section). RC remains on ALRC committee as webmaster / upgrading their website.
- Noted for the MSUK Blue Book online.
- Reminder to renew the MSUK licence when it runs out.

f) 4x4 response – update.

SW/GP

- Discussions over membership and what fees due.
- SW met the County community officer, (Annette), discuss the voluntary requirements, highlighting a new 4x4 capability framework (next week – end October).
- Discussions over the use of the base radio and whether to spend, or using handheld ones – SW reviewing
- Request for further support, however at the same time as Santa support (towing the sleigh) at Tolleshunt D'arcy. However, our 4x4 member who lent his trailer last year, had issues.
- JM asked about the phone / texting bill, SW noted not group texts issued recently so no bill to pay.

g) Laning update – update?

AK

- JM / RC noted Essex Green Laning advertising at Stonham Barns. Allegedly, they do not follow best practice rules and etiquette in avoiding damaged roads.
- Terry noted on the day of Stonham Barns, there were four groups of off-roaders at the services.
- JM had spoke to AK who had said he was attending the meeting.
- RC confirmed he had set up the booking on the website.

h) Shows update.

EM

- EM gave a comprehensive update including:
- Successful show at Stonham Barns, a small but growing show, attended by 100's of Land Rovers (a meet and greet event). 10 members vehicles.
- Countess of Warwick was well attended, having centre stage of the field. Again, had cars up on ramps which drew people's attention.
- Next year EM will also want to go to Amberley Museum, next Autumn, one of the members went this year; we would have to meet somewhere first and go in as a group.
- Potentially The Goodwood Festival of Speed.
- Consider taking part in 'Tea on the Tailgate'.
- EM to update Shows section on website and prepare adverts in Exploits.

i) Trials – update.

IB

- Although those who attend enjoy the trials, including family members, we still need a few more members to break even. [Few ££ instead of £1,000's].
- We had to cancel a few due to low numbers
- Little Baddow is more expensive; we will need more members to take part.
- Need to consider how to attract new attendees.
- New sites required, few potential ones discussed, IB to set up visiting the with committee members. Also speak to Suffolk LR club, although not ALRC.
- IB to set out meetings for next year, avoiding key dates (Father's Day/Mothering Sunday, Remembrance Sunday). Circulate to Committee for comment.

- j) Secretary update JM
- Directors Insurance resolved
 - Director changes – KR to be added to Companies House.
 - Post Meeting Note: Jm updated accounts on Companies House website; however, site did not accept them; JM reissued and now formally accepted.
- k) Advertising / promotion leaflets. JM/Ava
- Ava Musham is redesigning the leaflets, first draft ready in the next few weeks.
- l) Website update. RC
- RC part way through updating the website.
 - New meeting to be arranged for 20th November, 8pm online.
 - New items including creating events on pre-populated forms for members (names - contacts, vehicles details, etc.
 - Digital cards work, as an option as well as the cards.

5.Any Other Business

- RC requested if he could use the ELRC card printer for non-ELRC works; ink will be replaced. Agreed.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 29th January 2026. [Thursday 7th May 2026.]

[plus, 20th November to review revised website].

Set Meetings for coming year.

- October 26th LANING
- November 8th /9th – ?? TYRO/RTV TRIALS
- November 23rd LANING
- November 24th Great British LR SHOW
- December 6th – Sudbury DAY INTO NIGHT TRIALS
- December 14th LANING
- December 28TH – Sudbury XMAS SHAKEDOWN TRIALS
 - Note this is a Saturday.

REPORTS

a) Chairman's Report [Karl]

- Nothing to report.

b) Secretary's Report [John]

- During the period I took out the clubs Directors Insurance; they were concerned that we were making losses and wanted to know what the Directors were doing about it. I did discuss with Ralph whether we continue to take it out – we agreed for this year take it out.
- We have continued to receive various scam and loan or website update emails, these have increased notably, which I believe other Committee members are receiving. Please mark as scam or block them.
- From enquiry discussions, this has resulted in new members, I normally assist any genuine emailers (if time permits).
- Trailers – decision to keep or sell one of them is on the agenda. A new set of keys will be required and a jet wash and minor service (bulbs blown). I also noted containers full of accounts / paperwork – I will collect next time I am there.

c) Treasurer [JM / RC]

- Bank Account & PayPal account reconciliation on ZOHO, we regularly reconcile accounts, I (John) have been having problems since the summer, I found the issue (two payments not recognised) and have found out an alternative way to overcome the problem; this will be completed on my return.
- Trials continue to lose money, not the big sums previously. 4x4 response adds to the funds (then funds paid out for fuel to the volunteers).
- We currently have:
 - Current £413.40
 - Savings £14,046.55
 - PayPal £295.13
 - See attached

d) Membership Secretary [Ralph]

Membership figures as of 22nd October 2025 are as follows:-

<i>Member Type</i>	<i>As at AGM</i>	<i>Current</i>
INDIVIDUAL	77	84
FAMILY	190	184
Lead	68	67
Partner/Spouse	65	63
Additional	13	12
Junior	44	42
FOC	7	7
4x4 RESPONSE	19	16
	293	291
GRACE	2	3
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. We have also had a couple of 4x4 Response

e) **Webmaster [Ralph]**

- The upgrade to the website has begun. There will be a lot of extra functionality, and I had hoped to demo some of this at this committee meeting. However, it is looking like there will be low attendance so I will schedule in a suitable time to run through the functions and take comments and suggestions.
- If there is anything you feel is required but has not been mentioned, then please feel free to give me a call or send info through.
- There has also been a spamming attack on the club shop. This was widespread throughout Europe as far as I can ask certain. There was some inconvenience caused but nothing untoward as far as data security was concerned. The issue seems to have gone away at present. I do keep up to date with security patches and new software releases so we are as protected as I can make it.

f) **Exploits Editor [Sue]**

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

- My report won't surprise you, but trial attendance remains very low, especially RTV. Losses are tracking lower than last year - Ralph shared some numbers a couple of weeks

ago. We've saved a little money by cancelling one event through a booking clash (no cost) and running both Sudbury events on a Saturday (saving £75), but uptake remains an issue.

- We need to discuss trials dates for next year. I will prepare ones similar to last year, except March.

h) 4x4 Response & Charity Support [Steve / George]

- Over the past few months, we've had some members leave/not renew their membership, however we have had some new members, so the current number of responders remains fairly constant. We have had a successful summer supporting Cancer Research UK with their Race for Life/Pretty Muddy events, and more recently we have supported Action Medical with their Ride Essex 100 and also Nice Works at the Chelmsford Marathon & Half Marathon. The team continue to be busy over the coming months as well; supporting two firework events in Basildon and Shoebury, then being onsite to provide traction assist at Braxted Park Christmas Fayre and then multiple weekends at Meadowcraft Garden Centre. We may also be providing mutual aid to Norfolk & Suffolk 4x4 Response for a Christmas Fayre at Hintlesham Hall.
- Recently myself and George have had a meeting with Essex County Council regarding the 4x4 Coordination Framework which has previously formed part of Essex Resilience Forum's Severe Weather Plan. I feel it was a very successful meeting, and our suggestions were noted and hopefully will help form an updated document which will be a point of reference for Category 1 Responders within the county. This will hopefully widen awareness of our capabilities and hopefully increase mobilisations during times of severe weather and for other incidents throughout the year.
- Lastly, it was previously agreed at a committee meeting for us to spend some money for a base set network radio; we have since discussed this and initially felt it more appropriate to purchase some handhelds to use as 'pool' radios. However, these have not yet been purchased. There has been some discussion recently whether we look into utilising some of our funds instead to purchase some form of mobile internet/Wi-Fi; we are not yet requesting authorisation from the committee as we are yet to work out costs and the benefits etc. But we will keep the committee updated with our research into this. See AGM

i) Social Media [Steve / Sue / Ralph]

j) Shows & Displays [Ethan]

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k) Safeguarding Officer [Steve]

- Nothing to report from Steve.

l) Laning & Rights of Way [Alistair]

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