



# **MEETING**

## **Essex Land Rover Club Ltd Committee Meeting**

### **January 2026**

*Date: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Time: 8.00pm*

*Location: Teams*

**1. Attendees:** John Musham (JM), Ralph Coulson (RC), Sue Coulson (SC), Alistair King (AK), Ethan Musham (EM), George Petty (GP) Steve Wood (SW),

**2. Apologies of absence** Ian Barton (IB); Karl Reilly (KR);

**3. Minutes of previous meeting:**

a) None

Note

**4. Items for Committee**

a) Trailers –4x4 Response proposal to adapt and use it as their response trailer.

SW/GP

- **Unanimously agreed (see highlighted report below)**
- Insurance query – when out – on the drivers' insurance; we no longer insure the trailers as we couldn't meet the terms.
- Working party to be set up to clear, service (lights, wash etc; internal adaptation, receipts to be forwarded to JM/RC for payment.
- New keys (or locks) to be collected from Roland, and spare set cut (locks temperamental).
- SC to phone Roland.
- SW to let committee know when & where the working party will be.
- Some items could be put in Shows Trailer; JM wants to collect the boxes of paperwork.

b) Membership numbers update:

RC

- generally falling since the last meeting. Families not renewing; 291 to 273.
- ALRC renewed on reduced numbers.
- Eastern Region payment sent.
- MSUK renewed.

c) Finances

RC - JM

- minor changes from AGM
- Account Review – February – see Treasurers Report.
- Money slowly going down (trials & website); however, boosted by 4x4 Response – with thanks to the Team on behalf of the Committee.
- JM, RC with KR to hold an EKRC Accounts meeting in late February – to review and signoff last years accounts.

d) 4x4 response

SW/GP

- See report – a number of events attended over the period.
- A number of donations received, two more to be received.
- The recent poor weather meant the Team were on call however not called out.

- Training event organised next month, expenses to be forwarded to JM/RC.
  - EV training planned for 12/4/26 (£100)
  - Summer Event there is a charge of £10 – invoice to be sent to JM/RC.
- e) Laning update – update? AK
- AK noted the issue remains over leaders; he has tried encouraging regulars.
  - Recent laning trip, had to turn members away.
  - New Essex Green Laning Group appears to have a number of vehicles taking part.
  - Attendees do not like using maps.
  - JM suggested training sessions & A\$ printed guidance, AK said he has the handouts.
- f) Shows update. EM
- EM found out the popular Motorfest has been cancelled.
  - EM has a number of shows planned.
  - Potential including Festival of Wheels, Amberley Museum – W. Sussex Trinity Park
  - JM noted the LR Show clashes with AGM & Green Laning.
  - Tea on the Tailgate suggested when next in Essex.
  - EM noted Musham's will service the Show trailer.
  - EM will prepare and mark on the ramps how to load the trailer.
- g) Trials - update? IB
- Check locations (Little Baddow)
  - Permits to be booked in advance (up to a year without cost)
  - JM, on behalf of IB, numbers down, only just breaking even / small loss (not as bad as some previous years).
  - New members have been encouraged to take part by JM and are now regularly driving.
- h) Secretary update JM
- Director changes – Karl added.
  - Please remember to prepare your reports prior to the next Committee meeting.
  - Apologies if the Committee had emailed JM and he did not respond– his inbox was full (again).
- i) Advertising / promotion leaflets JM/Ava
- These are still being drafted, JM to circulate.
- j) Website update RC
- RC took us through the new website and its function for the remainder of the meeting. Several new functions being incorporated and as requested, the best from other clubs' websites.
  - Aim to go live to be tested by the Committee over the next few weeks; before the big launch.

## 5. Any Other Business

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 7th May 2026. (any others in between?)

### Set Meetings for coming year.

- February 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> – Little Baddow TRIALS
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> LANING
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Colchester Marathon 4x4
- March 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Sudbury TRIALS
- March 29<sup>th</sup> LANING
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Easter
- April 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Little Baddow TRIALS
- April 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> GB Land Rover Show SHOWS
- April 26<sup>th</sup> LANING
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> [including camping] BLRC interclub TRIALS
- May 4<sup>th</sup> Harlow RFL 4x4
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Ride for Helen 4x4
- May 10<sup>th</sup> Walk for Life Chelmsford 4x4
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Brentwood RFL 4x4
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> ALRC Nationals TRIALS
- May 31<sup>st</sup> LANING
- June 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Twiney Wood TRIALS
- June 6<sup>th</sup> Braintree Lions Train 4x4
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Basildon Race for Life/Pretty Muddy 4x4
- ~~June 20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Motor Fest SHOWS~~
- June 27<sup>th</sup> AGM
- June 28<sup>th</sup> LANING
- June 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Billing LR Show SHOWS
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Sudbury TRIALS
- July 19<sup>th</sup> Chelmsford Race for Life/Pretty Muddy 4x4
- July 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Braintree Lions Train 4x4
- July 26<sup>th</sup> LANING
- August 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Sudbury Members Driving Day and 4x4 training day on 8th
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> LANING
- August 29<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> Little Easton SHOWS
- August 30<sup>th</sup> Action Medical 4x4

- September 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> LRO Show- Belvoir **SHOWS**
- September 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Sudbury **TRIALS**
- September 27<sup>th</sup> **LANING**
- September 27<sup>th</sup> Land Rover Day Amberley Museum, W.Sussex **SHOWS**
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Stonham Barns **SHOWS**
- October 10<sup>th</sup> Chelmsford Marathon **4x4**
- October 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Twiney Wood **TRIALS**
- October 25<sup>th</sup> **LANING**
- November 1<sup>st</sup> Basildon Fireworks **4x4**
- November 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Little Baddow **TRIALS**
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> **LANING**
- December 5<sup>th</sup> Sudbury DAY INTO NIGHT **TRIALS**
- December 20<sup>th</sup> **LANING**
- December 27<sup>TH</sup> – Sudbury **XMAS SHAKEDOWN TRIALS**

## **REPORTS**

### **a) Chairman's Report [Karl]**

- Nothing to report.

### **b) Secretary's Report [John]**

- It has been business as usual over the past few months. I received a number of general enquiries which I pass on to various Committee members – PLEASE REMEMBER to copy me in with any responses made After a flurry of scam messages, these have now died down, possibly part to the fact that I block them from being received.
- We have a few new members through enquiries, which I welcomed and helped out the Shakedown and sitting in on trials; always great to welcome new members.
- Ralph has been busy with the new website which we saw working last year, more from him at the meeting.
- A reminder for the Trailers, they require a mini service and new keys cut (and a good wash down. We may also wish to consider a gift of thanks to Roland.

### **c) Treasurer [JM / RC]**

- The sharing of duties of Bank Account & PayPal account continues to work, the current account still needs to be reconciled, that will be completed before we meet to review the accounts and sign off ready to upload to Companies House.
- Trials continue to only just break-even money, thanks go to 4x4 response, which through members actions here, it adds to the funds (some funds are then paid out for fuel to the volunteers).
- We currently have:
  - Current £896.943
  - Savings £13,589.19
  - PayPal £355.22
  - See attached.
- The Accounts will be available at the meeting (or at any other time) should anyone require more detail.

**d) Membership Secretary [Ralph]**

- Membership figures as of 29th January 2026 are as follows: -

| <i>Member Type</i> | <i>As at 22 Oct 2025</i> | <i>Current</i> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| INDIVIDUAL         | 84                       | 82             |
| FAMILY             | 184                      | 167            |
| Lead               | 67                       | 63             |
| Partner/Spouse     | 63                       | 61             |
| Additional         | 12                       | 13             |
| Junior             | 44                       | 30             |
| FOC                | 7                        | 7              |
| 4x4 RESPONSE       | 16                       | 17             |
|                    | <b>291</b>               | <b>273</b>     |
| GRACE              | 3                        | 5              |
| QUERY              | 0                        | 0              |

- There were a significant number of Family Members who chose not to renew during this period. Many did not reply to any of the renewal emails and prompts. We are continuing to attract new members each month, both ELRC and 4x4 Response.

**e) Webmaster [Ralph]**

- The upgrade to the website has progressed significantly and almost all of the background functionality of the forms and views is in place. There will be a demo of this at this committee meeting.

- 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.

f) **Exploits Editor [Sue]**

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

- For the Competition Secretary's report, the headline doesn't change much: RTV numbers remain extremely low. Tyro numbers are reasonable, so I don't have the numbers but I am fairly sure we continue to make a loss but less than previously seen.
- There has been some uncertainty about how [sites] prefer payment, but I don't think there is any concern about it.
- There a question about permits – these need to be booked in advance, particularly as we know the dates.
- Minor points about your upcoming dates:
  - The 2nd May interclub covers the whole weekend so 2-4 May inc camping, not just 2nd.
  - 8th Aug is also a 4x4 training day, not just camping before the drive-it day.

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

- We have attended a couple of events since the last meeting; we supported at Braxted Park Christmas Fair back in November. Despite the weather we didn't have a huge amount to do within the car parks, only providing traction assist to a few vehicles over the weekend. However, we did find ourselves assisting the owners of two vehicles who sustained considerable damage exiting the event, ensuring they were safely delivered to the main road to await recovery. We also supported Essex Police one morning at an RTC local to the event; they were appreciative of our support. It should be noted there was some tension at the event between ourselves and the organiser due to concerns being raised and not addressed. An email was sent by me post-event to the organiser with some constructive feedback, and hopefully this will be sorted for the year's event. We fortunately have received a £500 donation for our support.
- We then provided support over three weekends prior to Christmas at Meadowcroft Garden Centre working alongside their car parking team. Again, despite the weather we had minimal to do which was good. Our team were kept happy with free hot drinks and food; and we received a £300 donation from Meadowcroft.

- The team also recently had a period of 10 days on standby due to multiple weather warnings for snow & ice. Approximately we had around 20-30 volunteers provide their availability across the period. We had no requests or deployments but were in constant contact with the County Council's Emergency Planning Team should we have been required.
- We recently held a management meeting to discuss training plans for the year ahead; planning for these sessions is well underway and some details have already been emailed out to the group.
- In terms of 2026 events, we currently have the following in the diary:

| Date       | Event                      | Location              |
|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 08/03/2026 | Colchester Half Marathon   | Colchester Stadium    |
| 04/05/2026 | Race for Life              | Harlow                |
| 10/05/2026 | Ride for Helen Cycle Ride  | Hatfield Peverel      |
| 10/05/2026 | Walk for Life              | Chelmsford            |
| 16/05/2026 | Race for Life              | Brentwood             |
| 06/06/2026 | Braintree Lions Train      | Shalford Village Hall |
| 13/06/2026 | Race for Life/Pretty Muddy | Basildon              |

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| 19/07/2026 | Race for Life/Pretty Muddy | Chelmsford      |
| 25/07/2026 | Braintree Lions Train      | Essex Police HQ |
| 26/07/2026 | Braintree Lions Train      | Essex Police HQ |
| 30/08/2026 | Action Medical Ride 100    | Essex           |
| 11/10/2026 | Chelmsford Marathon        | Chelmsford      |

#### 4x4 Response - Trailer Proposal

- Following discussion at the last committee meeting around the competition trailer being kept by the club rather than sold; we have come up with the proposal to repurpose the trailer for use mainly by 4x4 Response (but also still usable by the club).
- The plan for the trailer would be to refit it, rebrand it and then use it at events/deployments for welfare purposes and also a command unit. Many other 4x4 Response groups in the UK have similar and are useful especially when the weather is wet or cold as it provides

a good base for us and shelter for the control team. We would like to fit it with desk space to allow us to run a control from their but also welfare facilities for hot drinks etc. The team have access to a generator so would ideally work something out to hook up to that.

- The trailer could then be used at club events (e.g. driving day/Shakedown) as a welfare unit/signing on.
- If the committee approval our plan would be as follows: - Check and sort trailer's content - repurpose, recycle, move, or dispose of kit if not used.
- - Refit trailer with storage and desk space
- - Rebrand trailer - discussed around respraying if possible and brand with 4x4 Response logos (along with ELRC logo) and appropriate wording 'Support Unit' or similar.
- - Procure necessary equipment (chairs, whiteboard, map, stationary, kettle etc)

Image attached of similar units from other groups:



i) **Social Media [Steve / Sue / Ralph]**

j) **Shows & Displays [Ethan]**

- See article in the next Exploits

k) **Safeguarding Officer [Steve]**

- Nothing to report from Steve.

l) **Laning & Rights of Way [Alistair]**

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