

# ASSOCIATION OF LAND ROVER CLUBS

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## EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Via Zoom meeting

### AGENDA

**10.00am**

1. Reading of the notice convening the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Accuracy of Minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
4. Matters arising from the above minutes.
5. Forward Plan
6. Chairman's report.
7. Secretary's report.
8. Treasurer's / Membership report.
9. New Club Applications.
10. Rule Change Proposals
11. Section Reports.
  - a. Caravan Secretary
  - b. Overseas Liaison Officer
  - c. Non-competitive Clubs / Show Co-ordinator
  - d. Countryside Access Officer
  - e. National Rally Liaison Officer
  - f. Press & Publicity
  - g. Motorsport UK Liaison Officer
  - h. Scrutineering & Off Road Committee Chairman
  - i. CCMSA Coordinator
  - j. ALRC Handbook Editor
  - k. Web Master
  - l. Facebook
  - m. Child Protection Officer
12. Any other business.
13. Date & time of next meeting.
14. Close of meeting.

You are reminded that items for inclusion on agendas should be submitted to the Chairman or the Secretary prior to the day of the meeting.

The Scrutineering and Off Road Committee Meeting will take place starting at 13.00.

**CLUBS PRESENT – ALRC AGM 18.03.2023**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
ASSOCIATION OF LAND ROVER CLUBS	Derek Spooner	
ANGLIAN LRC	Andrew Flanders	
AYLESBURY LRFC		
BLACKPOOL & FYLDE LRC		
BRECKLAND LRC		
CAMEL TROPHY CLUB		
CHELTENHAM & COTSWOLD ROC		
CHESHIRE LRC		
CHILTERN VALE LRC	Stuart Newton	Tim Linney Matthew Fullwood
CORNWALL & DEVON LRC	Guy Cashmore	
CUMBRIAN ROC		
DISCOVERY OC		
DORSET LRC		
EAST NORTHANTS LROC		
ESSEX LRC	Mark Pycraft John Musham	Heather Pycraft Ralph Coulson
HANTS & BERKS LRO	Fallowe Kirby	
LAND ROVER REGISTER 1948 -53	Andrew Neaves	
LAND ROVER SERIES 1 CLUB		Andrew Cross
LAND ROVER SERIES II CLUB		
LEICS & RUTLAND LRC	Simone Birch	
LIGHTWEIGHT LRC		
LINCS LRC		
MIDLAND ROC	Richard Smith Richard Banks Liz Welch	
NORTH EASTERN ROC		Paul Walton Andy Scarr
NORTH WALES LRC	David Mitchell	
NOTTINGHAM LRC	Wendy Simpson Karen Allaway	
PEAK & DUKERIES LRC	Richard Entwistle Dennis Wright	
PROJECT JAY PRESERVATION GROUP		
RED ROSE LRC		
SCOTTISH LROC		
SOMERSET & WILTS LRC		
SOUTH COAST LROC		
SOUTHERN ROC	Dave Canham Mark Baitup Charles Darby	Debby Darby Jon Darby
STAFFS & SHROPS LRC	Adrian Neaves John Walters	
THE G4 OWNERS CLUB		
WYE & WELSH LRC	Peter Gladman	Ray Godwin Adam Godwin Toby Fuller
YORKSHIRE LROC		
TOTAL 36	14	2

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## MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023

1. **Richard Smith opened the meeting at 10.06am**

2. **Apologies for absence – see attendance table.**

3. **Minutes of previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

The minutes were proposed as being a true record by Guy Cashmore, seconded by Dave Canham and agreed unanimously. Signed by Simone Birch.

4. **Matters arising from previous minutes (*unless covered elsewhere*). None.**

5. **Forward Plan – see Chairmans Report**

6. **Chairman's Report – Richard Smith**

The ALRC Council have had a long discussion about the future of the ALRC and RTVT / CCVT / Tyro trials. It's getting harder to put on RTVT 's as the cost of the vehicles get more expensive. Defenders are going up in price, Series motors are not being used. We need to look to the future. Discovery 3's are now cheaper than 90's but many current RTVT sections are not suitable for long wheel base vehicles, also wooded sites could mean damage to panels which are not so readily repaired as on a 90. Clubs are losing sites and sometimes it is down to the availability of what terrain is available to use.

We only see the same faces at the meetings and need new members to come forward with their ideas.

The CCMSA is not currently able to issue permits to give clubs the option to not to use Motorsport UK for this.

There are more CCVT motors being log booked but we are not getting the entries in at grassroot level of Tyro and RTVT. We need clubs to say where they want to go with regard to running events.

Guy Cashmore said that at Cornwall and Devon LRC they are looking to run CCVT's and their RTVT's will become Tyros. This is down to the availability of vehicles. This appears to be countrywide.

Richard asked - Is it that RTVT are too severe? Some clubs do run aggressive RTVT, which are nearly CCVT sections – this is because their members want this sort of trial without the expense of running a second CCVT motor which could involve trailers to get to an event, adding more expense and not all have the licences to tow.

Entries are dwindling across the board for RTVT's

Dave Canham said that Southern ROC do believe that RTVT's have become too difficult, and this is putting members off entering.

This does need addressing – a separate meeting just for this topic is to be set up. This is to be done as a Zoom open meeting to take place after Easter. To be organised for over, perhaps several evenings as many member do not attend meetings on a Saturday due to club events taking place. Clubs have been asked to avoid ALRC meetings but this is not happening so attendance is sporadic on a Saturday. A sub-committee to discuss the points raised will be set up. The ALRC needs the clubs involvement in this for the meetings to have worthwhile conclusions.

Andrew Neaves said that Family Vehicle Trials used to be run by Midland ROC, using the vehicle that was an everyday one and it was only when 90's started being entered that RTVT's began to get harder as these vehicles could use tougher terrain.

A meeting is to be arranged for after Easter – hopefully the message will be circulated by those here and added to Facebook and the website.

The running of the National Rally is also taking time – it will not be possible to have a suggested discussion at the National Rally as the event is already very busy. It will be mentioned at prize giving so that the members are aware of what is being discussed.

7. **Secretary's Report – Simone Birch**

a. The minutes for the ALRC EGM & SORC meetings held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 have been circulated. Voting forms for ALRC Competitive Regulation changes circulated to competitive clubs (16.12.2022). Letter sent to all clubs re election of ALRC Council and S&ORC (20.02.2023).

b. ACCEO 2023 renewal paid - £125 subscription (21.11.22)

c. LARA subscription paid - £300 (21.11.2022). 2022 Invoice late to be sent out by LARA.

d. Attended the MSUK Event Secretary and Event Steward seminar (26.11.2022). Very informative meeting on how to run events. MSUK are looking at keeping a register of members undertaking these roles as opposed to licencing them at this stage, licencing may follow. It reinforced that how we run events is good practice. Felt to be a worthwhile seminar. No other ALRC member club attended, which was disappointing.

Also a MSUK webinar entitled "Race with Respect" has been attended (7.12.2022). This is something that is going to play a big part in future events and should be mentioned at all Driver / Marshals briefings. It applies to competitors, officials, and spectators alike. The Race with Respect poster should be displayed at events. An amended poster has been issued by Motorsport UK.

Race with Respect statement should be added to future club ASR's – *All Competitors, their associates, Officials and Marshals must be aware of their behaviour and conduct at all times and any abusive language or harmful behaviour will not be tolerated. Any incidents must be reported to the Event Officials or Safeguarding Officer who will also relay the report to Motorsport UK.*

(Dave Canham said that we do not Race but this is meant to cover all competitive events. Richard Banks said that there is so much information coming out from Motorsport UK but often it is not delivered very well for grassroot motorsport).

Club Secretary / Council member / Scrutineering Change of address from those that appear in the 2023 ALRC Handbook:

Discovery OC – Peter Greenway, The Presbytery, Oakthorpe Drive, Birmingham, B37 6HY. 07956 825867. events@discoveryownersclub.org

Privilege Event Permits applied for in 2023 from the following clubs (Maximum allowed 8). The definition of a Privilege Event Permit is one is issued per Motorsport UK permit issued.

Breckland LRC (1), Chiltern Vale LRC (7), Cornwall & Devon LRC (1), Leics & Rutland LRC (5), NERO (2), Southern ROC (1), Staffs & Shrops LRC (3).

## **8. Treasurers / Membership Report – Richard Smith**

2022 Accounts: These have been circulated and there were no questions raised.

It was pointed out that some of the costs had been put under the wrong headings but hopefully going forward this will be corrected. The National Rally was obviously covered over several years as income and expenses was held over from the postponement of the event.

This highlights the need for a Treasurer to take over the role – about an hour a month is all that's needed with the many task sending out the invoices and December.

The acceptance of the draft ALRC accounts for 2022 was proposed by Derek Spooner, seconded by Dennis Wright, and accepted unanimously by the meeting.

It was proposed by Dave Canham, seconded by Derek Spooner, that the accountants Mills Pyatt, 11 Kingfisher Business Park, Arthur Street, Lakeside, Redditch, B98 8LG be used for the 2023 draft accounts. This was agreed unanimously.

At present 4 clubs have still to pay the 2023 subscription. (C&DLRC - cheque in post, arrived after meeting, CLRC, SCLROC, YLROC). All to be reminded as YLROC have a member entered I the National Rally.

Balances in all the ALRC accounts were read out at the meeting.

## **9. Election of ALRC Council & S&ORC**

The ALRC is an Association currently made up from 36 UK based member clubs and 14 overseas member clubs. It is run to benefit and provide any support as necessary to those clubs.

The ALRC Council and S&ORC are made up of members that have been nominated by and voted for by the UK member clubs.

All General and Scrutineering meetings are open to any club members that wish to attend. Attendance of Council meetings is by invitation.

The following members of the Council are due for re-election under the one third rotation at the ALRC AGM and are seeking re-election:

Richard Banks, Adrian Neaves, Tim Linney, Mark Whaley, Dennis Wright.

Ray Booty has been co-opted onto the ALRC Council (8.10.22) to take up the position of Countryside Access Officer and is seeking election at this meeting.

Ralph Coulson has been co-opted onto the ALRC Council (8.10.22) to take up the position of Webmaster and is seeking election at this meeting.

Neil Scott has been co-opted onto the ALRC Council (11.02.23) and is seeking election at this meeting.

It was proposed by Charles Darby, seconded by Guy Cashmore and agreed unanimously that all be elected on to the ALRC Council.

Andrew Neaves is to stand down from the ALRC Council at this AGM. He has been attending meetings for thirty eight years, thirty five on Council and feels that the time is right to stand down and for the ALRC Council to gain new members.

There are the following outstanding the positions on the Council that need filling – Treasurer, Membership, ALRC Handbook Editor, Non-Competitive Clubs / Show & Display Co-ordinator, CCMSA Co-ordinator.

Treasurer and Membership is currently being done by Richard Smith.

At present the ALRC Council is made up of members from the following clubs: Anglian LRC, Breckland LRC, Chiltern Vale LRC, Essex LRC, Hants & Berks LROC, Land Rover Series One Club, Leics & Rutland LRC, Midland ROC, North Eastern RO, Peak & Dukeries LRC, Scottish LROC, Southern ROC and Staffs & Shrops LRC. (Some members do belong to more than one club).

The following members of The Scrutineering & Off Road Committee are also due to stand down under the three year rotation system and are seeking re-election:

Dave Canham, Tim Linney, Pete Lugg, Mark Whaley.

All are actively carrying out logbooking duties.

It was proposed by Dennis Wright, seconded by Stuart Newton and agreed with 1 abstention that all be elected on to the ALRC S&ORC.

At present the ALRC Scrutineering & Off Road Committee is made up of members from the following clubs: Chiltern Vale LRC, Cornwall & Devon LRC, Hants & Berks LROC, Midland ROC, North Eastern RO, Peak & Dukeries LRC, Somerset & Wilts LRC, Southern ROC and Staffs & Shrops LRC. (Some members do belong to more than one club).

**10. New Club Applications.** None received.

**11. Rule Change Proposals.**

It must be remembered by all that the rules and regulations of the ALRC are firstly proposed and seconded by members from a competitive club, then discussed at several general / S&ORC meetings, where all members are invited to attend, before being voted on by the member clubs for acceptance or not.

i. For the following competitive rule change proposals only votes from fully paid up members on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023 have been counted. As there are currently 25 competitive member clubs within the ALRC, a minimum of 13 clubs need to vote for the outcome to be considered for ratification by the ALRC Council. 15 club votes have been accepted but this number would probably not have been reached without a reminder email sent to all clubs on 15.03.2023!

Club voting forms are sent to club secretaries and it should be discussed by the club committees / members for the vote to be returned by club secretaries or delegates. Simone does accept votes from members she is aware of regularly receiving emails from on behalf of that club

**i.a. Section E - Road Taxed Vehicle (RTV) Trial-Specific Technical Regulations**

E.1.1.1 Soft-top vehicles are permitted to run truck-cab style hoods and 'Bikini' tops. The main hoop behind the driver & gutter must remain in place, the manufacturer's windscreen must be raised and secured in place. The rear flap and sides on the tilt may be secured open.

For = 14, Against = , Abstain = 0.

**i.b. Section E - Road Taxed Vehicle (RTV) Trial-Specific Technical Regulations**

E.1.3 *The tailgate must be in place and secured.* The upper rear tailgate may be removed.

For = 13, Against = 1, Abstain = 1.

**i.c. Section E - Road Taxed Vehicle (RTV) Trial-Specific Technical Regulations**

**E.7. Suspension**

E.7.1. RTV Modified class, coil spring upper mounts may have spring dislocation/relocation cones fitted.

For = 11, Against = 4, Abstain = 0.

**i.d. Section E - Road Taxed Vehicle (RTV) Trial-Specific Technical Regulations**

**E.8. Novice Trialling Class.**

E.8.1. A fully compliant CCV is to be used.

E.8.2. The driver must wear a minimum of a 4-point safety belt with two shoulder straps and one abdominal strap.

E.8.3. Novice Trialling Class competitors run last on the sections throughout the day and are not eligible for any awards.

N.B. The definition of a novice in Motorsport UK Yearbook:

H.34.1.4. A 'novice' will be a driver who has not previously won an award in a competition of similar or higher status and type unless the SRs specify other conditions.

For = 10, Against = 3, Abstain = 2.

Following voting for this proposal, one club had a member query the use of a fully compliant CCVT vehicle – did this mean CCVT complaint? – Yes, Road legal? – Not necessarily.

Guy Cashmore asked if this regulation would make it easier for un-licensed drivers to drive a CCVT vehicle in a Tyro. The ALRC does not have any Tyro regulations but runs to Motorsport UK regulations - this are currently being looked at by Motorsport UK but no answer has been forthcoming as yet.

Guy did point out that without adjustable seats it is difficult to allow all to drive such a vehicle and be in proper control of it.

**General Question – Please Answer**

i.e. Should the ALRC continue with the investigation into the CCMSA delivery of competitive permits to the clubs

For = 7, Against = 7, Abstain = 1.

All the above rules will now go to the ALRC Council for discussion at their meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023. If ratified the rules will come in on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

- ii. The following rule change has been proposed for discussion at the July S&ORC meeting.
- ii.a.. Proposal received from Charles Darby, Southern ROC, seconded by Richard Banks, Midland ROC
- A.3.2 Minerva and Santana vehicles in their entire form are also allowed.

## **12. Section Reports**

### **a. Caravan Secretary – Heather Pycraft**

35 permits issued so far. No issues reported.

### **b. Overseas Liaison – Derek Spooner**

I have sent out 2023 membership renewal invoices to 13 overseas clubs and some have paid already.

I have had some more correspondence with the Association of North America Rover Clubs. [www.anarc.club](http://www.anarc.club).

(ANARC). Note, Land Rover Owners in US and Canada refer to them as Rovers. The USA & Canada clubs are planning a joint 75th anniversary event for 2023 on June 14-18<sup>th</sup> 2023 being held at Greek Peak Mountain Resort in New York. . Currently they have 18 Land Rover centred clubs scattered throughout the US and Canada

The ANARC would like to set up initially some sort of informal inter association cooperation. Such as exchanging information and web sites. They see, as we do here that having an association helps with arranging insurance cover and indeed correspondence with JLR in North America, which has already born fruit with affordable insurance for their officials as a group association.

I set up an online meeting with their President, Mike McCaig, who I had met before when visiting the Rovers Owners Association of Virginia back in 2007 when Mike was their president. It was very productive to have a live chat for about one & half hours which covered several subject both specific to the ANARC and LR topics in general. One thing that was raised, perhaps unsurprisingly, is that land access is becoming more restricted, and they have started to arrange more events at single locations rather than off-road trails and have competitions such as our RTV. and asked if we had any objections to them using out Green book rules as a model.

I said I would discuss at this meeting to see what views from Council and it was not thought to be an issue to allow the use of the wording in the ALRC Handbook. Andrew Neaves will send Derek a copy of the Yellow CCMSA Handbook. Derek will pass on what he thinks is appropriate from the handbooks. It might be a benefit to link the two associations by affiliation. They would like to have an informal link with us and have suggested the following disclaimer be used.

Disclaimer – ANARC is proud to be affiliated with the ALRC. The ALRC is a single marque organisation dedicated to Land Rover vehicles. The ALRC is an international based in the UK with member clubs from around the world. To find a Land Rover club outside of North America visit our website.

Derek suggested that we model a similar statement for our website. It was felt that this would work. The ANARC are also an association of clubs so are not an individual club asking for membership of the ALRC but are keen to become affiliated to the ALRC. In North America they are seen as a similar organisation to us but do not have exactly the same setup with their member clubs.

It was agreed that Derek would continue with communication with ANARC to progress this working together of two associations with similar aims but on different sides of the world.

This is to be done by Derek and discussed by the ALRC Council.

### **c. Non Competitive Clubs & Shows Co-ordinator – Vacant**

### **d. Countryside Access – Ray Booty**

I have received notes regarding DMMO (Definitive Map Modification Order) requests for Norfolk, North Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, North Wales and Devon.

Erewash Council have modified the PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) for Brackley Gate byway. This PSPO now permits access to motorised users but only if they are members of either the TRF or GLASS.

I am not comfortable with this arrangement for several reasons and previous discussion with my home council raised concerns about the legality of such a move.

I also have a number of prospective closures to review for Gloucestershire County Council.

LARA The most recent meeting was held on 24th January. Items covered included: Stakeholder Working Group - Repeal of the legislation that imposes a 2026 cut-off date for registering lost ways has not yet been enacted mainly due resource issues within DEFRA. Bamford Clough - There is no current TRO on this byway but it is still closed by concrete blocks. Landscapes Review - The Terms of Reference for the Working Group have been agree in principal based on the LARA suggestions. There is an apparent lack of urgency on this subject partly due to a change of ministers and partly due to resource issues.

Strategic Objectives - A large part of the meeting was given over to setting new objectives. It is agreed that the current objectives have largely been met and a new set of objectives are required. The meeting failed to agree a set of objectives but convened a new meeting of the Steering Committee for 22nd February. This meeting made good progress but time constraints meant the agenda could not be completed. This has meant a third meeting will be held on 28th March when it is hoped the objectives will be agreed ready to be put to the AGM.

Charles Darby had a question about a Byway that is near him which he has used regularly. It is marked at both ends but now has a five barred gate put up which is locked. Can we remove the lock to get access, keeping the gate closed.

The local Council needs approaching to find out the legal status of the Byway. Better to ask the Council to remove the lock. Charles is to send details to Ray so that he can look into this – countrysideaccess.alrc@gmail.com

#### **e. National Rally Liaison Officer –Liz Welch**

An onsite meeting is taking place today to go over the trial areas. There was a combined Zoom and in person meeting last weekend.

All infrastructure is in place – toilets, showers, skips, security. Fire Extinguishers are booked.

2019 (last event run for comparable figures) – Tyro = 4, RTV = 21, CCV = 32, Team Recovery = 1, Comp Safari = 11  
Camping Pitch = 62.

Paid entries to date:

2023 – total entries =102, Tyro = 3, RTV = 22, CCV = 43, 2 x 0.5 teams Team Recovery, Comp Safari = 19,  
Concours = 5, Camping Pitch = 91.

6 unpaid entries that need checking. Total income to date is £10,155.

Lack of sponsorship is a problem, but this is hopefully being sorted after today.

Trophies – some are being bought back to the event by previous winners as it is difficult to return as we are not having in person meetings. Simone is also collecting them at events she attends.

Clothing orders are still coming in. Black clothing has been added to the red and green already available.

Andrew Neaves said that although we were able to carry a small profit over from last years event, thus enabling us to keep prices at the same level, the cost of the infrastructure necessary to run the event has increased so there may a shortfall this year.

Andrew Flanders said that the timing of events is problematic for some families wanting to enter more than one event. It is difficult to fit in all the events or to get the vehicles to the event. The Team Recovery does prove to be an issue – entries are to be looked at as at this moment there is not enough teams entered.

#### **f. Press & Publicity – Vacant**

#### **g. Motorsport UK Liaison – Kevin Peake**

No report

#### **h. S&ORC – Richard Banks**

Seat belts to be discussed at S&ORC meeting.

Dennis Wright would like members to be aware that logbooking sheets do not last forever – there is a time limit of 6 months after the second signature. We really want the second signature log book scrutineer to take payment – not always easy as members may not come with money. The process needs amending as the ALRC Handbook does not correspond with what has been communicated to the log book scrutineers. This will be looked at by the ALRC Council at their next meeting.

#### **i. Cross Country Motor Sports Agency Co-ordinator – Andrew Neaves / now Vacant**

This role started about thirty four years ago when the Road Traffic Act of 1988 came out. There are two parts to this role. One is the paperwork element of the role – the issuing of permits under section 13 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. This allows us to issue exemptions to this act for events.

6 applications asked for by Nottingham LRC.

A completed form which is approved and returned.

The second part of the role is to look at issuing permits as opposed to clubs using Motorsport UK. This should have been done many years ago but unfortunately was not progressed with then.

The real difficulty is not finding an alternative but in actually presenting this to the member clubs. The Staffs & Shrops Off Road Club has also been looking at this but it is also difficult to get members to commit.

Andrew will carry on with the permitting until someone comes forward to take on this role and will still be attending main meetings as he is the delegate for the Land Rover Register 1948-53 Club.

Andrew was thanked by those at the meeting for all his work as the CCMSA Co-ordinator on the ALRC Council.

The ALRC Council will discuss at their next meeting the issue of Motorsport UK versus using another organisation for issuing permits.

#### **j. Handbook – Vacant**

2023 ALRC Handbooks should have been received by all clubs. Fewer numbers were printed at a cost of £3619.00 for 2000 copies.

The whole document is to be looked at – amendments sent to Simone for adding to the Dropbox files.

Fallowe thanked everyone for all their support but felt it was time to stand down from this role. Happy to discuss what needs to be covered with anyone who wishes to take on the role.

#### **k. Webmaster – Ralph Coulson**

The website is updated as necessary. A new website, using a different package that is more user friendly is being created ready to go live after this years National Rally.

#### **l. Facebook – Adrian Neaves**

Steady increase in news and new members.

**m. Child Protection & Covid 19 Officer – Simone Birch.**

2023 Motorsport UK Safeguarding Officer licence has been received. A new poster has been designed by Motorsport UK but as it is not printer friendly, being mainly blue the couple of minor word changes have been added to the existing, mainly white one used.

MSUK Safeguarding webinars attended (20.12.2022 and 07.02.2023). The next meeting is planned for the 30-03.23. Motorsport UK have said that the Club Safeguarding Officer needs to be contactable at events and all clubs should have access to one, but clubs may share a CSO. MSUK are planning some training this year. There are four people from Motorsport UK covering the Safeguarding department.

**13. Any Other Business.**

a. The confirmation returns for the ARC have been made to Companies House by Derek Spooner. Accepted 24.01.2023.

The confirmation returns for the ALRC have been made to Companies House by Derek Spooner. Accepted 16.03.2023.

b. Fallowe Kirby wishes to stand down as a log book scrutineer with immediate effect. – his location makes it costly for members to visit him.

c. Dave Canham – Southern ROC two day team trial event back at Deudneys Farm on the 5<sup>th</sup>- 6th August 2023. Bookings will open soon.

**14. Date of next meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 via a Zoom meeting.**

Unfortunately it is not possible to hold meetings at Crick for this year as the hotel has been taken over by the government, as have other venues that may have been suitable. Alternative venues would be considered if any member has a suggestion but in the present climate it may be better to continue using Zoom meetings.

It has been said in the past that the clubs were happy to hold virtual meetings to cut down on travelling time and expenses. All members have been invited to the meetings and they are recorded as well with the minutes being produced for all to read.

Guy Cashmore asked if it would be possible to hold a hybrid meeting – both in person and Zoom for those that had to travel a long way. It was said that this is quite a difficult thing to set up. Expensive equipment may be needed to make it run properly. The National Rally meeting last weekend with Wye & Welsh LRC was not a success via Zoom. Cost to be looked at, if anyone has any information on equipment please forward it to Simone.

Face to face meetings are preferred by most, at least for the AGM. Hope to have future AGM's like this, venue permitting.

Council: 10<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> October.

AGM / EGM / S&ORC: 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**15. Close of Meeting at 12.10**