

The Regimental Association 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment
(Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search)



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON
SATURDAY 24 MAY 2025 AT 1300 hrs
AT THE
ROYAL ENGINEERS MUSEUM, PRINCE ARTHUR ROAD, GILLINGHAM ME7 1UR
AND VIA THE ZOOM APPLICATION

Meeting open at 1330h

1. The meeting open with a minutes silence to remember those members who had passed away since the last AGM, in particular the Association President Maj Gen Aidan Smyth QVRM TD VR. Also Julian Stott a member of the regiment, our condolences to his family.

The Chairman remarked on the funeral of General Aiden which was extremely well attended and an appropriate send off.

The Chairman thanked everyone for making the effort to attend, either in person or on Zoom.

2. Attendees and Apologies.

50 members responded to the calling notice. 22 attended, 5 via Zoom.

23 offered their apologies. The list of responses to the calling notice is at annex A.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Proposed by: Dave Powis

Seconded by: Reyhan Fadil

That the minutes of the AGM held on 13 April 2024 be accepted as read.

Carried

4. Matters Arising.

- 4.1. Standing minute, that the Annual administration cost of the Association is not to exceed £600.00

This was agreed by show of hands to remain 'not to exceed £600'.

5. Association President.

Proposed by the Secretary, Nigel Clark, that Col (Rtd) Richard Elvidge TD VR is appointed 'President in Lieu of The Late Major General AMG Smyth QVRM TD VR'.

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The Chairman explained that Colonel Richard Elvidge TD VR had been approached to take up the appointment, following the sudden death Gen Aidan. Col Richard agreed to take up the position on the proviso that it is recognised that he is 'President in Lieu of The Late Major General AMG Smyth QVRM TD VR'.

6. Account Scrutineers.

Appointment of two members to scrutinise the previous year's Accounts as submitted by the treasurer.

Robert France and Emma Wyles agreed to scrutinise this year's accounts.

7. Reports.

7.1. Treasurers Report.

Proposed by: Dave Inman

Seconded by: Chris Perry

That the accounts has submitted at annex B are accepted as read subject to scrutiny.

Carried

7.2. Membership Secretary's Report.

Attached at annex C

7.3. Welfare Officers Report.

There have been know welfare issues in the previous year. Association condolence cards have been purchased.

7.4. Social Media Manager / Publicity Member Report.

Attached at annex D

7.5. History Committee Report.

Attached at annex E.

8. The President took over the meeting from the current Chairman on the resignation of the committee members. He proposed a vote of thanks for the work the committee members had done over the previous year, he took this to be agreed by acclamation.

- 8.1. There being no new nominations for any of the committee posts. The following committee members were elected by acclamation.

Chairman.	Phil Webb
Secretary.	Nigel Clark
Treasurer.	Dave Powis
Membership / Information Officer.	Graham Plumridge
Welfare Officer.	Chris Perry
Social Media Manager / Publicity Member.	Brian Green

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Events Coordinator / Manager.	Brian Green (Interim Post)
History Co-ordinator.	Rey Fadil
History Sub-Committee.	Dave Bird
	James Latch
Committee Members	Dave Inman
	Nigel Goddard
	Joe O'Connor,
	Bill Stanley (Standard Bearer)

9. Amendments to the Constitution.

The following sub-para will be added to the constitution.

Insert Standard Bearer at para 8.2.1.1

10. Events.

- 10.1. Association Lunch. Following the difficulties in getting a consensus on the venue and date for a members lunch it was suggested that the committee agree a date and location and inform the members of the decision. If numbers do not make the venue viable an alternative to be found for those agreeing to attend. This could be a restaurant. Brendan Touhey offered the look at a future event.
- 10.2. Battlefield Tour / Bike Ride. The joint Regimental / Association Battlefield Study Bike Ride is going ahead in September. To date 10 members have committed to taking part either cycling or in support. Regiment is waiting for approval for the event from 29 Gp.
- 10.3. Visit to Police National Search Centre. This has been organised by Paul Ward and Rey Fadil. From the responses the majority vote was for visit to be in the week beginning 04 August 2025. This needs to be confirmed with PNSC. It is planned for members to travel independently to the National Memorial Arboretum on the day before and stay in the Litchfield area overnight.
- 10.4. Post AGM Meal. 18 Members have agreed to attend the meal in Rochester.

11. Regimental Update.

Lt Col Still (CO Des) gave a brief over view of what she is aware of concerning 101 Engr Regt. Some changes affecting 8 Bde and 29 Gp, (which will be dissolved) should not have big effect on 101. The change of CO's should happen in July / August and will co-inside with an almost total change of the RHQ, with only the Adjt and RSM offering continuity.

12. Any other business.

- 12.1. **Proposed by:** Phil Webb that the Association makes a donation of £500 to the Army Benevolent Fund (ABF) in memory of Maj Gen Aidan Smyth QVRM TD DL former President of the Association.

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Seconded by: Rey Fadi

Carried

12.2. **Proposed by:** Graham Plumridge that the Association subsidise the post AGM meal at a rate of £10 per member attending.

Seconded by: David Bird

Carried

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1430h

13. Date and venue of next AGM.

To be notified.

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ANNEX A to AGM 2025 MINUTES

AGM	
What is your name?	Will you be attending?
Nigel Clark	Yes, I'll be there
Graham Plumridge	Yes, I'll be there
Simon	I will attend via Zoom
Samuel Foot	Yes, I'll be there
R Fadil	Yes, I'll be there
Dave Powis	Yes, I'll be there
Nigel Goddard	Yes, I'll be there
RICHARD CAVENDER	I will attend via Zoom
Roger Philpott	Sorry, can't make it
Brendan Touhey MBE	Yes, I'll be there
David Buckfield	Sorry, can't make it
Peter Horrell	Sorry, can't make it
Nigel Hood	Sorry, can't make it
Paul Richardson	Sorry, can't make it
Sarah Clubley	Yes, I'll be there
Jem Blades	Sorry, can't make it
Stephanie Still	Yes, I'll be there
Robin Bennett	Sorry, can't make it
Andrew Wood	Sorry, can't make it
Joanna Williams	Sorry, can't make it
Paul Ward	Sorry, can't make it
Thomas Paul Orrell Heyes	Sorry, can't make it
Tim Webber - tentative	I will attend via Zoom
Bill Stanley	Yes, I'll be there
Stuart Sparkes	Sorry, can't make it
Mike Neath	Sorry, can't make it
Phil Zygmant	Sorry, can't make it
Andy Paterson	Sorry, can't make it
Chris Pryor	Sorry, can't make it
Bill Pasquier	Sorry, can't make it
Bob France	Yes, I'll be there
Jon Bradley	Sorry, can't make it
Barry Slator	Sorry, can't make it
Phil Webb	Yes, I'll be there
Alastair Cooper	Yes, I'll be there
Paul Jagger	Sorry, can't make it
John Reardon	Sorry, can't make it
Ian Foulkes	Sorry, can't make it
Dave Inman	Yes, I'll be there
Richard Elvidge	Yes, I'll be there
Richard May	I will attend via Zoom
Roger Clarke	Sorry, can't make it
Roy Holland	Yes, I'll be there
George Wood	Yes, I'll be there
David Bird	Yes, I'll be there
Emma Webber	Yes, I'll be there
Stewart Kitchin	Yes, I'll be there
Peter Power	Yes, I'll be there
Suzanne Eaton	Sorry, can't make it

ANNEX B to AGM 2025 MINUTES

Saturday, 31 May 2025

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<u>101 Engineer Regiment Regimental Association</u>		
<u>Annual Account as at 31st March 2025</u>		
Balance as at 31 March 2024	£ 14,947.88	A
Income		
Subs	£ 945.00	
Grants & Donations	£ 24.00	
Events	£ 911.00	
Shop	£ 330.00	
Other income (Premium a/c Int)	£ 197.27	
Total Income	£ 2,407.27	B
Expenditure		
Grants and Donations	£ 500.00	
Events	£ 905.30	
Shop Stock	£ -	
Governance	£ 440.62	
Other Expenditure	£ 192.50	
Total Expenditure	£ 2,038.42	C
Surplus or Deficit (B-C=D)	£ 368.85	D
Fixed Assets		
Association Standard	£ 1.00	
Feathered Flag	£ 1.00	
Dispal Boards & Case	£ 100.00	
External Hard Drive	£ 50.00	
Total Fixed Assets	£ 152.00	E
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank Community Account	£ 1,419.90	
Cash at Bank Premium Account	£ 13,492.57	
Cash in Hand	£ 25.00	
Shop Stock	£ 227.26	
Debtors	£ -	
Total Current Assets	£ 15,164.73	F
Total Assets (E + F) = G	£ 15,316.73	G
Liabilities		
Creditors	£ -	H
Balance at 31st March 2025	£ 15,316.73	I
Check Balance I-A = D	£ 368.85	

ANNEX C to AGM 2025 MINUTES

AGM 2025 Membership Report

Life Membership

The Association has 40 Life Members. The option for Life Membership of this Association was removed on agreement at the AGM held in 2023.

Serving Members

The Association has 4 members that are still serving with the Regiment. These members have 3 years free membership of this Association while serving with the Regiment. After their 3 years free membership is up we hope they will continue their membership of this Association as full members.

I have removed 1 serving soldier from the membership (Charlie Littlewood) Their 3 years free membership expired and they haven't responded to any communications. They may have left the Regiment?

Honorary Members

The Association has 3 honorary members: They are Simon Stockley former CO 101, Mr John Ward who served with 223 when he joined the Regiment in 1951 and Mr John Cardnell who was the Associations Auditor.

Membership subscriptions

Standing order = 64
Bank transfer = 17
Cheque = 1

The Association has 3 members who no longer pay subscriptions as they fall under the Rule of 75. (They are over the age of 75). This rule was voted in at the AGM held in 2023.

Arrears

We have 7 members in arrears of subscriptions. 4 of who are 2 years in arrears and 3 who are in 1 year in arrears. From 5 of these members I have had a response of some description so I am waiting before taking any further action.

Removed from Membership

I have removed 3 from membership of this Association as they were in arrears of subscriptions for more than 3 years. I have emailed and messaged but had no response from any of them.

The 3 removed as members are: **(Andrew James, Michael Smith and Andre Leverton)**

New Members

Since the last AGM the Association has had 3 new members join its ranks.

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They are: Matthew Hayward (Serving Soldier) a Cpl with 217 since 2010. William (Bill) Pasquier and Matthew (Matty) Ahmed, both of whom have just recently left the Regiment. We welcome all 3 to the Association of 101 Engineer Regiment.

Membership Numbers

At present the membership of the Association stands at **132**

Can all members keep myself and the Associations Secretary up to date with any change in email and contact address.

Obituary

Sadly this year we lost a friend and fellow member of this Association, Aidan Smyth. Aidan was a former Commanding Officer of 101 and one of my OC's at 579 Fd Sqn at Tunbridge Wells. Aidan was also President of this Association from the day it was reformed at Catford TAC in 2009 and a great supporter in what the Association stood for. He will be greatly missed and our condolences go out to his wife Susan and his Daughter Eleanor.

That concludes my membership report for 2024/25

Graham Plumridge

Membership Secretary
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Social Media Manager / Publicity Members Report

I have re added the News, Events and In Memoriam pages to the website and menu

We marked the passing of Aiden on the web site through out the end of January to end March.

Front/Landing page linked features were added to reflect this meeting, the visit to the Royal Hospital in January, BD85 and VE Day 80.

The original BD75 History pages have been revamped to reflect BD85.

The Virtual History pages have been revamped to be completed when 3 were previously under construction. The regimental WW2 history page was linked from the VE day logo on the landing page.

Various in memoranda updated and up loaded.

The ms word membership form was fixed following the discovery of an error by someone trying to join.

The news and events pages have been amended as required.

The cost of the site is currently £50 per month, I still need to chase sponsorship through the 5 EOD companies I am currently associated with.