



**Radio Society of Great Britain**  
**Repeater Management Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> February 2004**  
**Held At Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel**

**Present**

Carlos Eavis	G0AKI	RMC Chairman
Andrew Barrett	G8DOR	South & South West England Regional Manager
Mark Lewis	GW7KDU	Wales Regional Manager/Secretary
Teresa Baker		RSGB Repeater Co-ordinator
Bill Mahoney	G3TZM	West Midlands Regional Manager
Dave Wilson	M0OBW	Northern England Regional Manager

**A: Apologies**

Colin Dalziel	GM8LBC	Scotland Regional Manager/Proposals Manager
Graham Shirville	G3VZV	TV Repeater Co-ordinator
Tony Horsman	G0MBA	South East England Regional Manager
Colin Thomas	G3PSM	Spectrum Forum Chairman/RSGB board member

**B: Chairman's opening remarks**

G0AKI opened the meeting with the news that Len Baddeley G8LXI, the East Midlands Regional Manager has resigned from the committee for personal reasons. It is sad that Len has decided to no longer be part of the committee and his efforts will be missed. The task of finding a replacement for Len will commence immediately.

With the change of regulatory body to Ofcom the issue of spectrum pricing looks as if it may become an issue that the RMC will have to deal with. The cost of managing the repeater network needs to be met and with the new body in place the current arrangements are likely to change. No policy has yet been set but the RMC will need to be aware of any new proposals and be able to respond as necessary.

The RSGB board are considering a merger of the RMC and DCC. No firm proposals have been publicised but the RMC members need to be prepared for this. We await news from the RSGB board.

The last quarter has been relatively quiet but a complaint has been received. This will be covered later in the meeting.

**C: Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the November 2003 meeting were approved subject to some minor corrections. Copies to be sent to HQ and GM8LBC for RMCweb.

**Action GW7KDU**

**D: Matters arising**

*Matters arising – Previous minutes*

Repeater Report: Still open, material to GW7KDU ASAP

**Action All**

GB3HW:

**Closed**

GB3AA: RA/Ofcom have been asked to list acceptable frequencies

**Action RA/Ofcom**

GB3FH:

**Closed**

GB3GJ:

**Closed**

GB3RB: Ongoing

**Action RA/OFCOM**

Ideas for a series of articles relating to costs of running a repeater are to be included in forthcoming editions of Radcom repeater column.

**Action GW7KDU**

*Matters arising – Voice repeaters*

GB3TW: Site change application received.

**Action M0OBW**

GB3WU: Ongoing.

**Action M0OBW**

GB3MI: Full details now received.

**Closed**

GB3NT: Gateway operation by an intermediate licensee is not permitted.

**Closed**

GB3SH: Site change application received. Application also includes a new keeper.

**Closed**

GB3NM:

**Closed**

GB3TY:

**Closed**

GB3VM:

**Closed**

*Matters arising – TV Repeaters*

GB3CT: The group have been requested to withdraw their application as there is no prospect of it ever being granted and NoV due to its location.

**Action G3VZV**

GB3PT: Ongoing

**Action G3VZV**

GB3FY: Ongoing

**Action G3VZV**

## **E: Voice Repeaters**

North Wales: Email enquiries about a new 2m repeater in North Wales received from M Dawson, GW0VNR. Due to the number of applications that are currently being received for the North Wales/North West England area RMC regional managers will now ask for evidence of local support. If sufficient support cannot be demonstrated then the application will be processed on the basis that the RMC does not support the application.

**Action GW7KDU**

GB3MG: Enquiries have been made about a possible change of keeper and site. A recommendation has been made that this should not be done, as the repeater will be forced off air until the 70cm repeater application moratorium is lifted.

**Action GW7KDU**

GB3FK: New application for 2m unit for Folkstone received, processed and submitted for clearance.

GB3KI: New application for 2m unit for Herne Bay in Kent. Will shortly be submitted for clearance.

**Action G0MBA**

GB3OK: New application for 2m unit for Orpington, Kent. Received at the end of 2003 will be submitted for clearance shortly due to problems with the application.

**Action G0MBA**

GB3TW: Off air pending a site change

**Action M0OBW**

GB3EA: Application to move this 70cm repeater has been received. After consultation with the keeper it has been withdrawn.

GB3FS: New application for a 2m repeater in Southport, Lancs. Evidence of local support must be provided before this application can proceed. See action for North Wales above.

**Action M0OBW**

Rugby: Interest expressed in a 6m/4m crossband repeater.

Application received for a new 2m repeater in Northampton. Four closedown operators will be required.

**Action G3TZM**

GB3HT/ZI: Complaints have been received from the keeper of GB3HT about co-channel interference. As these repeaters operate on the same 70cm frequency there is nothing that can be done at present to resolve the situation.

GB3ZI: Verbal notification of a change of keeper has been received. Confirmation of this is required from the present keeper.

**Action G3TZM**

## **F: TV Repeaters**

There have been clearances of two new ATV repeaters recently – these are the first this year and indeed the first ones for over twelve months. The repeaters are GB3WV (23cms unit in Cornwall) and GB3FT (crossband 2390 in and 1312 out unit in Norfolk). GB3FT is the first crossband unit ever in the UK.

There are eleven outstanding ATV applications.

The primary user of 23cm will not accept any unit near Gatwick on this band. The GB3CT group will be asked to withdraw their application.

**Action G3VZV**

The RSGB need to be consulted to clarify exactly what digital work can be done with OFCOM. A recent amendment to one group's NoV has caused problems with another group that have had an application outstanding for more than 12 months.

**Action G3VZV & Chairman**

## **H: Internet Gateways**

G7PFT has submitted a draft proposal for a trunking system based on MPT1327. This will be sent to Colin Thomas G3PSM.

**Action G8DOR**

## **I: RA Meetings and liaison**

With the merger of the RA into Ofcom and their move to new premises there have been no meetings since the last RMC committee meeting.

## **J: Repeater Abuse**

There are four open issues at present. These have been passed to the RA. No progress has been reported to date.

## **K: Complaints**

With immediate effect RMC regional managers will contact the RMC Chairman to notify him if they are waiting for a reply to a request for information etc from a group or applicant for more than 21 days. This is to eliminate cases of groups accusing RMC regional managers of not processing their applications etc when they have actually failed to respond.

**Action All**

## **L: Publicity**

Material is still required for RadCom etc.

**Action All**

## **M: AOB**

None

## **M: Date and time of next meeting**

11:00am, 5 June 2004, Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel.