



**Radio Society of Great Britain**  
**Repeater Management Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January 2006**  
**Held At Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel**

**Present**

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| John McCullagh   | GI4BWM | RMC Chairman                                |
| Andrew Barrett   | G8DOR  | South & South West England Regional Manager |
| Mark Lewis       | GW7KDU | Wales Regional Manager/Secretary            |
| Bill Mahoney     | G3TZM  | West Midlands Regional Manager              |
| Graham Shirville | G3VZV  | TV Repeater Co-ordinator                    |
| Colin Dalziel    | GM8LBC | Scotland Regional Manager/Proposals Manager |
| Mike Stott       | G0NEE  | North East England Regional Manager         |
| Bob Wilkinson    | G3VVT  | North West England Regional Manager         |
| Colin Thomas     | G3PSM  | RSGB Board Member/Spectrum Director         |

**A: Apologies**

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| Rod Wilkinson | G3TXA | Ofcom representative |
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**B: Chairman's opening remarks**

The chairman opened the meeting by describing some recent discussions held between RSGB and Ofcom about the future of the processing of repeater and other types of applications currently dealt with by RMC and DCC. Discussions will continue in the near future.

**C: Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the 1 October 2005 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*

GB3LB, GB3RX, GB3YV and GB3TZ

**Closed**

Still receiving very little information from Ofcom. The RSGB Spectrum Director, G3PSM should arrange a meeting with Ofcom as a matter of urgency.

**Closed**

Meeting between GM8LBC and Mr Alan Betts of Ofcom to be held in Edinburgh. Meeting did not happen.

**Closed**

Material is still required for RadCom.

**Closed**

A number of Internet linked simplex gateways have been joined together to form duplex repeaters on 70cm. These require review. To be discussed with Ofcom. On going

**Action Chairman & G3PSM**

*Matters arising – Voice Repeaters*

GB3DX: Site change processed, NoV issued.

**Closed**

GB3HA: New NoV issued.

**Closed**

GB3HT: Nothing further heard.

**Closed**

*Matters arising – TV Repeaters*

GB3FT: It was decided not to proceed with the application.

*Matters arising – Internet Gateways*

GB3DW: NoV issued.

**Closed**

*Matters arising – Ofcom Meetings and liaison*

Monthly status update from Ofcom.

**Closed**

**E: Voice Repeaters**

GB3OA: The proposal for GB3OA raised concern with overlap on the adjacent repeaters 12.5kHz either side, GB3MB at Bury and GB3GD in the IOM, both of which had coverage in the general area. To offset this a proposal was made to restrict the power of GB3OA, though still to cover the area approx 10 miles around Southport for hand held radio. With the aid of coverage maps provided by Colin, GM8LBC a lower power of 5W ERP was agreed.

Expression of interest received for a 2m repeater in the Preston area. This area is already covered by GB3OA and GB3PP (70cm).

GB3CF: New keeper

GB3DC: Application received. Initial request for 25W output but after discussion, keeper agreed to 2.5W as the repeater is only to required to cover Derby. Additionally, as the keeper's licence is shortly due for renewal, he will forward the latest validation cert as soon as renewal is done to allow for processing of application to continue.

**Action G3TZM**

GB3IN: Keeper wishes to move GB3IN because of proximity of GB3NF. The new site is 320m asl. Request has been made for 25w ERP. The coverage plot extends shows coverage extending beyond 150km. Suggest that power level should be 5m ERP

**Action G3TZM**

GB3IP: Mast has collapsed, we will grant an extension to the normal 6 month off air rule before issuing the second NoV.

**Action G3TZM**

GB3NF: A long discussion about held about this repeater. G3TZM and GI4BWM will discuss the issues further.

**Action G3TZM & GI4BWM**

GB3OK: Frequency change requested to RV57. Power increase also requested. It was decided that these should proceed.

**Action GI4BWM**

## **F: TV Repeaters**

Nothing to report

## **G: Internet gateways**

Enquiry received about unattended operation. Ofcom does not permit unattended gateway operation to repeaters.

## **H: Ofcom Meetings and liaison**

Rod G3TXA called in via a telephone conference call to bring the committee up to date on the latest developments with in Ofcom.

## **I: AOB**

Several applications have been received for the South East England RMC manager post. The applicants will be invited to the next meeting.

**Action GI4BWM**

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

11:00am, 20 May 2006, Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel.