



Radio Society of Great Britain
Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee
Minutes of 6th October 2014 Virtual Meeting
Held via Skype

Present

John McCullagh	GI4BWM	ETCC Chairman
Colin Dalziel	GM8LBC	Scotland Regional Manager/Proposals Manager
Noel Matthews	G8GTZ	TV Manager
Dave Dawson	G7UZN	South East England Regional Manager
Mark Lewis	GW7KDU	Wales Regional Manager/Secretary
Bob Wilkinson	G3VVT	North England Regional Manager
Steve Morton	G8SFR	Data Comms Manager
Andrew Barrett	G8DOR	Vice Chair/South West England Regional Manager
Stewart Bryant	G3YSX	RSGB Board Liaison member

Apologies

Jon Lee	G4TSN	Midlands Regional Manager
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1: Chairman's opening remarks

GI4BWM opened the meeting by welcoming all to the meeting.

2: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of 24th May 2014 were formally accepted. These are to be published on the UK repeaters website.

Action GW7KDU

3: Matters arising

Matters arising – Previous minutes

The renewal procedure is mostly complete apart from a few still outstanding. These mostly related to repeaters in the PSSR Band.

Closed

A significant number of 70cm applications were cleared just before the renewals process started. Applications for 23cm repeaters are still not progressing past the primary user. Unfortunately 70cm applications are starting to build up once more. Ongoing.

Action GI4BWM

GB7YD-A & GB7HD-A hold pending discussions with the PU. This is still the case and is on-going.

Action G3VVT

GB7LH: Application withdrawn

Closed

Unassigned E1 applications on the vetting website. This is on-going.

Action All

Provisional - to be adopted at next meeting

Old packet NoVs: Keepers wishing to retain an NoV for a Packet node will have to re-apply.

Closed

Matters Arising - Bulletin Board on UK Repeater website

A bulletin board is to be provided on the [UK Repeater website](#). This has been set up but there has not been much interest so far. Its usefulness will be reviewed at the end of the year.

Closed

Matters Arising - Regional/Specialist reports

Data Comms

DMR repeater callsigns. No changes to the existing arrangements will be made.

Closed

Matters Arising - AOB

Emission codes reference. This is to be provided on the vetting website.

Closed

4: Report on July 15th Ofcom/RSGB/CAA meeting

GI4BWM presented a summary of a meeting held between Ofcom, RSGB and CAA. The ETCC will provide a summary of 23cm activity to CAA.

Action GI4BWM and G8GTZ

5: Ofcom NoV processing

There are still significant delays with Ofcom processing NoVs. This includes bands where we are the primary user and have done the work for them. To be raised at the next RSGB/Ofcom meeting.

Action GI4BWM

6: Regional/Specialist reports

South East England

GB3LW: Still not on air, despite offers of help. To be followed up.

Action GI4BWM

GB7TW: Awaiting frequency pairs to become available when other applications clear the primary user on 70cm.

Action G7UZN

Scotland

GB3ED: GM1PLY wishes to take over GB3ED which is currently off air due to site problems. He has been advised to contact the current keeper.

GB3CS: Reports of abuse which were being followed up locally.

South/South West England

GB3PC: Was running on batteries for a while but is now off air. Its keeper is currently out of contact.

TV Repeaters

GB3BA: Second NoV issued

GB3BH: 3.4GHz NoV not yet in service, GI4BWM to chase the group for an update.

Status of some TV Repeaters needs updating on the UK Repeaters website.

Action G8GTZ

Data

Nothing to report

Wales

Nothing to report apart from a few routine applications.

North of England

GB3TJ: A new proposal has been received from the Tyne area for a new 70cm repeater to be co-sited with GB3HA near Hexham. The proposal is still incomplete and cannot progress until this is updated.

A request was received to re-use the callsign and channel previously used by GB3MC in the Bolton area for the Oldham area of Greater Manchester. Is not currently possible as the GB3MC is still awaiting second NoV for permanent closure. A complete new proposal is consequently needed for any progress to be made.

RSGB Board

G3YSX passed thanks to the ETCC from the RSGB board.

7: Feedback from Hamfest

A visitor to the ETCC stand had mentioned that GB3IP was still off air but that he was aware that the Keeper was making efforts to get it sorted out and hopefully it would return soon.

M1GRY had mentioned the lack of activity in the Bristol area.

There was interest shown in providing better 2M coverage on the NE coast. GI4BWM pointed out that this had been mentioned before and no obvious frequencies were available.

8: AOB

146/147MHz ideas for this new allocation were discussed briefly.

PSSR Band, what are we telling keepers. This will be discussed at the next Ofcom/RSGB meeting.

GB7HM was noted by G8DOR to have a very wide coverage.

GM8LBC has added a new field in the vetting database to indicate DV type.

9: Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be via Skype, date to be decided.