



**Radio Society of Great Britain**  
**Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee**  
**Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020 Virtual Meeting**  
**held via Skype.**

**Present**

Andrew Barrett	G8DOR	ETCC Chair/South West England Regional Manager
John McCullagh	G14BWM	Northern Ireland Regional Manager
Colin Dalziel	GM8LBC	Scotland Regional Manager/ETCC Webmaster
Dave Dawson	G7UZN	South East England Regional Manager
Mark Lewis	GW7KDU	Wales Regional Manager/Secretary
Steve Morton	G8SFR	Data Comms Manager
Noel Matthews	G8GTZ	TV Manager/Vice-Chairman
Bob Wilkinson	G3VVT	North England Regional Manager
Len Paget	GM0ONX	Board Member
Ian Suart	GM4AUP	RSGB OAS representative

**Apologies**

Stewart Bryant	G3YSX	Board Member
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**1: Chairman's opening remarks**

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all and commenting on the progress of the NoV renewals. These have so far been running very smoothly and the number outstanding is very low.

**2: Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were formally accepted. These are to be published on the [UK Repeater Website](#).

**Action GW7KDU**

**3: Matters arising**

*Matters arising – Minutes of last meeting*

Minutes for March 2020 were published [here](#).

**Closed**

*Matters arising – Regional/Specialist reports*

**Wales & The Marches**

- GB7SA: Ongoing

**Action GW7KDU**

**North of England**

## Adopted Minutes

- GB7KL: Keeper has not yet been contacted, to be followed up.

**Action G3VVT**

- GB3MX: Application withdrawn

**Closed**

- GB3BY: Licenced, operational.

**Closed**

### ***South West of England***

- Exeter Club secretary has been in contact with a complaint about the performance/coverage of the local 70cm DMR repeater. Application for an additional repeater in the area received and processed.

**Closed**

### ***East Midlands.***

- GB3SV: Ongoing

**Action G4TSN & GW7KDU**

### ***Data Modes***

- A paper has been received from Mark David, G4MEM entitled "Establishing a LoRa APRS Node in the 430-440MHz". Nothing further heard.

**Closed**

### ***Report Via RSGB HQ***

- GB3NB: Nothing further heard

**Closed**

### ***Matters arising – Personal license re-validation***

Ofcom licensing website issues

**Closed**

### ***Matters arising – 6: RF Linking and Gateway NoV conditions.***

Wording updated.

**Closed**

### ***Matters arising – 7: UKRepeater and VMS website updates.***

Feedback provided.

## **4: Regional/Specialist reports**

### ***Wales & The Marches***

- GB7SA: Ongoing.

**Action GW7KDU**

### ***North of England***

- GB3NY: Site change has been delayed. **Action G3VVT**
- GB7KL: Keeper needs to get the repeater on air. **Action G3VVT**
- New 2m repeater for Preston, not operational yet. **Action G3VVT**

### ***Northern Ireland***

- Mostly quiet, further reports of abuse in the Belfast area. Ofcom is aware.

### ***Scotland***

- Generally quiet, renewals progressing well.
- GB7EC relocated after onsite problems.

### ***South East of England***

- One outstanding application GB3VW. Similar coverage to GB3NR. Can go ahead using a reverse channel pair. **Action G7UZN**

### ***South West of England***

- Exeter Club DMR repeater on air.

### ***East Midlands.***

- No report

### ***Data Modes***

- New gateways and packet stations  
Gateways: 30, Packet: 15
- Application received for a Tetra DMO repeater on 434MHz. Proposed location was within 35 miles of Charing Location and was declined by the Primary User,

### ***Television***

- No new applications received.

## **5: New RSGB initiative to combat abuse**

A discussion was had about a new RSGB initiative to combat abuse.

## **6: AOB**

- An extra channel pair for 2m has been tabled to the Spectrum Committee by G8DOR. Awaiting their response. **Action G8DOR**
- GM4AUP: OAS, things generally quiet. Some complaints coming from North Wales.

## Adopted Minutes

- GM8LBC: Following on from previous decision about moving 70cm RU channels to 12.5kHz channel spacing we need to identify any repeaters still operating on 25kHz.  
**Action Regional Managers**

### **7: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is proposed for 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 14:00 to be held via Skype.