



Radio Society of Great Britain
Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee
Minutes of 9th April 2022 Virtual Meeting
held via Skype.

Present

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| 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 |
| Mark Lewis | GW7KDU | Wales Regional Manager/Secretary |
| Steve Morton | G8SFR | Data Comms Manager |
| Dave Dawson | G7UZN | South East England Regional Manager |
| Bob Wilkinson | G3VVT | North England Regional Manager |
| Ian Suart | GM4AUP | RSGB OAS representative |
| Len Paget | GM0ONX | Board Member |
| Jon Lee | G4TSN | Midland Regional Manager |

Apologies

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| Noel Matthews | G8GTZ | TV Manager/Vice-Chairman |
| Stewart Bryant | G3YSX | Board Member |

1: Opening remarks

Welcome and thank you for attending today's meeting.

2: Approval of Minutes – January 2022

The minutes of 8th January 2022 were formally accepted. These are to be published on the [UK Repeater Website](#).

Action GW7KDU

3: Regional/Specialist reports

Wales

Matters arising – January 2022

- Two renewals sent late GB7CD-A and GB7RB-A.

Closed

New items

- Enquiry about powering down a repeater during quiet times to save electricity costs. This was discussed and was agreed that it would be allowed but the times would have to be specified.

Action All

North of England

Matters arising – January 2022

- GB7PR: New 70cm. **Closed**
- GB3PN: New 70cm. **Closed**
- GB7GW: Parameter change. **Closed**
- GB3NY: Site change still pending. Still not on air **Action G3VVT**

New items

- GB7KL: Licensed but not operational. The repeater has not installed **Action G3VVT**

Northern Ireland

Matters arising – January 2022

- GB7UL & GB7NI: Off air due to storm damage to mast. **Closed**

New items

- No new items.

South East England

Matters arising – January 2022

- GB7OK: Back on air. **Closed**

New items

- GB7TX: New application for 70cm Tetra repeater. **Action G7UZN**
- GB3HE: Site change **Action G7UZN**

South/South West England

Matters arising – January 2022

- GB3DR: Site change application received. **Action G8DOR**
- GB3AW: Back on air. **Closed**

New items

- No new items.

Scotland

Matters arising – January 2022

- GB3FV, new application for a 70cm analogue repeater in the Stirling area. **Closed**

New items

- GB3FF: Long term off air. **Action GM8LBC**
- GB3PA: Long term off air. **Action GM8LBC**

Midlands

Matters arising – January 2022

- None outstanding

New items

- GB3EM: Repeater currently carrier access only, keeper aware. **Action G4TSN**

Television

Matters arising – January 2022

- GB3ZZ & GB3FW: **Closed**
- GB3HV: Site move did not happen but there has been a change of keeper. **Closed**
- GB3BH: Off air second NoV required. **Closed**
- GB3TN: Renewal was not completed. Keeper applied for new NoV which has been issued. **Closed**

New items

- GB3TM: Renewal complete after the renewal date was missed.

Data Modes

Matters arising – January 2022

- Problems with SSTV protocols in South East England on 2 metres. **Closed**
- Applications received for low power APRS type units LORA. **Closed**

New items

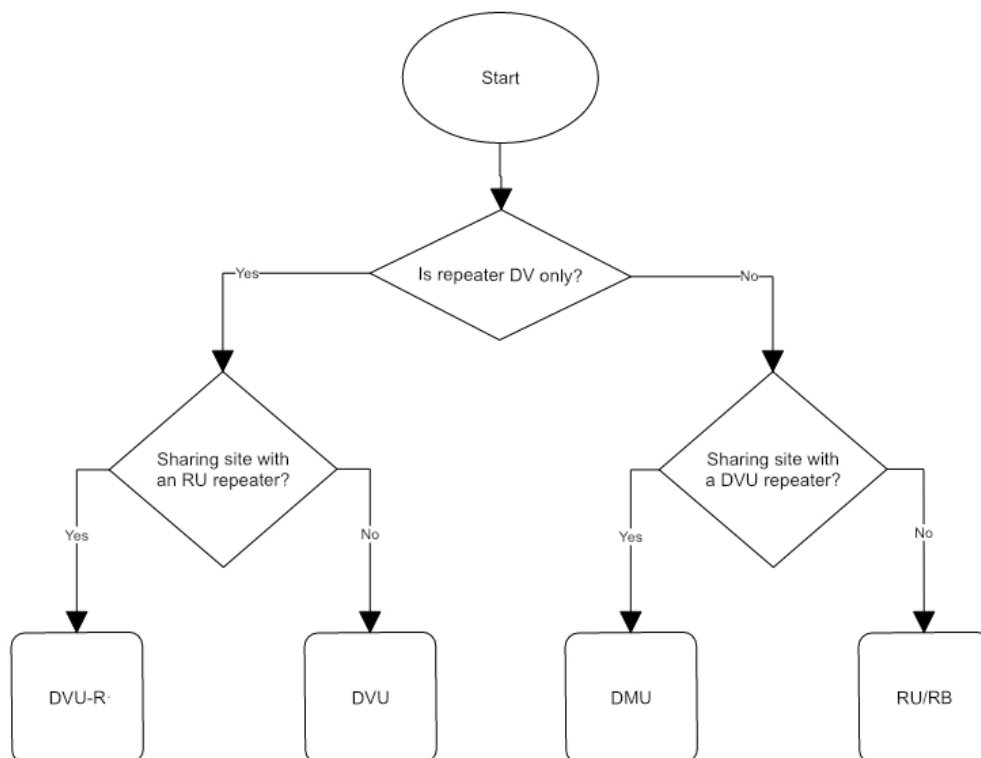
- No new items.

4: Matters Arising from other agenda items

- VMS access code: obtaining lost security code **Closed**
- Additional channel on 70cm **Closed**
- Automatic generation of renewal reminders **Closed**

5: Use of DMU channels

There was a discussion about the use of DMU channels (there are only five of these). G8SFR has provided a flowchart that defines how these will be used in future.



6: Improvements to VMS

Colin GM8LBC introduced changes to the VMS (website that the ETCC uses to manage repeater applications etc). Steve G8SFR has been beta testing the updates and gave a demonstration of the changes.

7: AOB

Matters arising – January 2022

- Extra channel pair on 2m: ongoing.

Action G8DOR

New items

- ETCC Facebook page. Due to rules changes by Facebook the ETCC account is to be disabled as it is deemed to be a “grey account”. The decision was taken to let the page lapse as it is not used very much.
- G7UZN reported that there is some interest in a limited coverage repeater on the Isle of Wight

7: Date of next meeting

Saturday 9th July 14:00.to be held via Skype