



Radio Society of Great Britain
Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee
Minutes of Meeting 28th November 2009
Held At Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel

Present

John McCullagh	GI4BWM	ETCC Chairman
Iain Philipps	G0RDI	ETCC Vice Chairman
Graham Shirville	G3VZV	TV Repeater Co-ordinator
Colin Dalziel	GM8LBC	Scotland Regional Manager/Proposals Manager
Dave Dawson	G7UZN	South East England Regional Manager
Mark Lewis	GW7KDU	Wales Regional Manager/Secretary
Bob Wilkinson	G3VVT	North England Regional Manager
Rod Wilkinson	G3TXA	Ofcom representative
Dave Wilson	M0OBW	RSGB Board Member for Convention, Emerging Technology (ETCC)
Jon Lee	G4TSN	Midlands Regional Manager
Andrew Barrett	G8DOR	South West England Regional Manager
Darren Storer	G7LWT	UKIT Representative

1: Apologies

Steve Morton	G8SFR	Internet Gateway Manager
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2: Chairman's opening remarks

The meeting was opened as usual by the Chairman who welcomed all present. GI4BWM also introduced Darren G7LWT to the rest of the committee. G7LWT has been appointed to the ETCC to represent the UK-IT group and support D-Star and other GMSK technology.

3: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of 22 August 2009 meeting were approved. They have already been published on ukrepeaters.net after circulation around the committee via email.

4: Matters arising

Matters arising – Previous minutes

GB3MC, GB3MY and Proposed GB3ML: There is still no news on these, a second NoV will be issued for MC and MY.

Action G3VVT/G3TXA

UHF repeater GB3MF near Macclesfield. There has been a change of keeper, NoV has been issued but the repeater is not yet on the air.

Action G3VVT

GB3BW, 23cm Weston-super-Mare: On going, awaiting the result of another 23cm application.
Action G8DOR

23cm GMSK repeater for Glasgow: Still on-going.
Action GM8LBC

GB3CO: Still off air
Action G4TSN

Proposal for a 2m repeater (GB3MU) on Guernsey: No progress with this application. No further action will be taken until the group/proposed keeper contact the ETCC.
Closed

GB7ML: Site access problems continue. A new site has been offered and it has been decided to apply for a site change.
Action G0RDI and G7UZN

Matters arising – G14BWM agenda items

GB3WX: 10m to 6m crossband proposal from G3ZXX. The repeater is on the air.
Action G8DOR

Matters arising – Regional Reports

G7AJP Application for a 4m store and forward unit: Awaiting response to the E5 that has been submitted.
Action G4TSN

Site change for GB3CN. An E5 form was submitted but the primary user has rejected it.
Action G4TSN

GB7DB: G0RDI and G7LWT helped resolve the groups problems.
Closed

2m D-Star repeater for Durham proposal: NoV issued , repeater on air.
Closed

Enquires about Scarborough and Middlesbrough DV repeaters: the former is on air, nothing further heard about the latter.
Closed

GB3TW: Interference with mixing from 603kHz local BBC MW TX. Discussions are ongoing, awaiting further updates from the keeper.
Action G3VVT

GB3AT: Applications have been made for additional inputs and also a change of frequency from 23cm to 13cm.
Action G3VZV

Hastings 70cm repeater (GB3HE) is causing key fob problems. Two wide split pairs of frequencies have been suggested but nothing further has been heard from the keeper.
Action G7UZN

GB3ET: Site change application. Completed, NoV issued.
Closed

GB3BS: Site change application
Action G8DOR

70cm repeater in the Chepstow/Gloucester area: an E5 has been submitted.

Action G8DOR

5: Ofcom

a. Disputes

Ofcom do not wish to become involved with “frequency” disputes for things such as simplex gateways. They are happy to enforce regulatory issues where necessary.

Over the last month there has been a serious problem in the Glasgow area. Ofcom do not feel that they have had sufficient support from ETCC. In future the ETCC should deal with abuse complaints helping the keeper to compile sufficient evidence that can be then passed to Ofcom for further investigation.

A policy for dealing with abuse complaints will be circulated around the committee.

Action G3TXA

b. On air identification for dual mode repeaters

Dual mode repeaters are required to have a voice announcement.

6: GI4BWM: 23cm frequency clearances

GI4BWM had been made aware of some of the issues involved and had been able to offer advice on suitable frequencies in one area. It may be necessary to have a meeting with Ofcom & CAA in the near future to clarify our use of the band.

Action GI4BWM

7: GM8LBC: Linking proposal from Grampian Repeater Group

A proposal to “improve” coverage and usage in the Grampian area has been received. The idea is to link GB3GM and GB3NG and involves the using CTCSS tones to control it. There are several technical issues and also a question about callsigns to be resolved

Action GM8LBC and G3TXA

8: G3VVT: Licensing and operation of remote gateway for GMSK DV Internet

A request for a remote gateway has been received. This can proceed.

Action G3VVT

9: G7UZN: Repeaters for London and the Olympics

There is concern that there will be no analogue repeaters in the London area for the Olympics in 2012. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

10: Reports from the regions

GB3MH is to close down.

GB3NX is to close down.

Request about the feasibility of a 23cm Parrot box received from G4GBW

Action G7UZN

GB3LG: Not operational

GB3FF: Not operational

GB3KD: Complaints of abuse and contact made by keeper to ask for ETCC help/advice. The group have compiled a report and this will be forwarded to Ofcom as soon as possible.

Action GW7KDU

Application for 4m parrot device have tried to contact the applicant since the last meeting no response
Possible frequency 70.3625MHz

Action G4TSN

GB3HP New application for 70cm analogue cover Chapel-en-le-frith.

Action G4TSN

GB7EN New application Node Northampton

Action G4TSN

GB3CN Northampton site change (23cms)

Action G4TSN

GB7DB site change

Action G0RDI

MB7IWN MB6EN: Application conversion request received.

Action G4TSN

GB3CO is now in service but on low antenna, group hopes to have it fully operational by Christmas 2009.

GB3LJ: Sam Hunt has failed to complete his project, second NoV issued

GB3EM not operational for a very long time

Action G4TSN

GB7IP not operational

Action G4TSN

The GB3IM repeater system now has GB3IM-C at Carnane near Douglas linked into the system. The Snaefell site has suffered storm damage to the repeater antenna system and the radiated power/receive level is now very much restricted. There may be an extended delay before it is possible to repair. The value of the new system has been shown in allowing repeater coverage to still be available in most areas except Laxey and Peel.

GB3MC, GB3MY: Not operational with no reply from the keeper of GB3MC/GB3MY.

Action G3VVT

GB3LP: Not operational, the keeper of GB3LP has stated that he should have the repeater in beacon mode this week, followed by a return to service in the near future.

Action G3VVT

GB7NE at Lynmouth to the north of Newcastle was placed into service on 8/9/09 with Internet linking in progress of being installed.

Proposals were received for two new D-Star repeaters on 2m in the NE. GB7PB for the Chester le Street area and GB7RW for the Scarborough area. Both have been issued with NoV on 6/10/09 and 23/10/09 respectively. Currently GB7RW is awaiting equipment. For the GB7RW proposal as the

70cm option turned out to be unsuitable from their site the group decided to close down GB3YC and use the 2m channel occupied by that.

No completed EI from the Middlesbrough repeater group for their proposed GB7TV.

Action G3VVT

A new keeper has come forward to take over the stalled GB3MF repeater proposal for Macclesfield. This resulted in a NoV being issued for operation on 5/10/09.

Discussions with Steve, M1ERS regarding the delay in bringing GB7SH into service. He says their small group are currently unable to afford the amount wanted by Icom for a D-Star repeater and are working on providing this by a suitably modified PMR repeater with interface. They have been informed that they must keep Ofcom updated on the delay of implementing the NoV which has now been open for over 6 months.

Action G3VVT

A proposal to relocate GB3TW only 6 months after moving to a site at Sheriff Hill, Gateshead has been received. Problem is they have BBC R4 on 603 kHz which is located only 1 km from the site mixing with their TX output and feeding back to their own RX with which works done at their existing site have failed to remove. Can be minimised by antenna relocation, but this was not allowed by neighbours. Interference checks have been done at a PMR communication mast 200m from their site and reported to be found clear there. The e 1 has been submitted to move to this site though is currently on hold awaiting details of the tests to be provided to Ofcom.

Action G3VVT

11 AOB

An intermediate licensee can hold an NoV for a simplex gateway.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to those that represented the ETCC at the recent National Hamfest in Newark.

12 G7LWT: Presentation on UK-IT

Darren, G7LWT gave a presentation of the work of UK-IT to the rest of the committee.

13: Date and time of next meeting

11:00am, 17 April 2010, Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel.