



Radio Society of Great Britain
Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee
Minutes of Meeting 17th April 2010
Held At Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel

Present

John McCullagh	GI4BWM	ETCC Chairman
Iain Philipps	G0RDI	ETCC Vice Chairman/RSGB Board Member.
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
Andrew Barrett	G8DOR	South West England Regional Manager
Darren Storer	G7LWT	UKIT Representative
Steve Morton	G8SFR	Internet Gateway Manager

1: Apologies

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

The meeting was opened as usual by the Chairman who welcomed all present.

3: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of 28 November 2009 meeting were approved and are to be sent to GM8LBC for publication on the UK Repeaters Website.

Action GW7KDU

4: Matters arising

Matters arising – Previous minutes

GB3MC, GB3MY and Proposed GB3ML

Closed

UHF repeater GB3MF near Macclesfield: is now on air.

Closed

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

Action G8DOR

23cm GMSK repeater for Glasgow: Request for DD frequency is closed, on going application for a DV pair on 23cm.

Action GM8LBC

GB3CO: Repeater is back on air

Closed

GB7ML: Has been on air from a temporary site. A fault developed and was removed from service. It is hoped that access to the original site can be properly organised and the plan is to bring the repeater back into service at there.

Action G0RDI

GB3WX: Repeater is in service

Closed

G7AJP Application for a 4m store and forward unit: On going, still awaiting response from the Primary User.

Action G4TSN

Site change for GB3CN. On going, awaiting clearance.

Action G4TSN

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

Action G3VVT

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

Action G3VZV

Hastings 70cm repeater (GB3HE) is causing key fob problems. Nothing further has been heard from the keeper since before previous meeting in August 2009.

Closed

GB3BS: Site change application

Closed

70cm repeater in the Chepstow/Gloucester area: an E5 has been submitted. This is still on going and awaiting a response from the Primary User.

Action G8DOR

Matters arising – Ofcom

Abuse complaints policy: On going

Action G3TXA

Matters arising – GI4BWM agenda items

Ofcom: 23cm frequency clearances: This is on going, no meeting has yet been arranged with Ofcom & CAA but it is very likely one will be held.

Action GI4BWM

Matters arising – GM8LBC

Linking project for GB3GM and GB3NG, ongoing.

Action GM8LBC and G3TXA

Matters arising – G3VVT

Remote gateway for GMSK DV has been received.

Closed

Matters arising – Reports from the regions

Request about the feasibility of a 23cm Parrot box received from G4GBW, still on going, awaiting Primary User.	Action G7UZN
GB3KD: Complaints of abuse. Nothing further heard.	Closed
Application from G7AJP for 4m parrot device. Awaiting Primary User, on going.	Action G4TSN
GB3HP New application for 70cm analogue cover Chapel-en-le-frith. Awaiting Primary User, on going.	Action G4TSN
GB7EN New application Node Northampton, Awaiting Primary User, on going.	Action G4TSN
GB3CN Northampton site change (23cms), on going.	Action G4TSN
GB7DB site change	Closed
MB7IWN MB6EN: Application conversion request received.	Closed
GB3EM not operational for a very long time. On going	Action G4TSN
GB7IP not operational. On going	Action G4TSN
GB3MC, GB3MY: Not operational.	Closed
GB3LP: Still not operational, Second NoV to be issued	Action G3VVT
GB7TV, Middlesbrough, on air	Closed
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.	
GB7SH still not service but group are working to complete the project.	Action G3VVT
Proposal to relocate GB3TW. This is still on going.	Action G3VVT
5: Exception reports from Regions	
A query was raised about the maximum ERP permitted for a DV gateway on 70cm by G8DOR. The limit is 25watts, but is set on a case by case basis.	Action G8DOR

Olympics 2012. GB3WL and GB3HL have been closed down by their keeper. This will reduce repeater coverage in London for the event.

Action G7UZN

South Yorkshire Repeater Group have submitted an application for a 23cm DV repeater. We are awaiting a response from the Primary User.

Action G7LWT

GB7HX a new proposed repeater/node for the Huddersfield area received initially for vetting. To be forwarded to GM8LBC for processing. Requires generation of suitable frequency pairs and the E5 to continue further.

Action G3VVT (for E1)
Action G7LWT & G8SFR (for E5)
Action GM8LBC (Processing)

An expression interest for DV repeater in Stoke/Stafford area has been received from UKFM Group Western. They are currently reviewing their portfolio in the area in an effort to find a frequency pair.

Action G7LWT

GB3IT: New 23cms DATV out/FM in application which will join the list of 5 ATV (and 2 digital node) applications which are subject to the proposed /requested Ofcom/Primary user/RSGB meetings. The others on the list are GB3KM GB3BA, GB3AT, GB3SQ. To be processed in due course pending the responses from the Primary Users.

Action G3VZV

Application from G0ATW for a gateway to GB3GY, discussed and will be processed.

Action G8SFR

Keeper of GB3UO (70cm) has requested a site change. A E5 required.

Action GW7KDU

GB3LL is still off air. A second NoV will be issued if it is not back on air by June

Action GW7KDU

GB3SA has been off air more than 6 months 2nd NoV to be requested

Action GW7KDU

6: Authorisation of Operation

Authorisation for operation or closedown a station or any activity from that station must only be actioned by Ofcom.

Action all

7: Policy on Dual mode operation in 70cm

Enquiries made about converting GB3NU (analogue 70cm wide split repeater) to dual mode analogue/digital. The decision was made by the ETCC that dual mode is not acceptable and that because of difficulties with primary user frequency clearances at present we will permit a change to digital mode using the same frequency pair. The keeper will be informed that :-

1. He will have to deal with any complains from existing analogue users who will lose a resource.
2. The ETCC reserves the right to move the repeater to a 9MHz split when PU difficulties have been resolved. An existing E1 will be kept on file until this time.
3. An E5 will be completed for a 9MHz pair.

Action G7UZN

8 & 9: 23cm/13cm difficulties and relationship with Primary Users

A meeting with Primary Users is to be requested via Ofcom. It was felt this may be better escalated at RSGB Board level.

Action G0RDI

Applicants contacted to inform them that there will not be any progress until later in the year

Action G3VZV

G7LWT and G7OCD are to collaborate on papers detailing how bands/modes (TV, Voice, Digital, Analogue, Packet etc) are typically used. Two papers are required, one for 70cm and below written in more general terms and one for the higher bands with more in-depth detail.

Action G7LWT and G7OCD

10: Long term non operational repeaters

A letter template will be produced to be used to contact all keepers of repeaters that have been off air for 6 months giving them one month and one day to respond. The local manager will send this to the appropriate keepers in their areas.

Action G7UZN (Letter template)

Action All (Contact keepers)

11: Emerging Technology

GI4BWM's summary of the input from the rest of the committee will be sent to the RSGB board and Ofcom via the RSGB general manager.

Action GI4BWM

12: Appointment of Vice Chairman

As G0RDI has been elected to RSGB board a new Vice Chairman was required for the ETCC. G8DOR has accepted the role with the unanimous support of the rest of the committee. UK Repeaters website is to be updated accordingly.

Action GM8LBC

13: Appointment of Data Comms Manager.

G8SFR has been appointed as Data Comms Manager with the unanimous support of the rest of the committee. UK Repeaters website is to be updated accordingly.

Action GM8LBC

13: Date and time of next meeting

Next meeting is provisionally booked for 11:00am, 21 August 2010 at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel. The committee are to confirm their availability to the Chair as soon as possible.

Action All