



Radio Society of Great Britain
Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee
Minutes of Meeting 29th September 2012
Held At Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel

Present

John McCullagh	GI4BWM	ETCC Chairman
Andrew Barrett	G8DOR	Vice Chair/South West England Regional Manager
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
Darren Storer	G7LWT	UKIT Representative

Via VoIP

Steve Morton	G8SFR	Data Comms Manager
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1: Apologies

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

GI4BWM opened the meeting by welcoming all present and reflecting that it has been over a year since our last meeting. Unfortunately problems still exist clearing repeaters where there is a Primary User involved.

3: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of 3rd September 2011 were formally accepted subject to some minor changes and will be published on UK repeaters website.

Action GW7KDU

In future minutes of the meeting will be published as soon as they have been circulated around the committee and approved in draft. They will still only be formally adopted at the next meeting.

Action GW7KDU

4: Matters arising

Matters arising – Previous minutes

Abuse complaints policy: Reports of abuse to the repeater network will be forwarded by GI4BWM to AROS.

Closed

East Midlands: GB3EM has not been operational for a very long time. Still on going

Action G4TSN & GI4BWM

GB7IR: Second NoV issued

Closed

GB7IP: It has not been possible to contact the keeper of the repeater and the ETCC believe that the equipment for this repeater is no longer available. G7LWT will make a renewed effort to contact the keeper to confirm the situation.

Action GI4BWM & G4TSN

GB7IQ: Repeater still off air. Keeper to be contacted.

Action GI4BWM

GB7SH is still not in service. It is hoped it will be on air in the near future.

Action G3VVT

Paper detailing how bands/modes (TV, Voice, Digital, Analogue, Packet etc) are typically used in the IO83 area. Work continues on this.

Action G7LWT & G7OCD

Report from G8SFR re work on restarting UHF clearances: Identification of 70cm repeaters and nodes that are no longer in operation as this will further reduce the current noise floor figures. On-going.

Action All

G4HPE HF Gateway extension of experiment:

Closed

Preparation of a D-Star Users Guide: On-going.

Action G7LWT

G8DZJ and UK FM Group Western/DV coverage in the Potteries and M6 corridor.

Closed

GB3MC/GB3MY: These are still not on air. There has been adequate time for these repeaters to be brought into service; second NoVs to be issued without further delay.

Closed

GB3LG. Second NoV issued.

Closed

70cm DV unit in the St Austell area:

Closed

GB3NY: Second NoV issued.

Closed

Herne Bay repeater GB7IC site changes. Site change forms for all three repeaters are required.

Action G7UZN

GB3NU: Application for dual mode received. On-going.

Closed

GB7HX and GB7HU: No further action required, frequency changes in hand.

Closed

Matters arising – Exception reports from the Regions

Dual mode for GB3IE (Plymouth).

Closed

GB3MH: Closed down list validation. On going.	Closed
GB3NX: Site change 70cm over 2km. Application waiting approval.	Closed
GB3EL: On air.	Closed
GB7ML: On-air.	Closed
CTCSS for Simplex Internet Gateways.	Closed

4: Future NoV processes.

GM8LBC presented a new system for online processing of repeater applications and a number of other applications that require the issuing of NoVs. A live demonstration of the system was given and all present approved. The process will be adopted once agreed between Ofcom and the RSGB.

5: Managers' responsibilities

GI4BWM reminded the committee that when dealing with change of keeper form E4 that once these have been checked he should be contacted so that the notification can be made to Ofcom so that the relevant NoVs can be issued.

Action All

6: GI4BWM: RSGB/Ofcom forum meetings update

GI4BWM reported on the recent RSGB/Ofcom forum meeting.

7: Outstanding vetting list

The outstanding vetting list was discussed and it was noted that it had been re-submitted to Ofcom who would be meeting with Primary Users in the near future. Chair to report as necessary.

Action GI4BWM

8: ATV Spectrum

PU spectrum release in 2.3GHz band. It was confirmed that a significant section of the 2.3 – 2.4GHz band is to be released in 2013/2014 making it very likely that a number of ATV repeaters would need new frequency assignments. Further information is awaited. Chair to report as necessary.

Action GI4BWM

9: Exception reports from the Regions

Scotland

GB7DE is on the air.

South & SW England

GB3SI: The keeper wishes to retire. The new keeper will need to perform a site change.

Action G8DOR

GB3PH: Non-operational for several years. All attempts to contact the keeper have failed. Some have rumoured that he may have emigrated.

GB3OX: G8DOR has become the keeper as the previous one has passed away recently. A second NoV has been applied for but this has not yet been received.

GB3JB: Has been on reduced power after theft of solar panels and failure of wind turbine.

GB3HB: Application received for dual mode working.

SE England

GB3NS: Requires another site change.

Action G7UZN

GB3OY: Requests for a repeater giving the coverage of GB3OY had been received following the Olympics. It was agreed an application would be made to Ofcom.

Action G7UZN

Wales and the Marches

GB7SY/VO: Request for a site change and change of callsign for GB3SY to GB3VO. The site change is a distance well outside the 2km fast track limit and as the repeater is on 70cm it will be added to the queue for PU approval.

Action GW7KDU

GB7RB: Requests for a site change, moving further west. There are concerns about possible co-channel interference to GB3RD. It may be necessary to impose power restrictions on the proposal.

Action GW7KDU

North of England

GB3CY: York UHF repeater has not been operational for a period approaching 2 years. Keeper has not responded to a query regarding the cause. This was brought to the attention of the ETCC by complaints from users.

Action G3VVT

GB3HJ. Harrogate UHF repeater currently not in service is proposed to be relocated from existing site. Change of keeper e4 due to retirement of previous keeper has been submitted.

Action G3VVT

East Midlands

GB3LS: Keeper has requested a change of frequency (70cm).

Action G4TSN

10: Any other relevant business

Nothing raised.

11: Date and time of next meeting

The date for the next meeting has not been set but it is expected to be in early 2013. The venue will be Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel.

Action GI4BWM