



Radio Society of Great Britain
Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee
Minutes of 24th March 2013 Virtual Meeting
Held via Skype Conference Call

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	Digital Systems & Networking
Noel Matthews	G8GTZ	TV Manager (Elect)
Steve Morton	G8SFR	Data Comms Manager
Jon Lee	G4TSN	Midlands Regional Manager

1: Chairman's opening remarks

GI4BWM opened the meeting by welcoming all to our first virtual meeting and announcing that Graham Shirville G3VZV has decided to retire from the committee after 32 years of service. GI4BWM thanked him for all his work and said how much he would be missed and this was echoed by the rest of the committee members present. GI4BWM introduced the new TV Repeater Co-ordinator, Noel Matthews G8GTZ.

2: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of 29th September 2012 were formally accepted subject to some minor changes and will be published on UK repeaters website.

Action GW7KDU

3: Matters arising

Matters arising – Previous minutes

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

Closed

GB7IP: The repeater has been closed down and the equipment has been donated to GB7ZI.

Closed

GB7IQ: Now on air.

Closed

GB7SH: expected on air shortly.

Action G3VVT & G7LWT

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

Action G7LWT & G8GTZ

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. Still on-going.

Action All

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

Action G7LWT

Herne Bay repeater GB71C site changes. The keeper will be contacted to determine the current status of the applications.

Action G7UZN

Matters arising – Outstanding vetting list

GB3HU/GB7HU require a site change.

GB7HX: Channel has been allocated but the frequency clashes locally with another local repeater. A move to a 9MHz split is required.

Matters arising – 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. On-going.

Action GI4BWM & G8GTZ

Matters arising – Exception reports from the Regions

South & SW England

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

Closed

SE England

GB3NS: Site change submitted, change to dual mode also included.

Closed

GB3OY: Application submitted.

Closed

Wales and the Marches

GB7SY/VO: Site change application processed.

Closed

GB7RB: Site change processed.

Closed

North of England

GB3CY: Off air for approximately three years. Efforts to contact the keeper to resolve the situation continue.

Action G3VVT

GB3HJ. Site change application processed, awaiting frequency clearance from Primary User.

Closed

East Midlands

GB3LS: Frequency change application processed.

Closed

4: ATV Matters

GB3IV, GB3DK: These applications are still on hold by the primary user. G8GTZ will now be responsible for managing these. GM8LBC to ensure that Noel has access to the vetting system.

Action G8GTZ & GM8LBC

GB3IV: The keeper has requested FM and Digital video output. All current application are narrow band digital only. It is recommended that all future applications should be restricted to this mode. Policy statement to be produced.

Action G8GTZ

5: OFCOM forum

Ofcom promised to get the 70cm and 23cm lists submitted.

Discussions continue on the possibility of the RSGB taking over some administrative work in the processing of NoVs.

6: Future NoV processes

As above, work to progress this continues. GM8LBC has carried out considerable development work in the provision of on-line forms which will enable automation of processes as far as is possible.

7: Outstanding vetting list

GB3AT: application to be withdrawn.

GB3GB: Application received to change dual mode (DMR). Parameter change to go ahead on a non-interference proviso. A frequency change application is likely to follow.

Action G4TSN

GB3ID: Application for a 10m repeater is Redhill. There is currently no frequency available so the application is rejected.

Closed

GB3NY: New UHF repeater at Bridlington. E1 currently being vetted. Requested list of support in the area as not associated with any local club or group. MoD frequency clearance will be required.

Action G3VVT

GB7BW: Location no channel available rejected.

GB7CF: Folkestone: G7UZN and G8SFR to discuss this application, process as required.

Action G7UZN & G8SFR

GB7GT: Ludlow, processed and submitted for clearance

Action GW7KDU

8: Managers' responsibilities

The chairman reminded committee members that all E1 and E4 applications have to be processed by the responsible committee member before they can be actioned by him

9: Exception reports from the regions.

G7LWT reported that there is a great deal of activity using DMR. This mode provides multiple timeslots and is also good at interworking with other modes.

GB3OA. 2m repeater at Southport to be relocated. E1 cleared and submitted to Ofcom for NoV on 18 March

GB3WP. UHF repeater, Stalybridge. E1 received for change of frequency due to interference to automotive key fob entry systems. On hold awaiting further clarification from the keeper.

Action G3VVT

GB3MD & GB3MX: reported as closed down due to site loss.

GB3NX: There has been some confusion and a delay on this application as it was hoped the keeper would get NX back on air at its present location before the application was progressed. However this isn't going to happen so the application has been forwarded to Ofcom 'as is' and is now progressing.

GB7IC, GB7KI and the other Herne Bay repeaters: New E1 forms raised that should now be with Ofcom.

GB3NS: Application for site move and dual mode DMR and analogue repeater. Forwarded to Ofcom.

GB3EB: A new 2M application in the Eastbourne area despite the lack of a frequencies available in the SE it is hoped it can be accommodated on RV63.

GB3LW: Application to move frequency from 1.6 MHz to a 7.6 MHz allocation due to high levels of LPD devices on the input.

GB3JX: New 6M repeater in Norwich area, application processed and sent for clearance. Forwarded to Ofcom.

GB3KS: Site move request in Dover, application processed and sent for clearance.

GB3MG: Change of keeper application processed.

10: Any other relevant business

Nothing raised.

11: Date and time of next meeting

The date for the next meeting has not been set. It is possible that it will be another virtual meeting.

Action GI4BWM