



Radio Society of Great Britain
Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee
Minutes of 18th April 2015 Virtual Meeting
Held via Skype

Present

John McCullagh	GI4BWM	ETCC Chairman
Colin Dalziel	GM8LBC	Scotland Regional Manager/Proposals Manager
Noel Matthews	G8GTZ	TV Manager
Dave Dawson	G7UZN	South East England Regional Manager
Mark Lewis	GW7KDU	Wales Regional Manager/Secretary
Bob Wilkinson	G3VVT	North England Regional Manager
Steve Morton	G8SFR	Data Comms Manager
Andrew Barrett	G8DOR	Vice Chair/South West England Regional Manager
Stewart Bryant	G3YSX	RSGB Board Liaison member
Jon Lee	G4TSN	Midlands Regional Manager

1: Chairman's opening remarks

GI4BWM opened the meeting by welcoming all to the meeting.

2: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of 6th October 2014 were formally accepted. These are to be published on the UK repeaters website.

Action GW7KDU

3: Matters arising

Matters arising – Previous minutes

A significant number of 70cm applications were cleared just before the renewals process started. Applications for 23cm repeaters are still not progressing past the primary user.

Closed

GB7YD-A & GB7HD-A hold pending discussions with the PU.

Closed

Matters Arising - Report on July 15th Ofcom/RSGB/CAA meeting

GI4BWM presented a summary of a meeting held between Ofcom, RSGB and CAA. The ETCC will provide a summary of 23cm activity to CAA.

Closed

Matters Arising - Ofcom NoV processing

There are still significant delays with Ofcom processing NoVs. This includes bands where we are the primary user and have done the work for them. To be raised at the next RSGB/Ofcom meeting.

Closed

Matters Arising - Regional/Specialist reports

South East England

GB3LW: Still not on air, despite offers of help. To be followed up.

Action G7UZN & GI4BWM

GB7TW: Application withdrawn.

Closed

TV Repeaters

Status of some TV Repeaters needs updating on the UK Repeaters website.

Closed

4: GI4BWM: Arrangements during absence

During the chairman's extended trip abroad this summer G8DOR will deputise.

5: GI4BWM Review of Closedown Operator Rules

The following have been agreed with Ofcom.

- Four closedown operators, including the keeper are sufficient.
- Closedown operators are to be within reasonable travelling time.
- It is not necessary for the keeper to be the sole person permitted to restore power to a repeater but any person doing so must be a licensed amateur and authorised by the keeper on the E1 form.
- Remote power on of a repeater is permissible.

6: G8DOR: Digital Repeater ID requirements

Methods of ID for digital repeaters were discussed as some products currently on the market notably Fusion repeaters are incapable of CW id. It was decided that it is acceptable for digital mode repeaters can ID in their bit stream.

7: Regional Reports

TV Repeaters

Two 3.4GHz repeaters recently cleared.

Data

Nothing to report

South East England

GB3LW Still on going.

Action G7UZN

GB7JH: Change of keeper has been applied for.

Action G7UZN

GB7HR: Has been cleared.

South West England

GB3PC: New group has been formed in the hope of taking over the running of this repeater.

Action G8DOR

GB7CM: Recently licensed Fusion repeater. Some local Amateurs had expressed concern on the siting of this repeater and the situation would be kept under review.

Action G8DOR

GB3SN: Antenna has failed and there are site access problems. The group are considering alternative sites.

Action G8DOR

Wales & Marches

Several applications processed, nothing of significance to report

East Midlands

23cm AV repeater for Birmingham received.

Action G4TSN

North of England

GB7LB: New Fusion repeater for the Leeds area. Possible use of an existing repeater. On hold until resolved.

Action G3VVT

GB3PZ: Completion of a proposal to change to the Fusion system awaited.

Action G3VVT

GB7YD-A: DV Awaiting delivery of custom designed combiner/duplexer to allow GB7YD-A DD and DV to use a common antenna.

Action G3VVT

GB7SR: Reports of interaction between GB7SR and GB7HM which both use DVU51 and the same colour code CC1. Investigations to check if a change of colour code will resolve the problem and will be a subject for future DMR proposals using the same channel as an existing DMR repeater.

Action G3VVT

GB3CY: Ongoing enquiries to resurrect GB3CY, a dormant 70cm analogue repeater for York.

Action G3VVT

Scotland

23cm AV repeater in Ayrshire received. To use an existing RM Channel, polarisation is horizontal.

Action GM8LBC

RSGB Board

G3YSX passed on thanks from the RSGB Board to the committee for its work. The Board would welcome suggestions from the committee for projects that would benefit from the RSGB legacy fund.

8: AOB

G7UZN raised a question about time limits between applications for NoV changes. It was decided that a minimum of six months would have to elapse between E1/NoV changes for a repeater.

9: Date of next meeting

The next full meeting to be held in early September, date to be arranged.