



Radio Society of Great Britain
Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee
Minutes of 5th December 2018 Virtual Meeting
Held via Skype

Present

Andrew Barrett	G8DOR	ETCC Chair/South West England Regional Manager
John McCullagh	GI4BWM	Northern Ireland Regional Manager
Colin Dalziel	GM8LBC	Scotland Regional Manager/Proposals Manager
Dave Dawson	G7UZN	South East England Regional Manager
Mark Lewis	GW7KDU	Wales Regional Manager/Secretary
Steve Morton	G8SFR	Data Comms Manager
Noel Matthews	G8GTZ	TV Manager
Bob Wilkinson	G3VVT	North England Regional Manager
Stewart Bryant	G3YSX	Board Member

Apologies

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

Andrew G8DOR has taken over as Chairman since John GI4BWM decided to retire. John remains a member of the ETCC and will continue to look after Northern Ireland. Noel G8GTZ will be the vice-chair.

2: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of 11 November 2017 were formally accepted. These are to be published on the [UK repeaters website](#).

Action GW7KDU

3: Matters arising

Matters arising – Minutes of last meeting

Minutes were published [here](#).

Closed

Matters arising – Regional/Specialist reports.

North of England

GB3FO:

Closed

GB3SJ:

Closed

GB7WI:

Closed

Data modes

Third party traffic handling via packet radio report **Closed**

Matters arising – Blackpool repeaters GB7FF/GB7FO

GB7FO was assigned DVU-R22 and GB7FF assigned RU78 to allow single antenna working as requested by the keeper.

Closed

Matters arising – Status Updates

Status report validation with keepers. **Closed**

Repeater Status upon Change of Keeper **Closed**

G8GTZ will take on responsibly of maintaining the TV repeater statuses **Closed**

Matters arising – AOB

4m/6m “parrot box” for Exeter. **Closed**

4: Regional/Specialist reports

North of England

GB7XY: Moving site **Action G3VVT**

GB7RA: Stuck with Ofcom **Action G8DOR**

GB3NA: Site move to Huddersfield requested but unable to proceed for various reasons including no suitable channel. **Action G3VVT**

GB7YD (-A /DD, -A, -B, -C) & GB3HF: All reported not operational and with the GB7YD stack due to a failed controller. No further information received to date. Wait 3 months and if nothing received ask keeper to request second NoV for these 5 repeaters if they are not going to be restored. **Action G3VVT**

GB3MF: No longer listed, second NoV issued. **No action required**

GB7KL: To be commissioned in near future. **No action required**

GB7FO: Currently running non-standard reverse channel DVU-R22. Needs to move to RU78 the channel previously used by GB7FF. Request keeper submits a frequency change request for GB7FO. As the frequency was previously used on site should not need MoD approval. **Action G3VVT**

Adopted Minutes

GB7FF: Closed down.

No action required

GB3ZN: New 2m for South Shields proposed.

Action G3VVT

South West England

New 23cm Beacon proposal for Four Marks received.

No action required

South East England

GB7WK: New application for 70cm in Woking. No closedown ops given.

Action G7UZN

GB7CO: New application for 70cm in Fareham

Action G7UZN

GB3LW: Repeater has been closed down but still appears on 70cm map.

Action GM8LBC

Wales/Marches

Nothing to report other than several applications received and processed.

Midlands

Several repeaters with new keepers. These are GB3BM, GB3CB, GB3MM, GB3WN, GB3MM and GB7WN

No action required

Northern Ireland

Generally quiet but there have been reports of abuse on GB3NI. GB7KK has been delayed coming into service due to ill health.

No action required

Scotland

Nothing outstanding to report.

Data modes

Paging - In the summer a request from Simon M0IVQ was received about setting up a POCSAG pager transmitter for the DAPNET amateur network which is gaining popularity in Germany and other European countries. The preferred frequency of 439.9875 MHz was applied for and granted. An NoV for MB7PBR was issued within two weeks. Subsequently another application has been processed and granted for MB7PFR. All future applications for this type of service will use the MB7P+2 letter callsign series.

Action G8SFR

Length of NoV validity - In order to even out the work load throughout the year, Colin GM8LBC has now provided a facility to issue NoV's for more than 12 months. This hopefully will even out the number of NoV's issued each month which for Gateways and Packet Radio is running at an average of 35 NoV's a month. At present some months have many more NoV's to be issued than others so this facility will help even things out somewhat.

Television

Ofcom have declared clearance on outstanding proposals on the basis that no objections have been received from the Primary User,

3.4GHz is currently the main area of interest for Television.

GB3DK: Need to issue a second NoV.

Action G8GTZ

5: Ofcom update – G8DOR

The Chairman gave a report on the March and September meeting with Ofcom. The key points are:

- Change of heart on 23cm, the primary user will be given three months to object to applications. If nothing is heard, an NoV will be granted.
- Closedown operators and insurance are no longer mandatory.
- We will only assess applications on the basis of spectrum, technical validity and a check on the validity of the applicants licence.

6: Ofcom requirements relaxation – G8SFR

The committee discussed the implication of the requirements relaxation. We will still invite applicants to include closedown operators on their applications and to accept insurance.

7: VMS requirements and Proposal Manager Role – GM8LBC

GM8LBC gave an update on some new features of the committee's Vetting Management System (VMS) including updated help files.

Committee agreed that incoming application notifications for committee members should also indicate the committee member who would be responsible in the subject line.

Action GM8LBC

The previous committee post of Proposals Manager, held by GM8LBC for many years was no longer considered appropriate based on how the ETCC currently manages proposals and would thus be dropped.

It was agreed that GM8LBC should instead be recognised as the ETCC webmaster as this more accurately reflects his current role.

8: AOB

G8SFR: Two applications for paging repeaters. Being dealt with as packet applications.

9: Date of next meeting.

The next meeting is proposed for 9th March 2019.