



Radio Society of Great Britain
Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee
Minutes of 9th March 2019 Meeting
Held at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel

Present

Andrew Barrett	G8DOR	ETCC Chair/South West England Regional Manager
John McCullagh	GI4BWM	Northern Ireland Regional Manager
Colin Dalziel	GM8LBC	Scotland Regional Manager/ETCC Webmaster
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/Vice-Chairman
Bob Wilkinson	G3VVT	North England Regional Manager
Stewart Bryant	G3YSX	Board Member
Jon Lee	G4TSN	Midlands Regional Manager

Apologies

None received

1: Chairman's opening remarks

Andrew G8DOR welcomed everyone to the first in-person meeting since he took on the role as chairman, He thanked the previous chair John GI4BWM for his leadership and that he is pleased that Noel G8GTZ has accepted the role of vice-chairman.

2: Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of 5 December 2018 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 for November 2017 were published [here](#).

Closed

Matters arising – Regional/Specialist reports.

North of England

GB7XY: Moving site

Closed

GB7RA: Stuck with Ofcom

Closed

GB3NA: No progress has been made since the last meeting. If a way forward cannot be found within a month then a second NoV is to be issued.

Action G3VVT

GB7YD (-A /DD, -A, -B, -C) & GB3HF: No progress has been made since the last meeting. Further investigations will be made and if the situation cannot be resolved then a second NoV will be issued.

Action G3VVT

GB7FO: The previously co-sited repeater GB7FF has been closed down (second NoV issued) removing the need to use the non-standard reverse channel DVU-R22. The keeper will be invited to request a frequency change to RU78. As the frequency was previously used on site should not need MoD approval.

Action G3VVT

GB7ZN: New 2m for South Shields proposed.

Closed

South East England

GB7WK: NoV issued but not on air.

Closed

GB7CO: Operational.

Closed

GB3LW: Repeater had been closed down but still appeared on 70cm map. It has now been removed.

Closed

Wales/Marches

Nothing to report other than several applications received and processed.

Data modes

Paging – NoVs for MB7PBR and MB7PFR have been issued. MG7PFR is on air.

Closed

4: Regional/Specialist reports

North of England

NoVs issued for GB3EP, GB3ZN, GB7XY and GB7RA issued.

No action required

Follow up to GB3NA and GB7YD etc required as discussed earlier.

Action G3VVT

GB7LD: Application in progress.

Action G3VVT

Midlands

GB3NH: The keeper has requested a frequency change due to adjacent channel interference.

Action G4TSN

Sam Hunt M1FJB has made enquiries about using a reverse 7.6MHz split on 70cm using horizontal polarisation. He will be asked for a proposal. RU67 might be a suitable channel to use.

Action G4TSN

GB7HT: New application for 70cm repeater in Hinckley received and in progress.

Action G4TSN

South West England

GB3LZ: New application for 2m AV repeater in North Devon processed and NoV issued.

No action required

Ongoing discussions about a 23cm beacon in Four Marks and the local impact that it's likely to have.

Action G8DOR

South East England

GB7BC: New application for 70cm DV repeater in Worthing processed and currently with Ofcom.

No action required

Application for new 2m repeater in Bury St. Edmunds received. Rejected on the basis of no spectrum available.

No action required

GB3MH: Reports of abuse.

No action required

GB3HW: Currently not shown on the 70cm Map on UKrepeater website.

Action GM8LBC

Wales/Marches

GB3AE and GB3AP NoVs reissued after ETCC administrative error.

No action required

Northern Ireland

GB3NI: Reports of abuse. Advice has been given to local users.

No action required

Scotland

Generally quiet, nothing exceptional to report.

No action required

Data modes

MB7ILR: This application has been submitted several times as Ofcom have lost previous submissions.

No action required

GB7VT: Application received for a single frequency DMR repeater in Stoke-On-Trent received. Frequency selected (to be confirmed) 431.75MHz. The keeper will be invited to write an article for RadCom when the project is complete and on air.

Action G8SFR

Television

The new approach to 23cm vetting at Ofcom is working very well.

GB3NQ: Change of keeper form submitted to Ofcom but no response yet.

Action G8GTZ

There are five TV repeaters recently licensed but not yet on air.

No action required

GB3TB and GB3IV are looking for site moves.

Action G8GTZ

5: Management of upcoming round of repeater renewals.

The next round of repeater renewals is due in 2020. The bulk of these fall between January and March and will create a large workload for the ETCC and Ofcom at this time. Ways to spread the renewals across the year will be investigated and a proposal will be made in due course after discussions with Ofcom.

Action G8DOR and GM8LBC

6: Email problems with ISPs

Some ISPs are blocking emails sent by the ETCC vetting website. GM8LBC has been liaising with some of these (e.g. PlusNet) to find the root cause. An alternative method is available to committee members to contact keepers in the meantime where emails are bounced.

No action required

7: Social media

GI4BWM and G8SFR will look after the ETCC social media presence. Currently the ETCC has accounts on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

No action required

8: AOB

G3VVT raised the issue of interference from VDSL. A short discussion was held but the conclusion was there is very little that can be done about the current situation without the cooperation of the suppliers.

Stewart G3YSX expressed thanks on behalf of the RSGB board to the committee members for the work they do.

9: Date of next meeting

The next (virtual) meeting is proposed for September or October 2019. A poll is to be sent to committee members to find a suitable date.

Action G8GTZ