



**Radio Society of Great Britain**  
**Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee**  
**Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Virtual Meeting**  
**held via Skype.**

**Present**

Andrew Barrett	G8DOR	ETCC Chair/South West England Regional Manager
John McCullagh	G14BWM	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
Jon Lee	G4TSN	Midlands Regional Manager
Noel Matthews	G8GTZ	TV Manager/Vice-Chairman
Bob Wilkinson	G3VVT	North England Regional Manager
Len Paget	GM0ONX	Board Member
Ian Suart	GM4AUP	RSGB OAS representative
Stewart Bryant	G3YSX	Board Member

**Apologies**

Bob Wilkinson	G3VVT	North England Regional Manager
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**1: Chairman's opening remarks**

The Chairman opened the meeting by thanking the committee after one year of the pandemic for persisting. Normal pace has resumed after a large increase in work especially for gateway and node applications during the various lockdowns. Hopefully the country can soon return to normal and allow those repeaters that are currently off air and unable to be fixed due to travel restrictions can be brought back into operation. Hopefully an in-person committee meeting can be held in November.

**2: Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020 were formally accepted. These are to be published on the [UK Repeater Website](#).

**Action GW7KDU**

**3: Matters arising**

*Matters arising – Minutes of last meeting*

Minutes for July 2020 were published [here](#).

**Closed**

*Matters arising – Matters arising (from July meeting) reports*

**Wales & The Marches**

- GB7SA: Ongoing

**Action GW7KDU**

***North of England***

- GB7KL: Keeper currently unable to put repeater on air.

**Action G3VVT**

***East Midlands.***

- GB3SV: Co-channel interference.

**Closed**

***Matters arising – Regional/Specialist reports***

***Wales & The Marches***

- GB7SA: Ongoing.

**Action GW7KDU**

***North of England***

- GB3NY: Site change has been delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Action G3VVT**

- GB7KL: Keeper currently unable to put repeater on air. Keeper needs to get the repeater on air.

**Action G3VVT**

- New 2m repeater (GB3EP) for Preston, not operational yet.

**Action G3VVT**

***South East of England***

- GB3VW.

**Closed**

***Matters arising – AOB***

- An extra channel pair for 2m has been tabled to the Spectrum Committee. Nothing heard so far.

**Action G8DOR**

- Changing 70cm RU channels to 12.5kHz channel spacing.

**Closed**

**4: Regional/Specialist reports**

***Wales & The Marches***

- GB7SA: Ongoing.

**Action GW7KDU**

### ***North of England***

- GB3DH: Two metre Fusion repeater for Northwich. Declined due to lack of spectrum.
- GB7HT: 70cm DMR Ashington, application ongoing.
- New 2m repeater for Preston, not operational yet.

**Action G3VVT**

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### ***Northern Ireland***

- GB3PK is back on air.
- GB3KK on air from same site as GB3PK.

### ***Scotland***

- GB7EC has had another site change to a coastal location in Aberdeenshire.
- GB7CS is relocating to a site in Glasgow.

### ***South East of England***

- Nothing unusual to report.

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- Reports of survey drones causing interference on 70cm.

### ***East Midlands.***

- Nothing unusual to report.

### ***Data Modes***

- A continuous flow of NoV renewals for gateways and packet stations, currently averaging about 40 NoV's a month.
- A new application processed for 5.8 GHz for a packet mailbox using MESH networking equipment in the North East, application with Ofcom for clearance.
- There have been a number of applications for gateways that have had to be turned down in recent months for gateways in areas of high amateur populations. Even at low power it isn't easy to fit in any more. Fusion doesn't have a built in 'lock' to prevent other callsigns from being relayed by a 'personal gateway' running Fusion.
- The additional frequencies requested at the meeting, will be used to satisfy these long term requests initially and help spread the load in the long term. (See table below)

### ***Television***

- GB3GG: site change application received.

## **5: AOB**

- Data nodes: Additional frequencies requested, will be used to satisfy these long-term requests initially and help spread the load in the long term.

**Action G8SFR**

## **6: Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is proposed for 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 14:00 to be held via Skype.