



Radio Society of Great Britain
Emerging Technology Co-ordination Committee
Minutes of 8th January 2022 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/ETCC Webmaster
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
Ian Suart	GM4AUP	RSGB OAS representative
Len Paget	GM0ONX	Board Member

Apologies

Dave Dawson	G7UZN	South East England Regional Manager
Stewart Bryant	G3YSX	Board Member

1: Opening remarks

Welcome and thank you for attending today's meeting.

2: Approval of Minutes – September 2021

The minutes of 25th September 2021 were formally accepted. These are to be published on the [UK Repeater Website](#).

Action GW7KDU

3: Matters arising – June 2021

- GB3NT: Repeater on air. **Closed**
- GB3SS: Delegated to AROS: Nothing further to report. **Closed**
- GB3NU: Site change did not proceed. **Closed**

4: Matters arising – September 2021

Regional/Specialist reports/AOB

These appear within the regular regional/specialist reports and AOB.

5: Regional/Specialist reports

Wales

Matters arising – September 2021

- Nothing outstanding

New items

- Two renewals sent late GB7CD-A and GB7RB-A.

Action GW7KDU

North of England

Matters arising – September 2021

- GB7HU: Unable to progress this due to lack of co-operation.

Closed

- GB7XY & GB7MS: Site change for both complete.

Closed

- GB3NY: Site change still pending. Repeater currently off air. This will be a given a further grace period.

Action G3VVT

New items

- GB7PR: New 70cm.

Action G3VVT

- GB3PN: New 70cm. (callsign check)

Action G3VVT

- GB7GW: Parameter change.

Action G3VVT

Northern Ireland

Matters arising – September 2021

- GB7AH: 2nd Nov issued.

Closed

New items

- GB7UL & GB7NI: Off air due to storm damage to mast.

Action GI4BWM

South East England

Matters arising – September 2021

- GB7YL:

Closed

- GB7CK:

Closed

- GB7OK: Still off air, keeper to be contacted.

Action G7UZN

New items

- Nothing outstanding

South/South West England

Matters arising – September 2021

- GB3TD: Channel change request

Closed

New items

- GB3DR: Site change application received.
- GB3AW: Due to be back on air shortly.

Action G8DOR

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Scotland

Matters arising – September 2021

- GB7EA: Site change
- GB3PA: Still off air.

Closed

Action GM8LBC

New items

- New application for a 70cm analogue repeater in the Stirling area has been submitted for clearance. Keeper has since changed his mind about the channel pair. Subject to suitable alternatives any future changes would be after the current clearance has completed.

Action GM8LBC

Television

Matters arising – September 2021

- Nothing outstanding

New items

- GB3TB: back on air
- GB3ZZ & GB3FW: Over three months in clearance. Eligible for special clearance.
Action G8GTZ/GM8LBC
- GB3HV: Site move imminent.
Action G8GTZ
- GB3BH: Off air second NoV required.
Action G8GTZ
- GB3TN: Renewal was not completed. Keeper applied for new NoV which has been issued.
Action G8GTZ

Data Modes

Matters arising – September 2021

- Nothing outstanding

New items

- Very busy with new applications.
- Problems with SSTV protocols in South East England on 2 metres. There is only a single 25kHz channel available. A new application was received and subsequently withdrawn as it would have caused interference to an existing unit in the area. G8SFR to discuss with G0MBA.

Action G8SFR

- Applications received for low power APRS type units LORA. A suitable UHF frequency was required because the system uses 125 kHz BW spread spectrum. After consulting with the VHF manager applications were submitted to Ofcom for 439.9125 MHz at 100 mW TX output power.

Action G8SFR

5: VMS access code: obtaining lost security code

GM8LBC has updated the mechanism that keepers use to recover their VMS secure access codes. A keeper is required to use their Ofcom licence number and email address when attempting to recover their secure access code for a particular application (all applications have their own codes). If either piece of the required data does not match the records held by the VMS the recovery fails. Previously GM8LBC was processing these failures but regional/specialist managers will now be notified instead so they can determine if the request is genuine.

Action All

6: Additional channel on 70cm

It was agreed that we should we start using RU79 for repeater use.

Action All

7: Automatic generation of renewal reminders

A discussion about automatic generation of renewals for keepers was held. It was decided that instead of this, regional/specialist managers will be sent a regular summary of outstanding items that require their attention.

Action GM8LBC

8: AOB

Matters arising – September 2021

- Extra channel pair on 2m: ongoing.
- GB7LA: EMF issues, 2nd NoV issued.

Action G8DOR

Closed

New items

- Nothing raised

9: Date of next meeting

Saturday 9th April 14:00 to be held via Skype