Mid Cornwall Beacon and Repeater Group

Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 25th October 2026 at 2pm

At Lanivet "All for One" Hall, Lanivet, Bodmin, PL30 5HG

Members present:

Alan Bagley **G3XPY,** Gerry Somers **G7VFV**, Jean Camp **2E1FOX,** Mike Bundy **G4WVD,** Nick Camp **G7KFQ,** Andrew Green **M1AEG,** Rich Willis **M8TGK,** Luke Penny **M6YEN**, Peter Taylor **G8BCG,** Kevin Franks **M0BFB,** Keith Holland **G3MCD**, Ian Wilson **G1JXP,** Andrew Ellis **M1DNS,** Ian Hunt **G5GYR,** Martin Perrett **G8LCE,** John Coles **M8HKP,** John Newman **G0VDU,** Richard Benton **G4WKW**, Rochelle Gregory **G4OCO**.

Non-members present:

Susan Franks.

The Vice Chairman, Gery Somers **G7VFV** opened the meeting at 2pm by welcoming all present. The agenda for the meeting would be fixed as detailed in item 10 of the Constitution.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Andrews **G6MNJ,** Andy Park **M0ITM** and Shirley Park **M0WXG,** Lisa Willis **M8PXI.**

2. Minutes of the previous AGM.

The minutes of the previous year's AGM, (26th October 2025) copies had been circulated and displayed on the group's web site. The room voted their approval of last year's AGM.

3. Chairman's Report (read out by Vice Chairman Gerry Somers G7VFV)

Please accept my apologies for being absent today. I had already booked a holiday before the meeting date was set.

The MCBARG committee has once again excelled, as you will shortly hear in more detail from each committee member.

My first vote of thanks goes to everyone who has devoted many hours this year to maintaining the tower and its antennas, the beacons and repeaters, and the site itself, including strimming and emptying bins.

Ian Wilson G1JXP and Kevin M0BFB have completed many climbs this year, supported by the ground safety team. My thanks go to them all.

Work on the mast is well under way and nearly complete. The final replacement part has been galvanised and was refitted last weekend. Further jobs remain, as expected with the continuing responsibility of maintaining a site and mast such as ours. The tower repair work appeal has been a success and should be sufficient to fund the project to completion.

Alan G3XPY and Kevin M0BFB have attended on most Sundays this year to improve GB3NQ and meet other site needs. Thank you both.

My second vote of thanks goes to the excellent team whose work on the beacon upgrades, EchoLink, site maintenance and many other tasks has been invaluable. In May, the site underwent a formal Ofcom inspection, and I am proud of everything we have achieved together. A huge thank you to you all.

I hope we can build on this work in the coming year and continue providing the current level of facilities throughout Cornwall.

I understand that there is another candidate for Chairman of the Group Management Committee this coming year, and I welcome their enthusiasm and ambition. Members may wish to consider the value of committee experience when assessing candidates for a principal officer role.

As there is likely to be a vote for Chairman today, I will outline my record as an MCBARG officer and my priorities for the next 12 months, so that you can make an informed choice about the group's leadership.

I worked closely with Peter G8BCG on a proposal to the RSGB for a solar system at our site. After our successful application, I organised the ordering, supply and installation. Alan G3XPY, Kevin M0BFB and his XYL Susan, Peter G8BCG and I installed it over several weekends. The system typically supplies 57% of the site's electricity, reducing our bills accordingly.

When I became Chairman, the mast was in such a poor and unsafe condition that I stopped all climbing until it could be done safely. I started the tower repair appeal to raise funds, and a professional climber provided invaluable help, securing a generous donation of new climbing equipment and giving our team considerable time to support safe repairs. I would like to name and thank him, but he has asked to remain anonymous. The appeal has been a success and enabled the tower work to progress.

I led our work with Andrew M1AEG, now a committee member, to install a 70cm DMR repeater at the site. It has been an outstanding success.

Storm Gorretti damaged GB3NC's antenna. Within hours, I secured agreement to install a temporary 2m aerial while we waited for a replacement. Because the usual antenna had a long lead time, coverage was reduced for several weeks. I asked Maurice G3WKF whether the broken antenna could be repaired. He has now done so, and it is stored at his QTH as a like-for-like replacement should the problem recur.

A few weeks ago, the BATC announced an annual £150 bursary for ATV repeaters, available this year and in future years. I asked our team to apply, and the application is now being prepared.

Last year, the beacon room roof was in very poor condition, and a builder's repair was likely to cost around £2,000. After discussion with the committee, Gerry and Alan undertook the work and completed it for just £150.

I donated a 1.2m satellite dish and LNB to MCBARG, which Alan and I installed one Sunday. It is tuned to Oscar 100, and its output can be viewed on our TV repeater, GB3NQ.

I also configured the site's current 4G internet service. This allows remote viewing of the CCTV system I helped the team install and provides better remote shutdown access for beacons and repeaters. Licensed DATV newcomers can also use it to stream pictures into the TV repeater; a username and password are available on request.

I was recently invited to a Cornwall Council Emergency Communications meeting with Raynet and other local radio clubs. Although discussions are at an early stage, we are exploring how MCBARG might support an emergency response in Cornwall, particularly if internet or mains power is unavailable.

This is a summary of what the post entails and of the skilled team I have worked with over recent years. I ask you to consider carefully who is best qualified to lead our group.

4. Secretary's Report

Good afternoon and thank you for attending our Annual General Meeting.

For those who do not know me, I am Alan, G3XPY, the Group Secretary. I was elected to the Committee at last year's AGM and, as I generally tend to keep a low profile, some members may not have had the opportunity to meet me before today.

Over the past year, the Committee has met on several occasions to deal with the routine business of the Group. In addition to our regular meetings, an extraordinary Committee meeting was convened in February following storm damage to discuss the impact on our aerial systems and associated equipment.

The Group has continued to communicate with members and the wider amateur radio community, including the distribution of a newsletter earlier in the year to members, former members and prospective members active within the region.

A considerable amount of effort has been devoted to maintaining and improving our site. The Committee reviewed our insurance arrangements and responsibilities under our licence agreement and, as a result, separate building insurance and RSGB cover for the tower and third-party liability were put in place. Replacement of ageing mast fixings has also been identified as part of our ongoing maintenance programme.

During January, severe storms caused a power failure at the site and resulted in damage to the GB3NC collinear antenna system. Fortunately, Dave Wright of Dartcom kindly donated an X200 antenna which enabled services to be restored while longer-term solutions were considered. The Committee would like to record its thanks for this generous support.

Several technical issues have also been addressed throughout the year. Problems affecting EchoLink last December were resolved, and the service has since developed into a useful resource for users. Faults were identified with the site's security camera system following the storms, and work continues on outstanding beacon-related matters. The recent announcement

of a £150 annual ATV repeater bursary from the BATC may also help offset some of the running costs associated with GB3NQ if our application is successful.

One of the highlights of the year was a visit from Ofcom in May. The inspection was positive, all required documentation was available, and measurements were carried out on various transmissions from the site. The survey identified an issue with the output of the 40 Mhz beacon, which has since been corrected.

The Group has also continued to engage with the wider amateur radio community. In June we attended the CRAC Rally, where we were able to raise awareness of the Group, showcase our activities and encourage both new and former members to become involved.

Reliable internet connectivity has become increasingly important to the operation of the site. While our 4G connection has proved extremely useful, reliance on a single modem remains a vulnerability. A modem failure during the year affected site facilities and GB7DT, but the unit has since been replaced and the original repaired, potentially providing a useful spare for future use.

The Committee also received an approach from Chaos FM regarding possible site sharing arrangements. After careful consideration, the proposal was declined as the commercial nature of their operation would not be compatible with the terms of our site licence.

Looking ahead, there is still plenty to do. Routine maintenance remains an ongoing requirement, including repairs to the site access road potholes, continued weed control, improvements to the fencing and gates, possible repainting of the building exterior, completion of the tower repairs, and possible development of backup power arrangements, particularly for GB3NC.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee and all those members who have given their time, effort and expertise over the past year. The continued operation and development of the site depend entirely on volunteer effort, and the Group has benefited greatly from the support of many dedicated individuals.

5. Treasurer's Report.

Hopefully most of you have the 25/26 balance sheet for reference; I will base this report on the details on the sheet. A copy of the balance sheet is included as Apendix 1.

Income
Balance brought forward from 2025 £4662.56, I had to wait to pay the cash into a bank hub.
No cash income received this year (see CRAC)
Subscriptions and Donations paid into Lloyds/PayPal now shown separately, if the payment was greater than the yearly subscription, I allocated the excess as a donation unless the payment was tagged as a donation. The PayPal system payments via the web site seem to allocate the payment to the Mast Fund. Please include your callsign.

AGM Raffle and refreshments, thanks to Jean for doing raffle and Susan for the refreshments.
CRAC Rally, I paid the sum into the group's account from my own account and kept the cash.

Expenditure
Electricity, the fixed term contract expires 2027, with energy prices as is we will look for the best deal. The monthly direct debit ranges from £192.57 to £48.92, and from 11/10/25 to 27/09/26 consumption was 3270 units.
AGM Hall, this cost will be the same for next year
Smarty internet sim, I have not been able to get access to the Smarty web site because the site sends an access code to a mobile number that no one recognises, for the time being we will wait and see (£16-00/month)
RSGB Insurance for repeaters and beacons, the cost is £15-00 for each call sign, unfortunately this was overlooked for 24/25 for NC, HB, NQ, MCB @ £60-00 and this year DT was added to the list @£75-00. Next year cost will be for 5 units.
RSGB affiliation, needed to be able to have the RSGB Insurance.
Repeater site lease, expected this to be the same for next year.
Other licences, this cost is for the 40/60 MHz trial licence and is refunded by the RSGB.
Safety climbing equipment for the mast climbing team from ARCO (an extra set)
Repairs to building and mast, nothing has been claimed, the group website shows the mast repair fund having a significant amount being raised. (see donations on PayPal)
PayPal fees, this figure does not show that 80% of payments include the PayPal fee, thanks to those who included the fee.
Bank Charges, we have looked at changing the group account to reduce the monthly fee, NatWest do have free banking but the account has to be in the name of a NatWest customer which is not covered the group constitution.
NC PSU, the site suffered electricity brown outs during stormy weather which took the PSU out, one of the PSUs has been repaired so we have a spare.
FCV6 Antenna, the committee decided to replace like with like, the damaged FCV6 has been repaired as a spare, thanks to those involved.
Building Insurance, the site agreement states building insurance must be in place as part of the agreement.
Rates, the entry shows the true cost that the group may have to pay, the reduction is because of equipment installed FOC for S/R, ATC and the availability to Raynet.
23/3cm equipment, a gesture of thank to those who donated the equipment
Internet Modem, needed to replace a failed one, (think failed one has been reprogramed as spare)

The group accounts show a loss of income against expenditure for another year, to try and reduce or minimise this for next year we may have to increase income or reduce costs. To increase income, we would need an increase in membership numbers, an increase the yearly subscription or organise fund raising. Donations are variable and a bonus.
Reducing costs is more of a problem because of the unknown and the daily running costs, an option is to reduce electricity and other service costs by a reduction in services.
Both of these need consideration and action by the incoming committee.

Finally, Thank you, Jean for helping me this year and to Rachel for checking the accounts. A copy of the accounts included in appendix A.

6. Repeater Keeper's Report

GB3NC and GB3HB repeater keeper report 2025/2026

GB3NC has performed as expected in the standard DR1 configuration apart from a period early January 26 due to THE STORM, the GB3RS news broadcast was relayed every Sunday except for the January problem ending with a new Vertical antenna installation.

GB3HB continued performing apart from a few issues needing a hard reset, thanks to those who advised me of the problem. The RF link to the South West Cluster using C4FM has performed reasonably well, this was confirmed.

A question was asked about installing a Zetron logic interface on GB3NC, a time out operation has been resolved ensuring, as before there is no time out on GB3NC.
It was advised the unit can give the morse callsign every 15 minutes, the keeper preferred the ID morse announcement be generated by the DR1, it is only required when the repeater is in use, if the repeater is not used it goes to sleep after 2 IDs and the fans switch off after a set period.
The Zetron logic runs on 35ma which is better than the CUL logic at 100ma.
With this logic a courtesy tone is added at the end of an over enabling users to know they are getting in, it is preferred that all other inputs from Echolink cease letting the repeater go to sleep if not in use.
G4WVD

GB7DT Digital DMR REPEATER - M1AEG

Keeper's report for GB7DT DMR Repeater

At the end of last year DT was suffering from intermittent one-way audio between the South West Cluster server and the repeater. This was also experienced by many other SWC repeaters that relied on 4G for their internet connection. Apparently, so I'm told, it's a 4G CC-NAT issue. (Shrug)

The workaround was to set the remote GSM switch to power down the repeater at 02:00 for 10 minutes and then restart. This greatly improved reliability. However, DT and other SWC repeaters still occasionally experienced the same issue. Around April time the SWC team decided to do the same daily shutdown / restart procedure for the server. Since this has been implemented, the system is much more stable.

We then had the antenna issue caused by Storm Gorretti. In the case of DT, although the antenna stayed intact, it did suffer water ingress into both the antenna & patch lead. Dave Wright (G3XOU) who is one of the co-founders of the SWC (and who kindly loans us the DR3000 repeater) immediately offered to send us a new X200N antenna supplied directly from Moonraker. This was gratefully received and a big thanks to Dave for the donation.

The antenna was installed on a very chilly 25th January by the mast climbing team consisting of Kevin & Ian. Unfortunately, although the new antenna improved the SWR it still sat at around 6.3:1 at the TX frequency. The patch lead was then passed down the tower for testing at ground level. Keith G81XN very kindly tested the patch lead with his very fancy equipment and discovered a corrosion short across the PTFE insulator of the antenna plug. A replacement patch lead was manufactured at ground level, all the time, Kevin and Ian were freezing near the top of the mast!

The new patch lead was installed and SWR tested... 1 .4:1 Result!

A big thanks to all the team who helped on the day and apologies to Kevin & Ian for taking so long to manufacture a patch lead!

GB7DT is a great asset, but it is still very under used. Timeslot 1 which is the local timeslot has very little traffic, timeslot 2 is more active as that carries SWC traffic from the other repeaters (last count was 28 repeaters spanning from GB7WW just east of Bristol down to GB7PC which is located at Poldhu).

There is now a regular net on timeslot 2 at 8pm on Tuesday evenings so if you have a DMR radio please have a go. As always, if anyone needs help with programming a radio to access GB7DT or GB7PC then please give me a shout. Richard G4WKW is also a very avid DMR fan and I know he has been helping with both radio programming and supply. One myth that I would like to dispel is that DMR is not internet reliant. Timeslot 1 is essentially the same as using an FM repeater but in DMR mode. Yes it can connect to other talkgroups but only in a similar way that Echolink functions on GB3NC. You have to dial another talkgroup to talk outside of the local repeater range. Even then the dialled talkgroup will disconnect if not RF activated from the repeater within 15mins.

Slot 2 does rely on the internet to connect to all the other SWC repeaters BUT, should the connection go down, slot 2 will still function as a standalone repeater and you will be able to talk if within range.

Finally, both myself and the rest of the SWC team would like to say a big thanks to the MCBARG team for allowing GB7DT on their fantastic site.

Andrew MIAEG

GB3NQ TELEVISION REPEATER - M0BFB

October 2025 to October 2026, Report by Kevin Franks, M0BFB

Over the last year, GB3NQ has undergone a programme of practical upgrades that has significantly improved both output quality and reliability. Regular weekly site visits have supported equipment and control-logic improvements, while the on-site 4G internet link now allows more adjustments and streamed media to be input remotely.

More information on screen

A new range of video overlays provides useful information alongside repeater output. These include on-screen weather reports and storm warnings, call signs, details of current and upcoming operators on the regular amateur television net, and text feedback from the BATC online chat service.

The four-way split screen, which displays all four inputs simultaneously, is now a permanent feature.

Recording, playback and content

An experimental service now captures repeater traffic off air for recording and later playback. Playback is served from a secondary location, reducing bandwidth demand and costs at the repeater site and avoiding a significant additional load on the on-site 4G connection.

GB3NQ also has an improved media player that streams content whenever the repeater is idle. The producers of TX Factor have given permission for episodes of the programme to be shown, and the repeater continues to relay output from the Qatar Oscar 100 satellite.

RF performance and technical development

Conditions on 1316 MHz were good during the summer, enabling clear pictures to be received from Southern Ireland and southeast England. The experiment combining low- and high-definition signals within the same reduced bandwidth has also proved stable and is now a permanent part of GB3NQ's RF output.

During the year, a second fault developed in the dependable 23 cm linear power amplifier after its internal PCB burnt through to the chassis. The board was repaired, and the amplifier is now operating reliably at a slightly lower power output.

Regular activity and member support

The regular Tuesday evening activity night has six core members and is often joined by amateurs from Southern Ireland and southeast England.

Together, these improvements have created a reliable repeater delivering excellent high-definition video and sound. The result reflects the sustained effort and cooperation of the members who have worked together throughout the year.

7. Beacon Keeper's Report - Nick Camp G7KFQ Beacon Keeper, Report for AGM 2026

28 MHz beacon

The best DX is into Germany at 1281 klms.

Beacon off due to power supply issue.

6mtr beacon

Recent spots are 204 klms. This beacon seems to be working exceptionally well and trouble-free.

70 MHz beacon

Working well and recent best DX is 443 klms

2mtr beacon

This beacon has been upgraded to GPS lock. With a recent dx of 364 klm into the Republic of Ireland.

Idents in JT65B and CW. This beacon has been recently upgraded by Peter G8BCG

70 cms beacon 320 klms into France

23 cms beacon 408 klms within the UK.

3 cms beacon is off air whist waiting for an upgrade by the microwave group.

As Peter G8BCG is taking the lead on this project I would appreciate his comments for the benefit of the minutes of this AGM.

These beacon spots are the last and most recent recorded spots for the beacons. Our VHF beacons are regularly heard across Central Europe and North Africa.

Our 6 mtr and 28 MHz beacons in the past has been heard in North and South America.

Thanks to all those who have made donations to the beacons. Our ability to run them could not be managed nearly as successfully without you all.

Thanks also to all my colleagues who have supported me in this 25/26 year of office, especially Peter G8BCG and Keith G8IXN, whose expertise is valued.

Our beacons are working okay, except for the 3cms beacon, which is off air for the near future because Chris, unfortunately, has moved up country and his workshops are in storage. So once that is all in place, he will endeavour to get the 3cms beacon back up with the help of DINA so we can get frequency stabilisation on it and the RSGB and Ofcom are desperate for it.

The other thing that is worth noting is that we have had reasonable spots that they sort of mirror the spots that we have had in previous years. Mostly across Europe, I believe in 2008, 2014, 2016; in North America, I think South America as well. So, they are working very well.

We need to look at upgrading the other radios or beacons to bring them in line with more modern technology and to reduce the power consumption. It is quite noticeable our electricity bill, even with the solar, is creeping up. So that is something where you have the knock-on effect of the cost of doing this against what you are going to save on electricity. So, it may take some time. I would also like to echo my thanks to Gerry and Alan for fixing the roof on the beacon room and the portal, that was an excellent job done there.

Also to echo my thanks for all the work that has been done on the mast, because if we did not have that done, the mast, our site would not work. So, I most appreciate it.

8. Election of new Committee for 2025/2026

At this point the Current Vice Chairman, G7VFV dissolved the committee and stepped down to allow for a new committee to be elected, Andrew M1DNS was asked to step up and take the chair.

Andrew announced that there were two nominations for Chairman, Paul G6MNJ and Luke M6YEN. Luke was invited to address the meeting;

Thank you, Andrew, for adding this item, and thank you to the outgoing committee.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Luke, M6YEN. I've been licensed for about eight and a half to nine years. I served on the committee for six and a half years before taking a two-year break.

Unfortunately, some things in my private life needed priority, but I'm now in a much better position to give my time to the community group again. Over the last two years, I've been thinking a lot about where the group was heading when I was last on the committee, where it could be, and where we'd like to see it.

I have a vision for where I'd like to see the group in five years' time, including further modernisation of our systems. I know a lot of work has already been done, and updates to our infrastructure at the site, such as fences and buildings, have begun. Unfortunately, at the moment I don't see that we're going to get there.

My main concern at the moment is the next 12 to 24 months. Are we still going to have a repeater group in five years' time? Looking at Mike's accounts, we're losing about £1,000 every year. Let's be honest: we put out fewer seats in this room every year, yet we have more empty spaces. That means fewer people.

I'm worried about the situation we're in. It's time to do something to ensure that we can continue. I don't have all the answers, but I have some ideas. I think the main answer is community.

I see the repeater group as quite literally at the geographical centre of Cornwall. We are right in the centre, and we are also the intermediary in every conversation that happens on any of the repeaters. But we're not at the centre of our community; we exist on the fringes. That is detrimental to us, and it will be the death of us if we don't take time to get ourselves back into the community.

We need to bring fresh interest and new people into the group: recruit members from our service user group and attract more people to use our services through advertising and a greater presence in the community. If we don't, I don't see how we'll be able to carry on.

Ideas for how we do this will have to come from all of us on the committee. We need to work together and collaborate. We could try to attend more events than just the annual Cornish radio club rally and perhaps hold our own events. Things like a bring-and-buy sale take very little to put on. We just need to find a field and charge people £1 to enter. It doesn't take a lot of effort, but by doing little things regularly, I feel we can get back into the community.

Before I joined the committee, I didn't even know there was one. I'd got my licence and was using the repeater, but I assumed it was part of the RSGB's infrastructure. I didn't know there was a group of dedicated volunteers running things, or that they needed our support and service to keep the lights on.

I've spoken to a lot of people in my local amateur radio club, and many still don't know that we exist or how things operate. That worries me. If people don't know that their subscriptions keep the lights on and assume everything is funded by the government or the RSGB, they're not going to help us. That needs to change. Community is one of the biggest things I think we need to focus on over the next 12 months.

I'd also like to see more two-way communication between the committee and the user group. I know we share information at our meetings. We have club representatives who sit on different club committees and pass information on to their groups. We also have our website, our Facebook group and the RSGB news every Sunday.

Even so, people still come to me and ask what's happening at the repeater group, because I was the PRO before I left. I don't have answers for them. I know they've also asked Tony at our club meetings, but there is still no information. That worries me: if people don't know what's going on, why would they pay subscriptions? Why would they turn up and vote if they don't know what they're voting for or where their money is going?

We need more communication and transparency. This is a communication hobby, so let's really focus on getting that communication flowing in both directions. It's a two-way street: we want to hear more from our members and user group when we're considering new projects.

Perhaps we could use a Facebook poll to say, “We're looking at this project. These are the benefits, and this is the cost. Do you, as members, want us to go ahead?” That's the sort of thing I have in mind, rather than members only coming to the AGM and hearing the reports. Don't get me wrong: a lot has been happening, and it's all very positive.

If we get your feedback on what you'd like to happen as we go along, we could use our time more effectively. We'd know what to put our time, effort and money into, rather than completing something and then asking whether it is being used. That's another issue we need to address.

The final thing I really want to focus on is compliance. We've had the Ofcom reports come in, and it's fantastic to know that we're complying with all our NOV requirements. As the group's former data protection officer, I also know that we need to comply fully with the relevant legislation. That's not negotiable: we must make sure we're on the right side of the law.

We also need to comply with the group's constitution. This is the rule book for how the committee operates, and you, as members, create it. At AGMs, you can make changes, add things or take things away. It is controlled by you as users; it is how you direct what the committee does.

There have been situations in the past where the constitution has fallen by the wayside and things have happened that shouldn't have. I don't want to see that happen again. It undermines your trust as members, and you won't keep coming back and paying

subscriptions if you feel your voice isn't being heard. If your voice isn't being heard, why would you keep coming back? I think that needs to be addressed too.

Moving forward, it would be good to update some of our services. I know we've got better internet at the site now, although I need to bring myself up to date on the current situation. I worked with Nick to get internet installed at the site originally. I think the cost we're paying for bandwidth might be a little higher now; initially, we were on a cheaper tariff. I'd like to look at that with Mike and see whether we could make any savings.

That seems to be a large cost that has cropped up over the last two years. I think it was £120 two years ago, and now it's £192. It would be worth looking at that, including whether the plan would support our needs.

There's a lot of work to be done. I'm not the best public speaker, as you can probably tell, but the ideas are there. I think we need the whole committee focused in the same direction, with a chairman steering us along a clear path, to make sure we're still here in 12 and 24 months. Hopefully, in five years we'll all still be here, and at that point we can really upgrade our services and prepare for the future.

That's where I am at the moment. I don't think we should focus on promising to modernise all the systems. I agree that a lot of work has been done, which is fantastic, and I'd love to see more. But right now we're about £1,000 a year in the red, and that needs to change. Our focus should be more money coming in, less money going out, and making sure everything is done in accordance with the constitution, government legislation and the requirements of the RSGB, the BATC and the other groups we're affiliated with.

That's where we need to be. I don't think we'll be here in five years if we don't do that. That's my focus, and I hope I've articulated it well enough.

Hopefully, we can move forward and be sitting here in 12 months' time for another AGM. It's not raining this year, but hopefully we'll have a lovely time again that's the hope. I don't really think I have much else to say…

Following a ballot of members the outcome of the ballot was as follows:

	Nominated by	Seconded	Votes
Paul G6MNJ	G3XPY	G8BCG	6
Luke M6YEN	M8TGK	M8HKP	13

Below are the results of each of the posts as voted for on the day.

COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Maurice Richards G3WKF President

Luke Penny M6YEN Chairman & PR Officer

Rich Willis M8TGK Vice Chairman

Mick Bundy G4WVD Treasurer & Repeater Keeper & NoV holder: (GB3NC & GB3HB)

Jean Camp 2E1FOX Deputy Treasurer

Alan Bagley G3XPY Secretary & GDPR Officer

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ian Wilson G1JXP

Kevin Francks M0BFB Repeater Keeper & NoV Holder: (GB3NQ)

Nick Camp G7KFQ Beacon Keeper and NoV holder: GB3MCB

Andrew Green M1AEG Repeater Keeper and NoV holder: (GB7DT)

Peter Taylor G8BCG Research Licence holder for the 40 MHz and 60 MHz Beacons.

Richard Benton G4WKW

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

Steve Thompson G8TNA St. Austell club member and ATC

Don Rooms G0RQL Holsworthy ARC member

Nick Camp G7KFQ Newquay ARS member

Rich Willis M8TGK CRAC member

Richard Benton G4WKW Poldhu ARC

Club reps were thanked for their continued support and help with MCBARG.

9. Election of Auditors

Rachel Andrews G6MNI BSc FCMA CGMA was this year's financial examiner. It is not clear if Rachel will be available to examine this year's accounts so the matter will be left for the new Committee to consider.

10. Membership subscription level for following year.

The membership subscription level was discussed, and members voted an increase to £30 PA. Family membership will now be £30 for the first member and £22.50 for any subsequent family members in the same household.

11. Trustee approval

The Trustees for the group are now:
Mike G4WVD
Luke M6YEN
Vacancy

2. Shut down list
The shutdown list of repeaters and beacons is now the responsibility of the appropriate NOV holder. A separate shutdown list is no longer required.

13. Other business

John G0VDU proposed a vote of thanks to Peter G8BCG for developing and maintaining the group website. The meeting responded with a round of applause.

There was no other business and so the meeting was formally closed.

Mid Cornwall Beacon and Repeater Group Accounts for the year ending 30/09/2026

APPENDIX A

Account balances brought forward	£
Lloyds Bank Balance as at 01/10/2025	£4,365.03
Paypal Balance on 01/10/2025	£169.49
Cash held	£128.00
Total b/f	£4,662.52

Income for the financial year	
Cash Income – in petty cash	£0.00
Subs paid into Lloyds	£419.40
Donations paid into Lloyds	£560.00
Subs paid into PayPal	£493.79
Donations paid into PayPal	£171.06
AGM Raffle / Misc/ B&B	£36.55
AGM Refreshment	£32.80
CRAC Rally Subs 4 off	£80.00
RSGB refund other licence	£50.00
Total Income In this financial year	£1,843.60

Expenditure this financial year	
Electricity BG Lite	£1,299.34
Lanivet Hall Hire for AGM	£45.00
Smarty – Site Internet	£192.00
Insurance via RSGB Fee	£135.00
RSGB affiliation fee	£74.00
Repeater Site Lease	£10.00
Other licenses	£50.00
Safety Equipment for Mast	£153.96
Repairs to Building & Mast	
Paypal Fees	£30.65
Bank Charges	£52.29
NC PSU	£87.95
FVC6 antenna replacement after storm	£630.57
Building Insurance	£100.80
Rates £4530-50 SBRR £4530-50	£0.00
23cm/3cm donated equipment donation	£20.00
MCBARG Modem 4G 6/26	£74.99
Total Expenditure	£2,956.55

Income less Expenditure	-£1,112.95
Add back balances 01/10/2025	£4,662.52
	£3,549.57

balance held at Lloyds Bank	Closing Balance Lloyds Bank £2,937.88
balance held in our Paypal	Closing Balance Paypal Account £611.69
	Petty Cash
	£3,549.57

30th September 2026 M Bundy G4WVD

External Examiners Statement
"I have examined the above accounts and confirmed that the figures
are in accordance with the books and records maintained by the treasurer"

Signed R Andrews Date 11/10/2026

Rachel Andrews FCMA CGMA