



**DRAFT MINUTES OF KIMO UK BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Friday 20th March 2009**

**HELD IN: Stornoway, Western Isles**

**10:00 – 13:00**

**Present:**

**Councillor Joanna Strathdee – Aberdeenshire Council (Chair)**

Councillor Len Scoullar - Argyll and Bute Council

Councillor Norman MacDonald– CNES

Ian Robertson - Aberdeenshire Council

Harry Miller – CNES

Representative from Stornoway Harbour

**UK Coordinator – Tom Piper**

**KIMO Secretariat – John Mouat**

**Apologies:**

Councillor Jim Henry – Shetland Islands Council

Councillor Mike Sullivan – Aberdeenshire Council

Councillor Robert Thomas - Aberdeenshire Council

Hon. John Shimmin – Isle of Man

Stewart Turner – Argyll and Bute

Bryan Thomas – Ceredigion Council

Gethin James – Ceredigion Council

Belinda Miller – Aberdeen City Council

George Farlow – Highland Council

Jan Falconer – Aberdeen City Council

Councillor John Carroll – Aberdeen City Council

## **Item 1: Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed all those present and the apologies were noted.

## **Item 2: Draft Minutes of the KIMO UK Business Meeting held on 5th December 2008, in Kirkcaldy.**

### **Matters arising**

Mr Piper highlighted Item 6 in relation to the Clean Ship Strategy for Exporters and Importers. A letter had been drafted highlighting the criteria they should use when tendering for shipping contracts, which was then sent to a range of companies. Mr Mouat noted that in relation to the Baltic Forum KIMO international had been granted Observer Status at HELCOM (the Baltic equivalent of OSPAR).

Cllr MacDonald raised the issue that CalMac McBrain had converted the ferry Isle of Lewis to run on heavy fuel oil (HFO) and that given the potential pollution and health risks we should be writing to the company to ask for an explanation. Mr Robertson thought that we need to ask what would be the increase in particulates, VOC's and PAH's from the change of fuel. Cllr MacDonald stated that it was a matter of principle that a government subsidised company should be operating to the highest environmental standards. Mr Mouat suggested contacting Northlink to inquire what fuel type they were using.

It was agreed to write to CalMac requesting information on the type of fuel used, why it had been changed and what the difference was in emissions was? The letter would also be copied to the Scottish Environment Minister and KIMO Members.

Subject to some minor editorial changes draft minutes were approved.

***Action: Mr Tom Piper - Done***

## **Item 3: Finance and administration**

### **(i) Consider and discuss the Draft KIMO UK 2009/10 budget**

Mr Piper highlighted the budget figures highlighting the travel and conference lines. Mr Robertson requested that the budget was presented earlier in Nov/Dec so that membership costs could be incorporated into budgeting for the next financial year. This was agreed.

***Action: Mr Tom Piper - Done***

## **ii) Update on Membership**

Mr Piper explained that he was arranging meetings with Devon, Cornwall and Dorset County Councils to discuss membership of KIMO following the implementation of the Fishing for Litter project and the MSC Napoli incident. The Meetings would be held in April and Mr Piper would report back to the next meeting.

***Action: Mr Tom Piper - Ongoing***

## **Item 4: KIMO Conference: Lesson Learnt from MSC Napoli**

Mr Piper went through the proposed programme for the first KIMO UK Conference, which would cover lessons that could be learnt from the Napoli accident. It was proposed to have five speakers and that KIMO would utilise the last slot to promote our activities. The planned date was the 5<sup>th</sup> of June and the conference would be follow immediately by the UK Business meeting.

Mr Piper outlined the proposed speakers highlighting that Prof Ian Mercer who had undertaken the Napoli Enquiry was unable to speak as he was out of the country on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. Bob Spencer the Assistant Chief Constable involved in the incident was available but his speaker's fee was too expensive. Mr Mouat thought that Richard Hill, who had talked at previous KIMO Conferences, could be a good speaker and agreed to contact him. Cllr Macdonald thought that we needed to invite a high profile speaker such as Robin Middleton the former SOSREP to increase participation. It was agreed that Mr Piper should go ahead with the arrangements in the 5<sup>th</sup> of June.

The Chair also urged Members to bring up the issue with MP and MSP's whenever they met them.

***Action: Mr Tom Piper, Mr John Mouat and all Members***

## **Item 5: Fishing for Litter initiatives**

### **Scotland**

Mr Piper informed the group that unfortunately he had postponed the launch in Troon, as none of the boats that had been signed up were available on the day of the launch. Therefore the Cabinet Secretary Richard Lochhead had been informed and invited to the FFL stall at Fishing 2009 instead.

Cllr Scoullar stated that Argyll and Bute were interested in running FFL in their harbours and asked if this was possible within the existing project. Mr Piper informed him that the current budget was fully allocated however that we were always reviewing the harbours involved to ensure maximum value for the project. Mr Piper also agreed to discuss the project with harbours staff to see how he could assist in the short term.

Mr. Piper also informed the meeting that Highland Council were also keen on introducing the scheme throughout their region and that he was meeting representatives in Lochinver the following week.

The meeting were also informed that vessels are continuing to sign up to the scheme and that past participants were being contacted to encourage them to keep landing litter.

### **South West**

Mr Piper and Mr Mouat had attended the launch of the FFL South West project on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March. Unfortunately after moving the date to meet with the requirements of the UK Fisheries Minister Huw Irranca-Davies he was unable to attend. However the event was still a great success with interest from the local media and fishing community. The BBC was unable to film on the day but have arranged to visit Newlyn on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to do a more extensive piece on the project. The project is now fully operational in Newlyn and the project coordinator Sarah Henshall will be rolling it out to other South West ports over the summer.

***Action: Mr Tom Piper - Ongoing***

### **Item 6: Rosyth Royal Dockyard Authorisation under the Radioactive Substances Act**

Mr piper informed the meeting that as noted at the December meeting SEPA had approved the transport of radioactive waste from Rosyth to Sweden for treatment, details of the shipments had not been published. KIMO requested the nature of the shipments from SEPA and was informed that the amount of material Rosyth Royal Dockyard Limited are permitted to ship to Sweden has been limited to 46 tonnes (total gross weight). This would be done in two shipments per year, packaged in IP2 transport containers (total number 4) that will be transported by road and commercial shipping vessel.

Mr Mouat added that unfortunately this already seemed to be setting a precedent with SEPA suggesting that some waste metal from Dounreay could be treated in the same way. Fortunately the site management company DRSL has decided against this.

***Action: None***

### **Item 7: Devon County Council Report on the Napoli Grounding inquiry**

Mr Piper outlined the contents of the report that had been undertaken by Prof Ian Mercer. KIMO International had submitted the KIMO Resolution and background report on a Compensation and Liability Convention for Non-Toxic Pollution. This had been supported by the inquiry. The inquiry also made a series of recommendations split into 5 sections covering: Command and

Control, Communication, Finance, Local Contingency Planning and Wider Issues.

Mr Piper went through some of the recommendations especially those relating to KIMO such as the inclusion of beacons on containers to make the easier to retrieve. The Chair inquired what types of beacons were available and was informed that there were many types of radio frequency beacons available. Cllr Scoullar inquired what was the overall cost of the Napoli incident was and was informed that it was second only in cost to the Exxon Valdez in terms of cleanup costs.

Mr Mouat suggested that many of the recommendations referred to UK organisations, such as the revision of the National Contingency plan by the MCA, and that KIMO should write to these organisations asking them how they were going to address the recommendations. This was agreed.

***Action: Mr Tom Piper - Ongoing***

### **Item 8: Marine Bill SEA and other developments**

Mr Piper outlined recent developments in the Marine Bill process including the Strategic Environmental Assessment. The consultation on the Scottish Marine Bill that closed on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2008, the strategic environmental assessment (SEA) of the Marine Bill has been undertaken and published. The bill is expected before parliament in the spring. After reviewing the SEA KIMO UK did not enter a submission regarding it as it was deemed that our initial submission covered all KIMO's views and the technical nature of the SEA meant there would be no extra benefit.

***Action: None***

### **Item 9: Future consultations**

Mr Piper informed the group that he had written to the MCA requesting when the outcome of the Consultation on the Ship-to-Ship Transfer Regulations would be made available to the public. In response the MCA had stated that they were looking critically at the draft regulations and hoped to be in a position in the next few months to publish the results.

***Action: None***

### **Item 10: OSPAR Environmental Impacts of Human Activities (EIHA) report**

Mr Mouat highlighted the areas where KIMO had contributed to the meeting as well as other areas of Interest for KIMO Members. Most of the meeting had been devoted to developing text for the OSPAR Quality Status Report that assesses all aspects of the marine environment and is due for publication in 2010. Mr Mouat also highlighted that HOD's had approved the UNEP/OSPAR

review of Marine Litter in the North East Atlantic, which had been undertaken by KIMO, for publication. Finally Ireland had also recommended that the reporting period for encounters with chemical and conventional weapons should be reduced from every three years to every year improving the responsiveness of the monitoring programme.

***Action: None***

#### **Item 11: Update of KIMO International activities**

Mr Mouat informed the meeting that Secretariat had spent considerable time in the last 3 months working with the KIMO International Baltic Forum to develop a funding application for a Baltic Fishing for Litter project. The application had been developed with the Keep Sweden Tidy foundation, which KIMO collaborated with on the Save the North Sea project, and would be submitted to the Interreg IVB Baltic programme at the end of March. Co-financing was also being sought from the Swedish Government. The funding would cover a project manager, part-time administrator and project assistant. This would also be a boost to the Baltic Network as they would be able to assist the Baltic Coordinator Jan Lundmark in running the Forum as well as implementing the project.

Mr Mouat had also attended the OSPAR Biodiversity Committee in Stockholm. Again the main focus of the meeting was developing the text for the 2010 QSR and KIMO was jointly involved in drafting the Marine Litter Chapter with the Dutch Government.

***Action: None***

#### **Item 11: Date and location of next meeting**

The next meeting would take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June in Aberdeenshire along with the Napoli Conference.

#### **Item 12: AOCB**

There was no AOCB.