



MINUTES OF KIMO UK BUSINESS MEETING

**HELD IN: CONVENTION OF SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES
(COSLA) – EDINBURGH – 1.30PM**

Present:

Councillor Angus Nicolson – Western Isles Council (CNES) – Chairman
Councillor Joanna Strathdee – Aberdeenshire Council
Councillor Ann Sutherland – Orkney Islands Council
Councillor Jim Henry – Shetland Islands Council
Councillor Mike Sullivan – Aberdeenshire Council
Mr John Mouat – SNS Project Co-ordinator
Mr Ian Robertson – Aberdeenshire Council

Observers:

Mr Richard Hill – Devon County Council

Mr Rick Nickerson – Shetland Islands Council – Secretariat

Apologies:

Councillor Robin Banks – Argyll & Bute Council
Councillor Ian Yuill – Aberdeen City Council
Councillor Bill Jappy – Moray Council
Mr Stewart Halkett – Moray Council
Mr Sandy Taylor – Argyll & Bute Council
Mr Tony Lyman – North Lincolnshire Council
Mr Bryan Thomas – Ceredigion Council
Pembrokeshire Coastal Park Authority

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<p>Item 1: Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and the apologies were noted.</p> <p>Item 2: Draft Minutes of the KIMO UK Business meeting Held on the 1st September 2003, in Edinburgh</p> <p><u>The draft minutes were agreed.</u></p> <p>Councillor Strathdee stated that she had spoken to her contacts at Angus Council and that one of the reasons they had not joined was budgetary constraints.</p> <p>Item 3: Draft Minutes of KIMO International Board Meeting held on 5th October 2003 in Blaabjerg, Denmark</p> <p><u>The minutes were noted.</u></p> <p>Item 4: Draft Minutes of the KIMO International Annual General Meeting held on the 5th October in Blaabjerg, Denmark</p> <p><u>The Minutes were noted.</u></p> <p>Mr Nickerson informed the Meeting that Councillor Nicolson had been elected Junior Vice President and therefore would be KIMO President in two years time. The next AGM would be held in the Netherlands in 2004.</p> <p>Item 5: Finance</p> <p>(i) Report on Membership Campaign</p> <p>Mr Nickerson had given presentations to both Aberdeen and Argyle and Bute councils on KIMO and the SNS project and had received positive feedback. Unfortunately none of the west coast Councils had taken up the offer of a presentation by KIMO. Borders Council had informed KIMO that they would not be joining, as they did not think their coastline was long enough to warrant it. Councillor Bill Fulton from Highland was supportive and thought that a presentation on KIMO could be organised in the future however KIMO policy on Dounreay could be a problem.</p>	

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<p>Councillor Henry thought that concern about the MV Jambo might make Highland more open to an approach from KIMO. North Lincolnshire had also had a change of administration and was currently considering they're outside memberships Mr Nickerson hoped to give them a presentation in early 2004. Mr Robertson asked if it was possible to give a presentation at a REHIS meeting and was informed that <u>Mr Taylor was facilitating this.</u></p> <p>Item 6: Save the North Sea INTERREG IIIb Marine litter Project (SNS)</p> <p>a) Progress Report by Mr John Mouat SNS Project Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Mr Mouat gave a presentation updating progress in the project and highlighting the number of tonnes of waste that had been collected to date in 2003. KIMO had also now become lead partner in CONSSO for developing the Marine Awareness Courses in the lead up to the Ministerial Meeting in 2006. Mr Nickerson stated that this was a good opportunity to get political support for the course at the IMO. The interim SNS activity report was noted.</p> <p>b) SNS Costs and Claims 2002 to June 2003</p> <p>The costs and claims 2002 till June 2003 were noted.</p> <p>c) INTERREG IIIb SNS Project Second application</p> <p>The plans for the second application were outlined and Mr Mouat stated the planned net recycling machine in Shetland may have to be dropped as the overall SNS project budget was reaching its maximum. However this would not be decided at the budget meeting in the Netherlands on the 13th of December. Councillor Sullivan hoped that the recycling machine could be included in the project and suggested that it might be better to place the machine on the Mainland.</p>	<p>Mr Taylor - Argyll & Bute Council</p>

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<p>Item 7: KIMO Policy Statement regarding the End of Life Vehicles Directive (2000/53/EC)</p> <p>The Chairman explained the End of Life Vehicles Directive could lead to more cars being abandoned rather than less due to lack of recycling capacity and increased costs. The introduction of a bond on new cars which could be retrieved when they were scraped would encourage end users to recycle their cars rather than abandoning them and alleviate a serious problem for local authorities. Councillor Sullivan inquired if this was a reserved matter and was informed that it was. Mr Robertson thought that the Scottish Executive should still be referred to in the document and that KIMO UK should write to the Government and all the Devolved bodies outlining our position. Mr Nickerson suggested that we should also write to all local authorities as well.</p> <p>Mr Nickerson explained that the bullet point on compensation would remain in the document because although the government had agreed to compensate local authorities for increased numbers of abandoned cars there was still great uncertainty over the conditions of that funding. Also if the policy document was approved an action plan would be drawn up as this was a long-term goal for KIMO UK. <u>The ELV policy document was approved.</u></p> <p>Item 8: Presentation by Richard Hill Emergency Planning Officer – Devon County Council – Ship to Ship Transfers – Lyme Bay</p> <p>Mr Hill gave a presentation on the transfer of heavy grades of from ship to ship in Lyme Bay outlining the concerns of Devon County Council. Their main concerns were that there was no contingency planning or adequate on site clean up equipment for even a medium scale spill. Mr Hill also highlighted that many of the ships involved in the transfer of heavy grades of oil from the Baltic were substandard and could be travelling down the west coast of Scotland to reach Lyme Bay. Councillor Sutherland was concerned about the standard of the ships but stated that substandard ships would be turned away from the ship-to-ship transfer area at Flotta. Councillor Hendry asked who was in control during the ship-to-ship transfers and was informed by Mr Hill that there was no real chain of command and that the Fendercare Transfer Master ultimately had control.</p>	

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<p>Mr Nickerson suggested that KIMO should send someone to the upcoming meeting that Devon Council was having with the MCA. The Chairman stated that he would check his diary and see if he was free.</p> <p>Item 9: KIMO Resolution 01/03 for a Single EU Maritime Safety Directive</p> <p>The resolution was noted. Mr Nickerson stated that it had already been forwarded to CONSSO and that it should also be taken forward at a national level. <u>It was agreed that Mr Nickerson should write to the Shipping Minister on this matter.</u></p> <p>Item 10: Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment in the North East Atlantic</p> <p>Mr Nickerson explained that the guidelines for fishermen and the reporting procedure for Conventional and Chemical Munitions would come into force next year. Draft guidelines and procedures will be discussed at the next OSPAR EHIA meeting in London. The Chairman stated that this was a great success for KIMO but that the work continues, as we must monitor the implementation of the procedures.</p> <p>Item 11: Ghost Ships</p> <p>Mr Nickerson informed the members that the KIMO had not become involved in the Ghost Ships issue for a number of reasons. Firstly the attitude taken by the press, which smacked of nimbyism and also KIMO had called for the decommissioning of Oil Installations, which had similar materials onboard. Also KIMO wanted to distance itself for some of the sensationalised headlines that had been in the press. Councillor Strathdee asked why the ships had not been dealt with in the US and was informed that there wasn't the capacity in the US and that Able UK had tendered the lowest bid. Mr Nickerson also stated that developed countries had a responsibility to deal with waste and that it would be better for the ships to come to the UK where there was tight legislation rather than a beach in Bangladesh. The Chairman agreed that a pragmatic approach should be taken over this issue.</p>	<p>Chairman - DONE</p> <p>Mr Nickerson</p>

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<p>Item 12: Stakeholder Consultation on Managing Radioactive Particles from Dounreay.</p> <p>KIMO had been invited to attend the Stakeholder Consultation on Managing Radioactive Particles from Dounreay for which UKAEA had agreed to pay all expenses. <u>It was agreed that Mr Nickerson should attend.</u></p> <p>Item 13: BNFL National Stakeholder Dialogue – Security Working Group</p> <p>KIMO had been invited to attend the BNFL Stakeholder Dialogue – Security Working Group. This group would also cover security during transport by sea while the overall aim was to make the process transparent and to advise BNFL. All expenses would be paid by BNFL and <u>it was agreed that Mr Nickerson should attend.</u></p> <p>Item 13: Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The date and time of the next meeting would be scheduled to coincide with future COSLA meetings and would be forwarded in due course.</p> <p>Item 14: AOCB</p> <p>Mr Nickerson suggested that money could be saved by not providing a lunch after the meetings as many attendees had to leave immediately anyway. <u>It was agreed that in future there would be no meal provided after the meeting.</u></p>	<p>Mr Nickerson ONGOING</p> <p>Mr Nickerson ONGOING</p>