



**MINUTES OF KIMO UK BUSINESS MEETING
FRIDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2005
HELD IN: CONVENTION OF SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES
CENTRAL ROOM, ROSEBERY HOUSE, 9 HAYMARKETERRACE, EDINBURGH**

14:00 - 16:00

Present:

Councillor Jim Henry – Shetland Islands Council – Acting Chairman
Councillor Mike Sullivan – Aberdeenshire Council
Councillor Robin Banks – Argyll & Bute Council
Councillor Mike Rumney – Fife Council – Observer
Councillor Linda Gorn – Moray Council
Councillor Jeff Hamilton – Moray Council
Councillor Ann Sutherland – Orkney Islands Council
Mr Ian Robertson – Aberdeenshire Council
Ms Suzanne Roberts – Keep Scotland Beautiful - Observer

Mr Rick Nickerson – Shetland Islands Council – Secretariat

Apologies:

Councillor Joanna Strathdee – Aberdeenshire Council
Councillor Jenny Watson – Aberdeenshire Council
Councillor Goronwy Edwards - Ceredigion County Council
John Rimington MHK –Isle of Man Government
Councillor Bob Wilson – Moray Council
Councillor Iris Hawkins – Shetland Islands Council
Councillor Angus Nicolson – Western Isles Council (CNES) – Chairman
Mr Sandy Taylor – Argyll & Bute Council
Mr Bryan Thomas – Ceredigion County Council
Mr Martin Hall – Isle of Man Government
Mr Tony Lyman – North Lincolnshire Council
Mrs Valerie Cameron – Orkney Islands Council
Mr Nick Wheeler - Pembrokeshire Coastal National Park Authority
Mr Alastair Hamilton – Shetland Islands Council
Mr John Mouat – SNS Project Co-ordinator

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<p>Item 1: Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Councillor Henry (Shetland Islands Council) took the Chair in the absence of Councillor Nicolson who had become a father. Members wished to congratulate Councillor Nicolson and his wife on the new addition to their family. <u>The apologies were noted.</u> He further welcomed as observers Councillor Mike Romney from Fife Council and new representatives from Moray Council.</p> <p>Item 2: Draft minutes of the KIMO - UK Business Meeting held on Friday 1st October 2004, in Edinburgh, UK</p> <p>Some errors in the list of those present were highlighted. Mr Livingstone had not attended the meeting and the correct title for Councillors Fulton and Elliot should be changed. <u>With these amendments the minutes were approved</u></p> <p>(i) Matters arising not already included on the Agenda</p> <p>In relation to Item 2 (b) Ship-to-Ship Transfers, Councillor Henry informed the meeting that one test shipment of Russian oil had taken place at Sullom Voe in Shetland recently. Councillor Sutherland indicated that Flotta, in Orkney, continued to undertake these activities. There was still no indication from the MCA when the new Regulations would be available.</p> <p>(a) Further action on abandoned debris on Forbes Field</p> <p>Mr Nickerson outlined the content of the report. <u>The Recommendation was agreed namely, that KIMO UK should support the NFFO position and write to the Energy and Environment Ministers, the Department of Trade and Industry in these terms, request the International Secretariat to investigate whether this contravenes the OSPAR Convention and to ask KIMO International to submit this concern to OSPAR and mount a publicity campaign in the UK to highlight the issue.</u></p> <p>Item 3: Draft minutes of KIMO International Board Meeting held on Sunday October 7 2004 in The Netherlands (tabled)</p> <p>Mr Nickerson informed the meeting that a successful bilateral meeting had been held with representatives of VIGIPOL, an association of 92 French municipalities from Brittany during the KIMO International AGM in The Netherlands. VIGIPOL had a long-standing interest in maritime safety and had similar objectives with KIMO. The International Board has agreed to send representatives to their 25th anniversary in Brittany in May 2005 to further develop links between the two bodies.</p> <p>As there were no other comments, the draft minutes were noted</p>	<p>UK Co-ordinator</p> <p>KIMO International Secretariat</p>

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<p>Item 4: Discuss draft Minutes of KIMO International Annual General Meeting held on the 9th October 2004 in Noordwijk, The Netherlands (tabled)</p> <p><u>There no comments and the draft minutes were noted.</u></p> <p>Item 5: FINANCE</p> <p>(i) Report on Membership Campaign (verbal)</p> <p>Mr Nickerson had been advised that, further to a formal approach to Highland and the City of Glasgow Councils, a report was to be presented to the City of Glasgow seeking affiliation to KIMO. A formal letter had been sent to the Humber Forum requesting clarification of the position on KIMO membership of the four unitary authorities in the area.</p> <p>Councillor Gorn enquired if KIMO had any links with the oil industry and whether they could become members of KIMO. Mr. Nickerson stated that through various fora KIMO have been involved with the oil industry and has received sponsorship in the past for individual projects, however as an organisation representing local authorities oil companies could not affiliate. <u>It was agreed that closer contact with the industry could be advantageous and that a presentation on the issue of offshore installation decommissioning would be useful for a future meeting.</u></p> <p>Item 6: Save the North Sea INTERREG IIIb Marine Litter Project (SNS)</p> <p>a) SNS Final Result Report</p> <p>Mr Nickerson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the SNS Final Result Report. The project was now completed and consisted of 54 boats involved in the project, activities in nine harbours in 4 counties (Den Helder, Stellendam, Vlissingen, Breskens (Netherlands), Shetland, Peterhead (UK) Hvide Sande (Denmark) and Smögen (Sweden)). All boats and crews participated on a voluntary basis. Waste collected during the project was 2002 50 tonnes, 2003 130 tonnes, 2004 250 tonnes, a total of 450 tonnes. A significant part of the project was also the raising awareness of fishermen of the problem. In terms of the economic cost of marine litter, each boat could lose between €9,000 and €45,000 per year due to the effects and presence of marine debris, Fishermen spend on average 1-2 hours a week cleaning marine litter from their nets. This equates to €1,800 per tonne in lost time and does not include loss of catches or damage to gear. Future plans included applying for funding to expand Fishing for Litter in Scotland to ten harbours, the continuation of Fishing for Litter initiatives in the Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden. Committee's</p>	<p>UK Co-ordinator</p>

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<p>Fishing for Litter had been placed as a product on OSPAR's Biodiversity Work Program.</p> <p>In terms of the Marine Awareness Courses operated by the KIMO sub partner ProSea Educational Foundation, six international Marine Awareness Courses had been held in Holland, Denmark, and Sweden involving over 400 participants from 10 nationalities. ProSea have demonstrated the importance of marine awareness and will hold 8 courses in Holland 2005, are developing 2-3 international courses for 2005 and in partnership with KIMO will hold a International Symposium in 2005 to work on the accreditation of the courses by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). A proposal and text for the next North Sea Shipping Ministers Meeting in 2006 has been developed and submitted.</p> <p><u>Members noted the results and welcomed the significant achievements of the project.</u></p> <p>a) Fishing for Litter Initiative for Scotland</p> <p>Mr Nickerson advised the meeting that in addition to the grant offer from The Crown Estate (Item 6 (a) (i)) confirmation of funding from Aberdeenshire Council, and the Western Islands Council had been received. The Scottish Executive and Scottish Natural Heritage had indicated that information would be available before the end of February. There was also a possibility that Shetland Enterprise would also make funding available. If successful, it was the intention to launch the initiative at Fishing 2005 in Glasgow. <u>It was agreed to give delegated authority to the UK Secretariat to accept and sign any grant offers received. It was also agreed that the following officers of Shetland Islands Council and KIMO should be signatories on a new KIMO UK Treasurers account for the Fishing for Litter Scotland project. (Mr John Mouat, Mr Rick Nickerson, Mr Austin Taylor, and Mr Alastair Hamilton) The Chairman was authorised to sign the application.</u></p> <p>Mr Robertson raised the issue regarding the fact that much of the cost of the project was related to Landfill Tax. He enquired whether KIMO could make representations to the Scottish Executive on the basis that the material caught in fishermen's nets was not their own and therefore should be exempt. Mr Nickerson agreed, however he felt that the timing was not right. He felt that an approach to the Executive on this matter would be more appropriate near the end of the three-year project when data would be available on the burden of Landfill Tax costs. <u>This was agreed.</u></p> <p>Councillor Gorn raised the issue of whether this material could be recycled. Mr Robertson felt that this was unlikely, as most of the material is likely to have been contaminated by marine wildlife.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>UK Co-ordinator</p> <p></p> <p>UK Co-ordinator</p>

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<p>It covered a background on the current structure and activities of Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) including the information that KSB had devolved its self from ENCAMS (formerly known as Keep Britain Tidy) and was a self governing body in Scotland and was a charitable company which has been running for about 40 yrs and based in Stirling.</p> <p>The organisation provided a variety of Programmes and Services, including SWAG (<i>Scottish Waste Awareness Group</i>), SSN (<i>Sustainable Scotland Network</i>), 'Keep Scotland Tidy' National litter campaigns, People & Places Programme - <i>Cleanliness Monitoring, Training, Campaigns, Advice and Guidance</i>, Environmental Education – <i>Eco Schools & Eco Congregations Programme</i> and Coastal Award Schemes - <i>Blue Flag & Seaside Awards</i></p> <p>Ms Roberts outlined the history of the Blue Flag scheme, namely that The Foundation for Environmental Education in Europe (FEEE) was presented with the concept of the Blue Flag in 1987. It was then launched as a 'European Year of the Environment' activity. Since 1987, the criteria have become stricter, but the number of flags flying has increased. In 2003, 2161 beaches and 729 marinas received a Blue Flag. Twenty-Four countries now participate worldwide.</p> <p>The Blue Flag scheme consisted of the Blue Flag Beach Award - 27 criteria - water quality, environmental education and information, environmental management, safety and services, Blue Flag Marina - 22 criteria - water quality, environmental education and information, environmental management, safety and services and Individual Blue Flag - 14 criteria in a voluntary code of conduct</p> <p>The Individual Blue Flag (IBF) scheme was initiated in Scotland as part of the Save the North Sea project and KSB launched the IBF in October 2004. To date 55 boat owners have signed up to the scheme in Scotland (14 in Shetland, 2 in Aberdeenshire and 1 in Orkney). The criteria for the scheme were illustrated. For more information about the scheme contact Ms Roberts at Suzanne.Roberts@ksbscotland.org.uk</p> <p>Councillor Sutherland informed the meeting that the initiative had already been highlighted on BBC Radio Orkney and that Orkney Islands Council would be investigating options to implement the scheme. Interest was also expressed from Moray Council for a visit from KSB. Councillor Banks also suggested that the Tarbert Sea Race would be a good opportunity to raise awareness of the scheme.</p>	<p>All Members</p>

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<p>(a) Report and KIMO Action Plan for KIMO UK</p> <p>Shetland Islands Council informed the meeting that it had set a target of 100 Individual Blue Flags by the end of 2005. <u>After some discussion, Members agreed to consult with their own authorities as to how this request could be implemented locally and to report back at a future meeting if they could agree to set targets.</u></p> <p>Item 9: Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North East Atlantic (OSPAR)</p> <p>(a) Summary Record of the Working Group on the Environmental Impact of Human Activities (EIHA) 16 – 18 November 2004 – London</p> <p>Mr Nickerson highlighted the section (pgs 7 & 8) on action on dumped chemical and conventional munitions. The Recommendation 2003/2 on Reporting Encounters was to come into effect in 2005. This would require all 15 Contracting Parties to provide information on incidents for the first time.</p> <p>(b) Joint Sweden & KIMO International Background Report on Procedures to implement Fishing for Litter activities in the OSPAR Region</p> <p>Mr Nickerson advised the meeting that this report had been the result of a partnership between KIMO and Sweden and that the ultimate goal was to encourage OSPAR to adopt the Fishing for litter concept in all countries. This report was the first step towards this goal. <u>Members noted the Report</u></p> <p>Item 10: Redesigned KIMO Website</p> <p>A demonstration of how to register and download agenda items from the new KIMO website was given. The website was now fully operational and the old site was no longer in existence but anyone visiting the old site would automatically be referred to the new site. <u>www.kimointernational.org Members agreed to the Recommendation to ensure that representatives from their authority would be registered on the site.</u></p> <p>(a) New KIMO PowerPoint Template</p> <p><u>An illustration of the template was noted.</u></p> <p><u>It was noted that there was no Item 11.</u></p>	<p></p> <p>All Members</p> <p>All Members</p>

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<p>Item 12: Action Plan for the KIMO Good Practice Guide on the Use of Pesticides in Amenity Areas</p> <p>A background to the report was presented and Member authorities were encouraged to develop and implement Pesticide Plans and report to a future meeting on progress. <u>This was agreed.</u> Aberdeenshire and Moray Councils were investigating the current position within their authorities.</p> <p>Item 13: Science Article “Lost at Sea: Where is all the Plastic”</p> <p>At the suggestion of the UK Coordinator, it was agreed that KIMO UK should invite Dr Thompson from Plymouth University to give presentation at a future meeting and meet any travel and accommodations if necessary.</p> <p>Item 14: KIMO International Resolutions</p> <p>(a) KIMO RESOLUTION 1/03 - SINGLE EUROPEAN UNION DIRECTIVE ON MARITIME SAFETY AND OIL POLLUTION</p> <p>Mr Nickerson informed the meeting that significant progress had been made in efforts to bring this matter to the attention of the EU Parliament. A submission had been made to the Temporary Committee of Safety at Sea in 2004 and many of KIMO proposals had been included in their final report.</p> <p>(a) (i) Letter from EU Parliament Petitions Committee (Tabled)</p> <p>A petition had been submitted to the EU Parliament Petition Committee. The Petition Committee has accepted that the KIMO Resolution had merit and had requested that the EU Commission respond. Further submissions had been made to the North Sea Issue Group on Sustainable Shipping (IGSS)</p> <p>He suggested that Member authorities submit a report to Committee supporting the Resolution and writing to their MP, MSP and MEP for support. This was particularly important as the UK took over the Presidency of the EU on July 1st for six months. <u>This was agreed.</u></p> <p>(b) KIMO RESOLUTION 1/04 - PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A EUROPEAN COASTGUARD</p> <p><u>It was agreed that no action was required at this point in time but that Member authorities could consider the Resolution if they felt it appropriate.</u></p> <p>Item 15: Date and location of next KIMO UK Meeting – Friday 13th May 2005</p> <p>The dates of the next meeting was agreed and confirmed.</p>	<p>UK Co-ordinator</p> <p>All Members</p> <p>All Members</p>

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<p>Item 16: Proposed date and location of 15th KIMO International Conference and Annual General Meeting (14th, 15th, & 16th October 2005) – Shetland</p> <p>Councillor Henry extended an invitation to all UK members to visit Shetland for the 15th Anniversary event.</p> <p>Item 17: AOCB</p> <p>Members viewed a video presentation of the BBC News Round Programme that illustrated the problems of marine pollution and highlighted the Fishing for Litter initiative and the fulmar studies as part of the Save the North sea project.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 15:55</p>	