



**MINUTES OF KIMO UK BUSINESS MEETING  
TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2004  
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 Jim Henry – Shetland Islands Council  
Councillor Mike Sullivan – Aberdeenshire Council  
Councillor Ann Sutherland – Orkney Islands Council  
Councillor Bob Wilson – Moray Council  
Mr Ian Robertson – Aberdeenshire Council  
Mr Sandy Taylor – Argyll & Bute Council  
Mr John Mouat – SNS Project Co-ordinator

**Mr Rick Nickerson – Shetland Islands Council – Secretariat**

**Apologies:**

Councillor Jenny Watson – Aberdeenshire Council  
Councillor Robin Banks – Argyll & Bute Council  
Mr Martin Hall – Isle of Man Government  
Mr Tony Lyman – North Lincolnshire Council  
Pembrokeshire Coastal Park Authority

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<p><b>Item 1: Welcome</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed all those present and the <u>apologies were noted</u>. The Chair also sadly informed the group that Councillor Bill Jappy from Moray Council, one of the founder members of KIMO, had passed away. <u>It was agreed to write a letter of sympathy to his family.</u></p>	<p>UK Co-ordinator -Done</p>
<p><b>Item 2: Draft Minutes of meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2003</b></p> <p><u>The draft minutes were approved with corrections.</u></p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><u>The Chairman planned to attend a meeting with the Department of Transport the following week in relation to shipping in the Minches and the Jambo incident and would update the group at the next meeting.</u> KIMO had not written to the Shipping Minister in relation to a Single EU Directive on Maritime Safety, as the timing had not been correct. <u>However, the KIMO Resolution and background document had been sent to all the MEP's on the EU Parliament Temporary Committee for Safety at Sea. The Resolution would also be sent to the new MEP's in each country and to the new Transport Commissioner when he or she was appointed and has also been submitted to the European Parliament as a petition.</u></p> <p>Orkney Islands Council had tried to contact Richard Hill from Devon County Council to offer their help with Ship-to-Ship transfers however they were still waiting for a reply.</p> <p><b>(i) (a) UK Environment Agency Decision on TC 99 Discharges from Sellafield Tc 99</b></p> <p>The Chair stated that KIMO should claim some of the credit for the reduction of Tc99 discharges from Sellafield even though the Environment Agency had not publicised the reduction to a wide audience. <u>Mr Nickerson informed the members that they should highlight this at their own Committees as an example of KIMO success. This was agreed.</u></p>	<p>Councillor Nicolson</p> <p>UK Co-ordinator</p> <p>All members</p>

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<p><b>(b) KIMO UK Policy Statement regarding End of Life Vehicles Directive (ELV's) (2000/53/EC)</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson had attended a conference in Solihull on the 26<sup>th</sup> February where all the main representatives from industry and Government were present. The presentations from that conference were available from Mr Nickerson on request in electronic form.</p> <p>One of the key points to arise was that the UK Government has taken the view that the delivery of an ELV to an Authorised Treatment Facility (ATF) will be the responsibility of the owner not the car manufacturer. This could affect rural and remote areas as the own marque system set up by the Government requires individual ATF's agreeing contracts with each manufacturer. This could result in an ELV, which potentially could not be driven, having to be transported a large distance to an ATF where it could be accepted.</p> <p>Mr Nickerson informed Members that the Government had pledged £12 million to Local Authorities for the implementation of the Directive however this was not ring fenced and had not yet been allocated. The Policy Statement on ELV's had been circulated to all Local Authorities in the UK along with a questionnaire requesting information on the number of ELV's collected and the expected cost of implementing the proposed Regulations. <u>Another letter would be sent shortly with the results and to encourage further submissions.</u></p> <p>Councillor Sutherland asked if the price of scrap affected the situation but was informed by Mr Nickerson that the extra costs to ATF's of the Directive were still too high and would result in an increased cost of £38 per vehicle. Councillor Wilson asked when the final regulations would come into force and Mr Mouat informed him that the regulations for the free take back of vehicles would enter into force in 2007.</p> <p><u>The Chairman stated that this was something KIMO UK should keep in its Work Programme and this was agreed.</u></p> <p><b>Item 3: KIMO International Board Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> January, Göteborg, Sweden</b></p> <p><u>The minutes were noted.</u></p>	<p>UK Co-ordinator</p> <p>UK Co-ordinator</p>

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<p><b>Item 4: Finance</b></p> <p><b>(i) Report on Membership Campaign</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson informed Members that several Highland Councillors had been approached and that they suggested that a formal approach be made to the Highland Convener. Mr Nickerson had also had some contact with the City of Glasgow but was not that optimistic.</p> <p>Mr Nickerson was concerned about the Humber members who contribute £6000 to KIMO UK. Two of the Councils had recently changed to Tory administrations and are pulling out of external bodies. Mr Nickerson had arranged to give a presentation to the Humber Forum in the autumn to hopefully secure the continued membership of the four Councils.</p> <p>Mr Taylor stated that the presentation to Argyll and Bute was very helpful and had secured their membership and informed Mr Nickerson that the next dates for the Society of Chief Environmental Health Officers were the 1<sup>st</sup> October in Troon and the 12<sup>th</sup> December in Inverness. <u>It was agreed that Mr Nickerson should give a presentation at the December 12<sup>th</sup> event.</u></p> <p>Mr Nickerson advised that loss of any further members in the UK would seriously impact of the organisations viability. He requested that it was vitality important that all current Councillors advise other Councillors from authorities who are not members of KIMO and the benefits of being a member with a view to increasing the membership. <u>This was agreed.</u></p> <p>Mr Nickerson informed Members that he and Mr Mouat had been at 15 events in the UK over the last year and have promoted KIMO UK and tried to raise its profile at each. Mr Nickerson had also attended the Spring Liberal Democrats Scottish Conference in Dundee as a trial to see if it was worthwhile to have an exhibit and <u>would now investigate the costs of the other main political party conferences.</u></p> <p><b>(ii) Project Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2004/2005</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson explained that there would be a modest surplus but that if the Humber authorities were to withdraw KIMO UK could be in financial difficulties. Councillor Sullivan asked if the auditor's fee could be reduced.</p>	<p>UK Co-ordinator</p> <p>UK Co-ordinator</p>

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<p>Mr Taylor stated that it might be possible to use an accountant rather than a chartered accountant therefore reducing the cost. Mr Nickerson explained that the decision to use a chartered accountant had been made during the early stages of developing the organisation, as it was public money. It may also be a Condition of Grant should KIMO UK seek grant assistance in the future. The Chair and Councillor Henry suggested that different pricing options should be discussed with the auditor and present the results at the next meeting. <u>This was agreed.</u></p> <p><b>Item 5: Save the North Sea Project</b></p> <p><b>a) Progress Report by Mr John Mouat SNS Project Co-ordinator</b></p> <p>Mr Mouat outlined the progress to date. The press launch of the Fishing for Litter project in Peterhead had been very successful with films crews from both Grampian TV and the BBC Scotland TV attending. There were now 54 boats operating in the scheme, just short of the target of 60. The profile of the Fishing for Litter initiative had also been raised at Fishing 2004, Europe's premier fishing exhibition, where KIMO had its own stand.</p> <p>The first International Marine Awareness Course outside the Netherlands had been held in Denmark in March 2004 and had proved to be a huge success. There were one hundred participants and some applications to attend had to be turned down due to the size of the venue. The new more interactive format of the course had also proved to be successful with smaller group sessions with some of the expert lecturers.</p> <p><b>b) SNS Claims and Costs 2002 till June 2004</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson explained that this was just for information. Mr Mouat informed the meeting that the next claim would be submitted at the end of the month and would be in the region of €250,000.</p> <p><b>c) Implications of Unsuccessful Second SNS application</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson explained that this project had been one of the best things that had happened to KIMO in regard to profile, creditability and experience of running a large project and that it was unfortunate that we had not been successful in gaining an extension. One of the main reasons the application was turned down was the success we have had in the first 3-year</p>	<p>In progress</p>

period. In addition, the INTERREG program had overspent in the first three years and there were still some measures where there had been no projects.

Mr Nickerson explained that, as a result all the unsuccessful application, project activities would stop in December 2004 and the priority for KIMO UK should be to try and continue the Fishing for Litter activities. The ProSea Foundation was attempting to secure funding from the Dutch Government to continue the Marine Awareness courses but only in the Netherlands. KIMO International would also be approaching the Swedish Government to see if money could be found to hold a symposium on marine awareness education at the IMO University in Malmo.

#### **d) Fishing for Litter Initiative for Scotland**

Mr Mouat left the Meeting. Mr Nickerson explained the attached proposal for a network of ten harbours around Scotland engaged in the initiative that would be co-ordinated by KIMO UK. A Project Co-ordinator post was also included as experience had shown that it could take time to encourage fishermen to participate and to liaise with the harbours. Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and the Scottish Executive had already been approached informally for funding and a meeting had been set up with the Crown Estate. The meeting with SNH had been quite positive however; the Executive had not been as productive. In order to get funding assistance from the Scottish Executive members may be required to lobby their MSP's for support.

The Chair stated that Western Isles Council would be able to give a small amount of money to the proposal. Mr Robertson stated that Aberdeenshire Council might also be able to contribute to the proposal if donations could be in kind. The proposal was approved.

Mr Mouat returned.

#### **Item 6: Summary Record of the Committee of North Sea Senior Officials (CONSSO) – Issue Group on Sustainable Shipping**

Mr Nickerson explained that this was the first time an NGO had hosted one of these meetings and showed KIMO credibility. KIMO's Resolution on a Single EU Directive on Maritime Safety received little support although it was kept on the agenda.

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<p>KIMO has also taken on the lead role on Marine Awareness Courses for seamen however this will be dependant upon further funding due to the completion of the Save the North Sea project.</p> <p><b>Item 7: Maritime and Coastguard Agency Review of the National Contingency Plan for Marine Pollution (NCP).</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson explained that KIMO UK had been invited to the first meeting of the stakeholder meeting to review the NCP. One of KIMO's main aims was to ensure the sections on Radioactive and Hazardous Substance were not removed and this was achieved. There was also four working groups set up to develop the strategy by 2005. The Agency would pay travel and subsistence costs. KIMO UK was nominated for the shoreline response group. Liabilities is another working group that could be of particular interest and Mr Nickerson requested that anyone from a member authority that wished to attend on behalf of KIMO UK should contact the KIMO Secretariat. Mr Nickerson also wished to set up an electronic correspondence group with officers from member authorities to consult on these issues and asked that appropriate names be forwarded to him. The Chair raised the issue of ports of refuge. He was concerned that there has been no consultation and that the MCA did not want to establish a list, as it would cause concerns in the local areas. A lot of people were concerned about the situation and the Western Isles would be drawing up their own list of sites. Mr Nickerson agreed and stated that it was important that these ports of refuge were not forced onto local authorities. The Chair also stated that the first available vessel should be tasked to come to the aid of a ship in distress rather than the tug of choice.</p> <p>Mr Nickerson informed the group that KIMO UK would be attempting to set up an expert group of people who were involved in the Braer and Sea Empress disasters to use their expertise to review the process.</p> <p><b>Item 8: Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Northeast Atlantic (OSPAR)</b></p> <p>(i) Summary Record of the Biodiversity Committee (BDC) 20 February 2004, Brugge, Belgium</p>	

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<p>Mr Nickerson explained that BDC was one of the most important committee's for KIMO and that the final products relating to the Chemical and Conventional Munitions were currently going through. KIMO had been able to get litter placed on the Joint Assessment and Monitoring Programme (JAMP) priority action list in the work program subject to confirmation at the Commission 2004 meeting. The Chair thanked Mr Nickerson for including other OSPAR information that might be of interest to local authorities.</p> <p><b>(ii) KIMO Report to OSPAR Commission 2004 re Save the North Sea initiative and Marine Litter.</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson outlined the report, which contained measures for Member States to take forward to ensure that the activities started by the Save the North Sea project, such as Fishing for Litter, are continued.</p> <p><b>Item 9: Letter for Brigitte Langenhagen MEP re Maritime Safety</b></p> <p>The Chair thought that it was important that we try to understand the EU process and it was encouraging that we had received a response from an influential MEP.</p> <p><b>Item 10: Scottish executive Environment Group – Developing a Strategic Framework for Scotland's Marine Environment – Consultation</b></p> <p><u>Mr Mouat agreed to circulate a copy of KIMO's response.</u></p> <p><b>Item 11: BNFL National Stakeholder Dialogue – Security Working Group</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson explained that the process was actually a negotiation unlike some other stakeholder processes and that he was taking part as the group also considered transport by sea. One site visit had been to a BNFL ship, which was quite useful, as it had shown that the compartments on board could not be automatically filled with seawater as previously claimed by BNFL.</p> <p>Mr Taylor brought up the issue of the decommissioning of nuclear submarines and inquired as to what role KIMO was playing in the process. Mr Nickerson stated that this was something that the Shetlands Islands Council and Nuclear Free Local Authorities was following closely but that he could follow</p>	<p>Mr Mouat</p>



There were no other matters arising.	
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