



**MINUTES OF KIMO UK BUSINESS MEETING  
MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2003  
HELD IN: CONVENTION OF SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES  
(COSLA) – EDINBURGH**

**Present:**

Councillor Angus Nicolson – CNES (Western Isles Council)- Chairman  
Councillor Joanna Strathdee - Aberdeenshire Council  
Councillor Michael Sullivan – Aberdeenshire Council  
Councillor Jenny Watson - Aberdeenshire Council  
Councillor Robin Banks - Argyll & Bute Council  
Councillor Eddie Coutts – Moray Council  
Councillor Ann Sutherland - Orkney Islands Council  
Councillor Jim Henry – Shetland Islands Council  
Mr Ian Robertson – Aberdeenshire Council  
Mr Sandy Taylor - Argyll & Bute Council  
Mr Harry Miller – Camhairle nan Eilean Siar (Western Isles Council)  
Mr Tony Lyman – North Lincolnshire Council  
Mr John Mouat - Save the North Sea Project Co-ordinator

**UK Co-ordinator: Mr Rick Nickerson – Shetland Islands Council**

**Apologies:**

Councillor Gi Edwards – Ceredigion County Council  
Hon Pamela Crowe MHK – Isle of Man Government  
Councillor Gordon Caselton – Kingston Upon Hull City Council  
Councillor Mark Kirk – North East Lincolnshire Council  
Mr Ian Livingston – Aberdeen City Council  
Mr David Evans – Carmarthanshire Council  
Mr Bryan Thomas – Ceredigion County Council  
Mr Martin Hall - Isle of Man Government  
Mr David Brooks – Kingston Upon Hull City Council  
Mr Stewart Halkett – Moray Council  
Mrs Valerie Cameron – Orkney Islands Council  
Mr Nick Wheeler – Pembrokeshire Coastal National Park Authority  
Mr Alistair Hamilton – Shetland Islands Council



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<p><b>Item 1: Election of KIMO UK Chair</b></p> <p>As KIMO UK operates under the auspices of KIMO international and does not have its own constitution it was agreed that Mr Nickerson would act as Chairman until a new Chair was elected. Councillors Henry and Watson nominated Councillor Nicolson for the post of Chairman and this was agreed unanimously.</p> <p><b>Item 2: Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed all those present and stated that he hoped to continue the good work undertaken by the previous Chairman Councillor Thomanek. <u>The apologies were noted.</u></p> <p><b>Item 3: Draft Minutes of the KIMO UK Business Meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> March, Edinburgh</b></p> <p><b>(i) Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson stated that he had applied for EU funds to run the postponed conference on Conventional and Chemical Weapons Dumps but had so far been unsuccessful. Other matters from the March meeting arising were currently underway and would be completed in due course. <u>The Minutes were approved</u></p> <p><b>(a) Correspondence with SEPA, EA and the FSA</b></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the responses he had received from the EA, SEPA and the FSA when writing questioning the frequency of sampling for Tc99 and the layout of the RIFE Report. He suggested that the response of the FSA should be followed up as they did not consider any more sampling was necessary. Sandy was surprised that the FSA referred to background levels in their response rather than the human exposure over the year. Councillor Watson also agreed that KIMO should follow up on the rather condescending reply from the FSA. The FSA had also monitored Tc99 in salmon for the first time this year but Mr Nickerson stated that limits were at the lower level.</p>	

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<p><b>(b) Big Issue article on Munitions Dumps</b></p> <p>This item was for noting but the organisation Campaign Against Sea dumping was not known to KIMO and it was agreed that Mr Nickerson should make contact with them. Mr Miller stated that there were no records for many weapons dumps but was reassured that the new OSPAR recommendation should highlight such sights.</p> <p><b>Item 4: Draft minutes of the International Board, 21<sup>st</sup> June, Bremen</b></p> <p><u>The minutes were noted</u></p> <p><b>Item 5: Finance</b></p> <p><b>(i) KIMO UK Audited Accounts ending march 2003 and appoint an auditor for 2004/5</b></p> <p>The accounts showed a small loss over the last year highlighting the need for new members. However Mr Nickerson stated that KIMO UK had gained added value from the SNS Project due to the appointment of Mr Mouat who had undertaken several consultation responses and reports on behalf of KIMO. Also the project paid the Secretariats travel cost for KIMO UK meetings reducing the travel expenditure.</p> <p><u>It was agreed that the existing auditor should be retained and the accounts were approved and signed by the Chairman and Councillor Watson.</u></p> <p><b>(ii) Membership Campaign</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson had recently given presentations to Orkney, Western Isles, Moray and Aberdeenshire Councils to highlight the benefits of KIMO to newly elected councillors. He had also had a meeting with Borders Council and they were considering a joint application with Dumfries and Galloway. Angus Council were given a presentation from KIMO and the Save the North Sea Project, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August and initial indications were that they were interested in joining. In England Cornwall County Council has shown an interest in joining and this should be confirmed shortly.</p> <p>Mr Nickerson stated that the would be undertaking another trip in the autumn to promote membership visiting Argyle and Bute, Ayrshire North and South and Dumfries and Galloway councils.</p>	

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<p>Mr Taylor suggested that Mr Nickerson should give a presentation to the Chief Environmental Health officers Association in December as a way of introducing KIMO to new councils. <u>It was agreed that Mr Nickerson should attend and give a presentation.</u></p> <p><b>Item 6: Save the North Sea INTEREG IIIb Marine litter project</b></p> <p><b>(a) Progress Report</b></p> <p>Mr Mouat gave a presentation on the progress made in the Save the North Sea Project. The Fishing for Litter project had been successfully launched in Shetland and was due to be launched in Hvide Sande in October. The International Marine Awareness Course preparations were underway and a work program had been developed for the Skagen course.</p> <p>Argyle and Bute Councillor suggested that there should be ports involved in the Fishing for Litter project on the west coast but was informed by the Chairman that due to the nature of the funding this was not possible. Mr Robertson suggested that KIMO should seek exemptions from landfill tax for the project and was informed that this was already the case in Shetland as an environmental charity collected the waste.</p> <p><b>(i) UK launch of Fishing for Litter Initiative in Shetland</b></p> <p>The Press Release was noted</p> <p><b>(b) Activity report for Save the North Sea Project Jan – June 2003</b></p> <p>The report was noted and Mr Nickerson explained that although the project was only two thirds of the way through that already some of the target indicators were being met. The project was also being publicised along with five other as examples of the best INTERREG IIIb projects.</p> <p><b>(c) Save the North Sea Claims and Costs 2002 to June 2003</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson explained that due to a lack of direct costs for the project and the over donation of time that there</p>	<p>UK Co-ordinator</p>

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<p>was a surplus of nearly €35,000 in 2002. However this would be required next year to cover the cost of the Marine Awareness Course in Skagen. The surplus for 2003 would be reduced due to increased project activities and the employment of Mr Mouat who is a direct cost to the project.</p> <p><b>(d) International Marine Awareness Course</b></p> <p>The information and application leaflet for the Texel and Skagen courses was noted.</p> <p><b>(e) SNS Qualitative Market Research Survey</b></p> <p>The Chairman highlighted one of the quotes contained in the survey, which stated that people would look after their own rubbish if it were easy to dispose of at collection points. He suggested that it should be a collective aim to ensure that facilities are there to encourage proper disposal.</p> <p><b>(f) INTERREG IIIb Marine Litter Project 2<sup>nd</sup> Application</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson said that initial talks had undertaken with Aberdeenshire Council about transporting nets to Shetland to be recycled in the proposed machine and there was also outline interest from the Faeroe Islands as well. Mr Mouat explained that he would be attending the Recycling and Waste Management exhibition in Birmingham to try and find buyers of the recycled net and manufacturers of recycling equipment.</p> <p><b>Item 7: KIMO UK's response to the UK consultation on the Transposition of Articles 4,5,6,8,9 and Annexes I and II of the End of Life Vehicle Directive (2000/53/EC)</b></p> <p>The Chairman stated that this would be an issue that would affect all local authorities to some extent. Mr Nickerson explained that there was role for KIMO in lobbying on this issue and that a recent Institute for European Environmental Policy Report (tabled) gave a good background to the subject. In KIMO UK's consultation response a bond concept was also put forward where a £100 inflation indexed bond would be paid when a new vehicle was purchased and would stay with the registration document giving the car a positive value at the end of its life.</p>	

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<p>Mr Mouat explained that this was particularly important, as there was a loophole in the legislation that allowed manufacturers not to pay for the disposal of incomplete vehicles. A preliminary meeting had been held with MP Alistair Carmichael and he believed that there would be cross party support for a bond. Mr Taylor raised the short term issue of increased abandonment of cars and was informed that the Secretary of State stated in a written parliamentary answer had stated that additional costs incurred by Local Authorities should be met by the DTI. <u>It was agreed that this additional funding should be investigated.</u></p> <p>Mr Nickerson also stated that a KIMO UK policy document on End of Life Vehicles would be produced for approval at the next KIMO UK meeting. <u>This was agreed.</u></p> <p><b>Item 8: KIMO UK's response to the Partial Regulatory Impact Assessment carried out by DEFRA on Extending Litter Duty to include Aquatic Environments</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson apologised for not consulting members but only two weeks were given to respond to the consultation so it not possible. Out of the options given in the consultation option two which placed a statutory duty on aquatic litter was preferred but only if addition ring fenced funding was provided. Mr Robertson that he had not heard of the consultation and requested that any future consultations are forwarded to him. <u>This was agreed.</u></p> <p><b>Item 9: KIMO Proposal for a Single EU Maritime Safety Directive</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson explained the proposed Directive and Resolution and stated the maritime safety was one of KIMO's primary aims. He also pointed out the huge reduction in oil spills in the US after the introduction of the US Oil Pollution Act as an example of how the Directive could work. Councillor Watson asked if anything was being done to stop shipping in extreme weather conditions and was informed by Mr Mouat that one of the proposed measures would allow ports to stop vessels leaving in extreme conditions. Mr Taylor raised the point that the EU was more multilateral than the US and that legislation would be difficult to implement. Mr Nickerson informed him that one of the recommendations was that the European Maritime Safety Agency should intervene in any incident which was likely to cause transfrontier</p>	<p>UK Co-ordinator</p>

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<p data-bbox="225 264 762 300">pollution. <u>The resolution was agreed</u></p> <p data-bbox="225 331 1066 405"><b>Item 10: Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North East Atlantic (OSPAR)</b></p> <p data-bbox="225 443 1066 517"><b>(i) The Bremen Statement (Ministerial meeting of the OSPAR Commission)</b></p> <p data-bbox="225 555 1066 808">Mr Nickerson explained the importance of the Ministerial meeting and the Bremen Statement. KIMO had been able to change the paragraph on marine litter to include support for the OSPAR Marine Litter Monitoring Work Programme and the Save the North Sea Project. KIMO had also along with others been able to strengthen some of the paragraphs on Radioactive Substances.</p> <p data-bbox="225 846 1066 987"><b>i)(a) OSPAR Recommendation 2003/2 on a OSPAR Framework for the Reporting of Encounters with Marine Dumped Conventional and Chemical Weapons</b></p> <p data-bbox="225 1025 1066 1346">Mr Nickerson stated that the recommendation achieved on munitions sets up an early warning system by setting up a centralised recording system for munitions in each country that must be reported to OSPAR every three years. Guidelines are also being developed for fishermen on what to do if they snag munitions. Mr Nickerson reiterated that KIMO could be very proud with this success, as no other organisation has lobbied on this issue.</p> <p data-bbox="225 1391 1066 1464"><b>(ii) Declaration of the Joint Ministerial Meeting of the Helsinki and OSPAR Commissions</b></p> <p data-bbox="225 1503 1066 1688">The Joint Declaration acknowledged the input of NGO's including KIMO to the overall process and KIMO was also able to have a paragraph inserted where ministers committed to joining the HNS, Bunker and Supplementary Fund Conventions.</p> <p data-bbox="225 1720 1066 1794"><b>(ii)(a) Summary Record of First Joint Ministerial Meeting of the Helsinki and OSPAR Commissions</b></p> <p data-bbox="225 1832 1066 2011">Mr Nickerson on behalf of KIMO had raised the issue of a comprehensive single directive on Maritime safety and the introduction of mandatory all risks insurance and had also expresses regret that the Ministerial Declaration did not include any specific deadlines.</p>	

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<p><b>(iii) Summary Record of OSPAR Offshore Industry Committee (OIC) 10-14 March 2003</b></p> <p>KIMO's call for a mechanism to secure long term liability for decommissioned oil and gas installations was not taken up by OSPAR although it was supported by the industry although they will now be overflow to check for oil pollution.</p> <p><b>Item 11: Letter from Capt George Sutherland (retired)</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson suggested that the Chairman should write to Capt Sutherland on behalf of KIMO UK thanking him for his work for the organisation. <u>This was agreed.</u></p> <p><b>Item 12: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting – Blaabjerg, Denmark, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 2003</b></p> <p>Mr Nickerson outlined the agenda and explained that the Danish Environment Minister would also be attending.</p> <p><b>Item 13: Confirm Date and Location of next KIMO UK Meeting</b></p> <p>The Chairman said that the aim was to coincide the KIMO meetings with COSLA meetings however the COSLA schedule had not yet been finalised. <u>It was agreed that Mr Nickerson would organise the next meeting at the same location and inform members of the date in due course.</u></p>	<p>Councillor Nicolson</p> <p>Done</p>