



**MINUTES OF KIMO UK BUSINESS MEETING
FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2005
HELD IN: CONVENTION OF SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES
CENTRAL ROOM, ROSEBERY HOUSE, 9 HAYMARKET TERRACE, EDINBURGH**

14:00 - 16:00

Present:

Councillor Jim Henry – Shetland Islands Council (Chair)

Councillor Mike Sullivan – Aberdeenshire Council
Councillor Robin Banks – Argyll & Bute Council
Councillor Bill Fulton – Highland Council
Councillor Cyril Annal – Orkney Islands Council
Mr Ian Robertson – Aberdeenshire Council
Mr Frank Wallace – Fife Council
Mr John Mouat – Project Co-ordinator

Mr Rick Nickerson – Shetland Islands Council – Secretariat

Apologies:

Mr Ian Livingston – Aberdeen City Council
Councillor Jenny Watson – Aberdeenshire Council
Councillor Joanna Strathdee – Aberdeenshire Council
Councillor Moyra Stewart – Argyll & Bute Council
Councillor Goronwy Edwards - Ceredigion County Council
Councillor Mike Rumney – Fife Council
Councillor Jeff Hamilton – Moray Council
Councillor Jim Foubister – Orkney Islands Council
John Rimington MHK – Isle of Man Government
Councillor Linda Gorn – Moray Council
Councillor Bob Wilson – Moray Council
Councillor Angus Nicolson – Western Isles Council (CNES)
Councillor Martin Greig – Aberdeen City Council
Mr Bryan Thomas – Ceredigion County Council
Mr Martin Hall – Isle of Man Government
Mr Nick Wheeler - Pembrokeshire Coastal National Park Authority
Mr Harry Miller – Western Isles Council

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<p>Item 1 Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Councillor Nicolson could not attend the meeting for personal reasons so Councillor Henry stood in as Chairman for the meeting.</p> <p>Item 2: Election of KIMO UK Chair</p> <p><u>Councillor Nicolson was reappointed as Chairman for a further period of two years. Proposed by Councillor Henry and seconded by Councillor Sullivan.</u></p> <p>KIMO UK Appointment to KIMO International Board</p> <p>Mr Nickerson advised the meeting that as Councillor Nicolson and been appointed President of KIMO International at the 2005 AGM for a period of two years the UK was entitled to appoint another International Board Member. <u>The meeting agreed that it was not necessary to appoint another Board Member as Councillor Hawkins was currently on the Board representing Shetland.</u></p> <p>Item 3: Consider the election of a Vice Chair</p> <p>The Chair asked the group whether or not they thought there as a requirement for a Vice Chair for KIMO UK. Councillor Fulton thought that it was important that we had a Vice Chair to stand in for the Chair if they could attend, as was the case at this meeting. <u>It was agreed to appoint a Vice Chair. Mr Nickerson stated that any appointment would have to wait until the next meeting, as the constitution would have to be amended.</u></p> <p>Item 4: Draft Minutes of the KIMO UK Members Meeting held on Friday the 9th September</p> <p><u>The draft minutes were approved.</u></p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Councillor Banks asked what the current situation was regarding End of Life Vehicles. Mr Nickerson informed him that there had been a presentation given by Rufus Marland of Keep Scotland Beautiful at the last meeting. The main issue outstanding was the cost to end users of delivering their car to an authorised treatment facility, which could be many miles away. Councillor Banks also asked as to the situation with the Fishing for Litter project in Argyll and Bute and was informed by Mr Mouat that he would cover that under Item 6.</p>	<p>UK Co-ordinator DONE</p>

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<p>Item 10: KIMO Resolution 1/05 “A Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Non-Toxic Substances from Shipping”</p> <p><u>As above it was agreed to send the resolution to the UK Shipping Minister.</u></p>	<p>UK Co-ordinator DONE</p>
<p>Item 11: DEFRA Consultation on (1) Guidance and Regulations for the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (2) Code of Practice for Litter and Refuse</p> <p>Mr Nickerson advised the meeting that in order to represent KIMO English and Welsh members he intended to submit a response to this consultation. <u>This was agreed.</u></p>	<p>UK Co-ordinator DONE</p>
<p>Item 12: Ship-to-Ship Transfers in the Fourth Estuary</p> <p>Mr Wallace from Fife council was present to give an update of the situation regarding the situation with the application to undertake Ship-to-Ship transfers in the Fourth Estuary. The application was for around 125 transfers a year in an area just 4.5 miles from the coast. It would involve a fleet of five daughter tankers filling a ULCC or VLCC of up to 350,000 tonnes with Russian Blend crude transport from ports in the Baltic. Fife, East Lothian and Edinburgh Councils had formed a group against this proposal. The whole Forth area is control by Forth Ports, which is a plc, and therefore has a financial interest in the operation and cannot be an independent body. The MCA is considering the application after taking the views of stakeholders but as this is a reserved matter the decision must be taken at a national level. As there was already a contingency plan in place for Forth Ports Dr Ladyman, the Shipping Minister did not think there was any legal procedure under which the application could be turned down. However last week the UK Government had been informed that it had infringed EU law by failing to implement the Habitats Directive, which relates to several areas in the Forth. Therefore Fife Council were taking legal advice as to whether or not the application would breach the Habitats Directive if it was given the go ahead. This development has at least given stakeholders some hope that the proposal may yet be blocked however the outcome is far from certain.</p> <p>Mr Nickerson asked what KIMO could do to assist Fife Council on this issue. Mr Wallace suggested that KIMO could support Fife’s position and write to the competent authorities. <u>The Chairman agreed that it was important that KIMO supported Fife in this matter.</u> Councillor Foubister suggested that Orkney would welcome more transfers in Scapa Flow where they been successfully undertaking transfers in a tightly controlled environment for several years. <u>It was agreed that KIMO should liase with Fife and write to the appropriate authorities.</u></p>	<p>UK Co-ordinator DONE</p>

