

**Minutes:**

The minutes of meeting held on 25 September 2003, having been circulated, were confirmed.

**Members' Attendance at External Meetings**

The Chairperson advised that he had reported his attendance at a CPMR meeting in connection with marine safety to the Council at its meeting on 29 October. The CPMR meeting had been very worthwhile and, in his view, Council representatives should continue to attend.

22/03      **Scalloway Fish Market – Future Usage**

The Board considered a report by the Deputy Port Operations Manager (Appendix 1).

Mr W A Ratter moved the Board approve the recommendation in the report. Mr W Tait seconded.

The Chairperson said that it was hoped that fish stocks could, again, be built up. In this regard, he said he did not wish to lose the use of the fish market as it would definitely be required. He felt that it should be used for fish processing on a short-term basis.

(Mr R Watt attended the meeting).

After hearing this and, in receiving the consent of his seconder, Mr W A Ratter agreed to incorporate into his motion that if the fish market was used for anything other than fish processing, this would be reported back to the Board.

23/03      **Upgrade of Vessel Radar Tracking and Display Equipment  
Vessel Traffic Service, Sullom Voe**

The Board considered a report by the General Manager (Appendix 2) and, after hearing the General Manager clarify the position, approved the recommendations contained therein, on the motion of Mr W Tait, seconded by Capt D C Gray.

In response to a question from a Member, the General Manager confirmed that the cost of the upgrade provided value for money.

24/03      **Ports Project Monitoring Meeting**

The Board noted a report by the Deputy Port Operations Manager (Appendix 3).

With regard to section 2.3 of the report, the General Manager advised that the security fence would be provided as part of the West Blacksness Redevelopment. In response to a question from a Member, he advised that the only ports affected by the ISPS Code were those that carried international trade, namely Lerwick, Scalloway and Sullom Voe.

25/03      **Port Operations Report**

The Board noted a report by the Deputy Port Operations Manager (Appendix 4).

The General Manager said that during October 18 vessels had exported which had resulted in a total of 952,000 gross tonnes. This, he said, should balance out the September figures.

In response to a question from a Member, the General Manager confirmed that the incidents detailed at section 5 of the report were fairly standard.

CHAIRPERSON