Present:

Roderick Campbell          John Finnie
Christine Grahame (Convener)  Colin Keir
John Lamont (Committee Substitute)  Jenny Marra (Deputy Convener)
Alison McInnes               Graeme Pearson
Sandra White

Apologies were received from David McLetchie.

The meeting opened at 9.32 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to consider a draft report on its inquiry into purposeful activity in prisons in private under item 5 today and at future meetings. The Committee also decided to take items 6 and 7 in private.

2. **Inquiry into the effectiveness of the provisions in the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003:** The Committee took evidence from—

   Professor Kenneth Reid, University of Edinburgh;

   Professor Robert Rennie, University of Glasgow;

   Lionel Most, Property Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland.

   Christine Grahame indicated that she was a former student of Professor Reid.

   John Lamont indicated that he was a former student of Professor Rennie.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

   Police Service of Scotland (Police Cadets) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/42);
Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/60);

Police Service of Scotland (Senior Officers) (Conduct) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/62).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

Graeme Pearson indicated that he was a former member of the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland.

4. **Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill - witness expenses**: The Committee agreed to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses on the Bill.

5. **Inquiry into purposeful activity in prisons (in private)**: The Committee considered a draft report. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed to consider a revised draft report, in private, at its next meeting.

6. **Public Bodies Consent (in private)**: The Committee considered a draft report and agreed to further consider the report at its next meeting.

7. **Subordinate legislation (in private)**: The Committee considered and agreed its report.

The meeting closed at 12.04 pm.

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